

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2013
5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Hearing Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioners

Dirk J. Beijen, President
Sarah Ching Ting Wan, Vice President
Joseph Arellano
Julian Chang
Susan Jones
Annie Wong
Rebecca Woodson

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Beijen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
Present: Dirk Beijen; Joseph Arellano; Julian Chang; Susan Jones and Annie Wong.
Rebecca Woodson arrived at 5:48 p.m.
Excused: Sarah Wan

Others Present:
Chief Probation Officer: William Siffermann;
Assistant Chief Probation Officer: Allan Nance;
Probation Officers: Ernest Logoleo and Fred Collier
2. No Public Comments.
3. Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2013.
Motion to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of March 13, 2013:
-AYES: Arellano, Beijen; Chang; Jones; and Wong.
-No public comments.
4. Welcoming New Commissioner Annie Wong (DISCUSSION ONLY)
Commissioner Wong thanked the Commission for the warm welcome and hopes to make a positive contribution.
-No public comments.

5. Chief's Report:

- The month of April is Child Abuse Awareness and JPD showed their commitment by wearing SF Child Abuse Prevention Center pins. Chief Siffermann noted the Department's daily recognition of the distinct ties that child abuse has to delinquency as seen when working with youth and their families.
- Chief Siffermann discussed the changing landscape and climate of JPD's work associated with preserving public safety. JPD's main concern is the elimination of state administered juvenile parole, the expansion of extended foster care benefit coverage to individuals up to the age of 21, escalating street violence and the proliferation of firearm possession among juveniles (see full CPO presentation at: <http://sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=4135>).
- Assistant Chief Probation Officer, Allen Nance, presented on the Community Supervision Practices for High Risk Juvenile Probationers which covered the review of SFJPD case processing and supervision practices; highlighted local Bay Area counties practices in the supervision of High Risk offenders; examined national trends and best practices in probation supervision; and reviewed state and national arming trends within Probation Departments (see full power point presentation at: <http://sfgov3.org/index.aspx?page=4135>).
- Chief Siffermann concluded that JPD will continue to develop the proposed model, Juvenile Probationer Intensive Compliance (JPIC) Task Force, to balance safety needs of probation officers performing high risk peace officer functions. Details of this model will take three to six months and Chief Siffermann will report to the Commission prior to any implementation.

Commissioner Chang felt that this model was more a change in operations than in policy. Commissioner Jones asked if arming PO's would serve as a deterrent for escalating violence and if this was the basis for a safer situation, however, supporting data was not available. In addition, she asked if there is any opposition to PO's being armed. Chief Siffermann expressed that they are scheduled to meet with the BOS' Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee on May 2nd to discuss this issue and expect community representatives present to express their concerns.

Commissioner Arellano asked if the presence of SFPD on these high-risk visits would escalate situations for PO's as they do their jobs. Chief Siffermann stated that based on reports and conversations with SFPD, it has been a long-standing positive working relationship.

President Beijen commented that he found it very significant that the two PO's involved in the high-risk situation last September were present tonight. Their lives were threatened, they could not respond effectively, and their lives must have been impacted. He also noted that it is commendable that those same juvenile probation officers continue to place themselves in jeopardy over and over as they continue to perform their duties.

-No public comments.

6. Committee Reports: None.

7. President's Report: Committee Appointments:

Commissioner Chang was appointed to the Finance Committee.
Commissioner Wong was appointed to the Programs Committee.

8. Future Agenda Items:

- President Beijen asked the Commission to suggest future off-site meeting locations at the next Full Commission meeting.

-No public comments.

9. President Beijen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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