



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 6, 2012**

**The Public Safety Commission convened in a regular meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.**

**Co-Vice Chair Rossmo called the Board Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Kent Anschutz  
Michael Levy  
Kim Rossmo  
Moses Saldana, Sr.

**Board Members not in Attendance:**

Sam Holt  
Ramey Ko  
Michael Lauderdale

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. The minutes for the regular meeting on 01/13/2012 were approved on Commissioner Levy's motion, Commissioner Anschutz's second on a 4-0 vote with Commissioners Ko, Holt and Lauderdale not present.

**2. Citizen Communications**

- a. Paul Robbins, Austin citizen, spoke about the Oak Hill fire and deadwood abatement in the surrounding area.
- b. Adrian Moore, Executive Director Council on At-Risk Youth, spoke on delinquency prevention and evidence based programs.
- c. Jeff Kantoff, Austin citizen, spoke on the disconnect between citizens and public servants and operation Urban Shield.
- d. John Bush, Austin citizen, spoke on the lack of accountability by APD and their inability to keep the peace.
- e. Debbie Russell, Austin citizen, spoke about being arrested and the City's inability to property notify Occupy Austin protesters about the eviction process from City Hall. She also addressed the lack of communication between the City Manager and APD.

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**3. Discussion and Possible Action Items**

- a. Strategic Wildland Fire Task Force Discussion – AFD Chief of Staff Harry Evans, AFD Consulting Engineer Carl Wren, and AFD Association President Bob Nicks:
  1. Overview of the code as it stands today was provided.
  2. Discussion to reappear before the commission in May along with Deputy City Manager Michael McDonald
  3. Backup material archived.
- b. EMS Staffing Configuration – EMS Chief of Staff James Shamard and EMS Association President Steve Stewart:
  1. Discussion regarding the memorandum of understanding
  2. Discussion regarding the effective communication with the paramedics
  3. Discussion of whether an endorsement could be made to reinvest money back into the program.
  4. Backup material archived.
- c. Secondhand Goods Ordinance – Law Department representatives Cary Grace and John Steiner and APD Commander Singletary:
  1. Discussion regarding the need and changes to this ordinance.
  2. A motion to recommend the approval of a Secondhand Property Ordinance to the Austin City Council for the City of Austin was approved on Commission Saldana’s motion, Commission Co-Vice Chair Levy’s second on a 4-0 vote. Commission Chair Lauderdale and Commissioners Ko and Holt were absent.
  3. Backup material archived.

**4. Briefings and Updates**

- a. Yogurt Shop Discussion as requested by Co-Vice Chair Rossmo:
  1. Discussion from the Commission regarding having an independent review done on the Yogurt Shop murders.
  2. APD Chief of Staff David Carter discussed the sensitivities associated with an ongoing open investigation
- b. ARIC Privacy Policy Committee Update – APD Chief of Staff David Carter:
  1. Update provided by APD Chief of Staff David Carter.
  2. APD Chief of Staff David Carter stated that the committee is currently meeting however the City of Austin has yet to identify a representative for the committee.
- c. Occupy Austin Update – APD Chief of Staff David Carter:
  1. Update provided by Chief Carter; backup material archived.

**5. Possible Agenda Items for February Meeting**

- a. APD 2011 Review by APD Chief of Staff David Carter.
- b. Yogurt Shop Murder Discussion
- c. 911 Recommendations to City Council.
- d. EMS Staffing Configuration Recommendation to City Council.

**6. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Commissioner Levy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Anschutz. Meeting adjourned.

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