

Redlands Police Department
Citizens' Privacy Council
Dec. 12, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. in the Redlands Police Annex, 30 Cajon St.
In attendance were:

Gary McCormick (Chair)
Cecile M. Smith (member)
Les Davidson (member)
Joe R. Gonzales (member)
Debbie Nester (member)

David Sanchez (Co-Chair)
Douglas C. Kinzle (member)
Alan Forbes (member)
Kent Fogleman (member)
Michael Ocasio (member)

Staff present: Carl Baker (Public Information Officer)

Chairman Gary McCormick opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Minutes of the Nov. 14, 2007, meeting were approved. (M/S Forbes/Kinzle)

Wayne Garrett sent word to the council that he was resigning after missing several meetings.

Chairman McCormick proposed that members who miss three consecutive meetings without an excused absence will be dropped as members of the Privacy Council. The motion was made by Les Davidson; seconded by Kent Fogleman and approved by the group.

The council held a discussion of its role with the debate primarily centered on whether the council should advise on policy vs. determine only if the stated policies were followed. Les Davidson suggested the only process the council should have is to determine whether a policy has been violated. Debra Nester felt that view was too limited and that the council should recommend how surveillance cameras should be used. Other members felt the council should act as an ombudsman for the public and have a process for investigating complaints independent of the Police Department.

Kent Fogleman stated that the council is not an investigative body, but an advisory one. Alan Forbes suggested that when policies are written, they should include a role for the council to address complaints with as much independence as is allowed by law.

The council asked that an email be set up for the members that would not be accessible by Police Department personnel, to allow members of the public to speak freely to the council without the Police Department being made aware of it.

Carl Baker informed the council that Chief Bueermann specifically sought their input in setting general policy directions, with the policy to be written by the Chief or his designees within the department.

The group decided that all policy recommendations should be emailed to Chairman McCormick and Vice Chairman David Sanchez.

Three members of the council are still in need of CLETS training. Chairman McCormick planned to contact those members and arrange for them to take the training.

Two members are still in need of background checks. Those members filled out paperwork and agreed to turn it in before the next meeting.

As of Dec. 17, council members who have completed CLETS training and passed their background checks were to be permitted to visit the dispatch center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Redlands Police Annex, Second Floor, 30 Cajon St.