

## **CABRC: An Overview and Opinion of the Chair**

The Community Advisory Board Review Committee (CABRC) met once a week for a total of nearly 2-dozen hours over more than 3 months, in a methodical and painstaking process that engaged the opinions and expertise of the Personnel Director, the acting Chief of Police, the City attorney, and the written opinions of the City Defender and the District Attorney.

It was our charge to carefully consider the letter, the spirit and the intent at the heart of each of the CAB's recommendations. Where we were able and whenever appropriate, we left the verbiage intact.

When contractual or legal issues presented a need for a "work-around" in order to preserve the goals of the recommendation even as some details required modification, the CABRC did its best to determine language that could be recommended to Council for approval.

In the process two things became clear.

The department is generally conforming to the expectations of the CAB as outlined.

(Through its review of data, its surveys and recommendations, the proposed Community-Police Board will provide assurance that OPD continues to embrace our "community values" in its standards and practices, now and into the future.)

OPD's commitment to partnership with mental health professionals, the agencies and institutions that advance our quality of life, the campus police, and the community, are typically at a level that is being asked by the CAB.

Policies and procedures, guidelines and implementation strategies are all documented and available to the public.

However, though available, the information is not as accessible as it could be; nor is it presented in as user-friendly a manner as current technology makes available.

The update of the City website to allow easy public connection for information, feedback and reporting will need to be prioritized.

In addition, the education of the public will be a central charge of the proposed Community-Police Board.

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In closing, I thank all who participated in the creation of this document.

I believe that the recommendations included are representative of the community's reasonable expectations of its police department.

I am pleased to say that every recommendation contained herein was unanimously approved by all members of the committee.

I know I speak for the CABRC in expressing our appreciation to the Mayor for his confidence in our appointment to this important task.

- Mark Drnek, chair