

**OCTOBER 27, 2004**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in the Richmond District, Richmond Recreation Center, 251 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, at 6:09 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renne, Chan, Kean, Sparks, Marshall,  
Veronese

ABSENT: Commissioner Orr-Smith

Commissioner Renne thanked Captain Fong and her staff and asked the Commissioner to introduce themselves.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

**a. Review of Recent Activities**

Chief Fong welcomed the Commissioners and the public. She announced that from November 16<sup>th</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Department will be accepting applications for the rank of police officer.

Chief Fong introduced the members of the Command Staff. Present were Deputy Chief Parra, Commander Puccinelli, Commander Shinn, Deputy Chief Tabak, and Commander Harper.

Commissioner Sparks asked if the application drive is for one academy class or for all three academy classes. Chief Fong stated that once an eligibility list is established. That list can take the Department to up to three to four classes.

Public Comment  
None

**OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**a. Report on the function of the Office of Citizen Complaints**

Director Allen described the function and duties of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

Public Comment  
None

**COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

**CAPTAIN SANDRA TONG, COMMANDING OFFICER OF RICHMOND STATION, TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE RICHMOND DISTRICT**

Captain Sandra Tong addressed the Commission on police activities in the Richmond District. She discussed the boundaries and staffing of the Richmond Station, and the current crime problems in the district.

Commissioner Chan asked about special events in Golden Gate Park. Captain Tong explained that Rec and Park will notify the permit officer that there's been an application for use of the park facilities. Rec and Park will notify event coordinators to get in touch with the permit officer or the captain. The Department will make the inquiry as to what type of event, how large, how many days and the department will make an evaluation. The Department relies on 10B staffing to help run special events.

Commissioner Sparks asked about homelessness in the park. Captain Tong stated that citations are issued to people who camp in the park. Citations are issued until the infractions goes up to \$100 warning and then they are arrested to get them out of the park.

Commissioner Veronese stated that there's got to be a better way to deal with the homeless and hopes that there is a better way to deal with this issue. Commissioner Veronese asked about Halloween and what the district is doing to keep the kids safe. Captain Tong stated that extra personnel are put out on the street during the holiday season.

Commissioner Marshall asked about gang activities in the district. Captain Tong stated that the Gang Task Force Unit, who deals with Asian gangs, keeps her apprised in what's going on with Asian gangs. Commissioner Marshall asked about the relationship between the officers and the community. Captain Tong stated that they have an excellent working relationship with the community. She stated that she received a call from Director Allen of the OCC and stated that there have been only three OCC complaints in the Richmond District.

Commissioner Keane stated that he lives in the community and stated that it is a very safe community and the Captain and the officers of Richmond do a wonderful job in working with the community.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Heller, President of Greater Geary Boulevard Merchant Association, thanked the Commission for coming to the Richmond District. He stated that the district is having problems with graffiti and traffic enforcement. He stated that the district needs more officers. He also commended Captain Tong on how she works with the community.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding fire escape problems.

Jean Lynch, 40+-year resident, Pedestrian Task Force member, discussed concerns regarding the traffic safety for the elderly and the disabled, and the children in the community. She also showed photos to the Commissioners.

Pat Calson, 35-year resident and Executive Director of the Richmond District Neighborhood Center, stated that she started attending police community meetings 15 years ago and stated that she feels safe in her neighborhood and stated that any time they call the Richmond Station, they are always there for them.

Christopher Chow, resident and Director of the Richmond Village Beacon, an after-school program ran by the Richmond District Neighborhood Center, discussed hate crimes in the schools. He discussed concerns in not seeing work being done on improving cross cultural understanding and working together.

Ms. Smith, 45-year resident, stated that she agrees with the previous speaker and stated that there is a need for a lot to be improved.

Unidentified stated that she sees kindness and respect from the police in the Richmond District.

Former teacher commended the SRO program in the Richmond District.

### **SCHEDULING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION AT FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Commissioner Renne stated that she will be with the City Attorney and the command staff regarding further items for the agenda.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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Sergeant Joseph Reilly  
Secretary  
San Francisco Police Commission