

**Minutes**  
**Minneapolis Civilian Police Review Authority**  
**Wednesday, November 7, 2007**  
**333 City Hall**  
**6:30 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Benson, Burns, Cross, Langason, Velez, Weinbeck  
Board Members Absent: Hall, Kvidera, Oskey, Terrell

Also Present: CRA Manager Samuel L. Reid, II  
Assistant Chief Sharon Lubinski  
Assistant City Attorney Lisa Needham  
Ms. Michelle Gross  
Unidentified members of the public

**1. Acceptance of the Agenda**

Weinbeck **moved** the Agenda be revised to place Item 6, Public Comment, between Item 2 and Item 3 and Item 7, Review of Disciplinary Decisions, between Items 3 and 4. The meeting will be closed for Item 7 and for a discussion, as part of the Chair's Report, of the May 2, 2007 City Attorney opinion. That communication will be protected under attorney-client privilege.

Velez seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Acceptance of the minutes of the regular board meetings of October 3, 2007.**

The minutes were **adopted by unanimous consent.**

After objection from a member of the public, and further discussion, Weinbeck revised the remaining agenda items in the following order: Announcements, CRA Manager's Report, Public Comment, Review of disciplinary decisions, Chair's report.

**3. Announcements**

Burns announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately. He has accepted a job with Hennepin County Attorney's Office prosecuting violent crimes. He believes there would be a conflict of interests. Weinbeck thanked Burns for his service.

**4. CRA Manager's Presentation – Samuel L. Reid**

- Reid reviewed the CRA workload report for October 2007.
- Reid has asked board members whose terms expire at the end of this year and who do not wish to be reappointed to continue to serve until new board members are appointed in mid-February.
- Reid advised the board that there were two mediations recently scheduled where officers did not appear. Reid is working with the MPD on how to deal with that issue. Weinbeck added that this was discussed at the October PACC (Police Accountability Coordinating Committee) meeting. At that meeting, Lubinski stated that the MPD will revise its Policy and Procedure Manual to codify the requirement that officers attend the mediation. Lubinski told the board that a draft has been sent to Reid for CRA review. It will then be issued as policy. She will check on the status.

**5. Public Comment**

Michelle Gross

Gross stated that at the October board meeting, there was discussion about the Taser policy advanced by the CRA board in February 2006, which was to be adopted by the City as MPD policy. Gross said that the CRA policy recommendations have not yet been incorporated in the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual. She asked how the Board is pursuing this issue since last month's discussion.

Gross advised the board that the CUAPB performed an analysis of all Taser incidents in 2006 and they learned that 68 percent of Taser incidents in 2006 involved African-Americans. She will e-mail a copy of the report to Reid, who will share it with board members.

Lubinski asked Gross for clarification of which policies were not adopted. It was her understanding that input from CRA was incorporated into the MPD policy. Gross replied that it was stated in the February Council meeting where Taser purchase by the MPD was approved that the memo written by the CRA board was to be adopted in its entirety as part of the MPD policy on Taser usage. The policy does not currently read anything like what was contained in the CRA memo. There is nothing that speaks to restrictions on who can be Tased and so forth.

Gross added that the CUAPB report on their study of MPD Taser usage in 2006 did not include all of the physical locations on the body where people were Tased. She stated that their research showed numerous incidents in which people were Tased in the face, over the chest, genitals and other places where they are not to be Tased. It is Gross's recommendation to the CRA Board that they act forcefully to require the MPD to actually take up what they were supposed to have done in February.

Weinbeck will put this item on the agenda of the next PACC meeting and then report back to the Board in December. He will compare the CRA's Taser report to the Taser policies currently in use by the MPD and see where there may be disparities.

In answer to a question, Weinbeck advised that the PACC meetings are not public and that he is a member, along with AC Lubinski, Sgt. Piontek, CRA Manager Reid, Civil Rights Director Jordan, the Chairs of the PS&RS and HEE Committees of the City Council and a designee from Mayor's office.

In answer to a question, Reid and board members explained that members of the public can raise concerns about police conduct at board meetings, but that board members will not discuss specific complaints or other data classified non-public by state law.

In answer to a question, board members explained the City's open appointment process used to appoint members to the CRA board.

The board agreed to take a break before going into closed session and to reconvene at 7:15 p.m.

Weinbeck called the meeting to order. Velez **moved** the meeting be closed for a discussion of disciplinary decisions and attorney-client privileged information related to the May 2, 2007 City Attorney's memorandum. Burns seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Cross **moved** the meeting be reopened. Velez seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

Burns **moved** the meeting be adjourned. Cross seconded.

Burns, Cross, Benson, Weinbeck – Yes.

Velez – No.

Motion carried.