

**LWW-Los Angeles—Observer 's Report**  
LAPD Commissioners Meeting  
February 27, 2018

- The meeting started on time. (9:30am); Shane Murphy Goldsmith arrived a few minutes late.
- Members were courteous to each other and to the public.
- The Brown Act requirements were followed (agenda posted at least 72 hours before). The agenda (<http://assets.lapdonline.org/assets/pdf/022718.pdf>) clearly described what was to be discussed.
- Commissioners rarely commented or asked questions, with the exception of Matt Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (both approved)

- There were only two items. Both were donations, totaling \$16,045.52, from the L.A. Police Foundation to pay for venue and food for the Chief of Police's Annual Crimefighters Conference on Feb 7-8, 2018.  
Public Comment: Should LAPD accept money from the Police Foundation, which receives donations from the Weingardt Foundation, where Steve Soboroff is a member of the board?

REGULAR AGENDA: (both approved)

- Report about Air Support Division Inspection – in compliance; no public comments  
[http://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/022718/BPC\\_18-0083.pdf](http://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/022718/BPC_18-0083.pdf)
- LAPD response to Inspector General's Youth Programs Recommendations  
[http://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/022718/BPC\\_18-0082.pdf](http://www.lapdpolicecom.lacity.org/022718/BPC_18-0082.pdf)
  - The manual has been updated, liability insurance is being researched, training has been standardized (including a program at Museum of Tolerance and participation in the Run to Remember), an evaluation system has been implemented, and vans that were in poor condition have been replaced. They will make a quarterly report on Cadet activities. The Cadet program is supported by the Ray Charles Foundation. The Cadet program is working with the Divine 9 African American Fraternities and Sororities, and partnering with L.A. Community Colleges for an Administrative Justice 101 online course, to create awareness that the Cadet program is more than "boot camp"
  - Commissioner Matt Johnson encouraged the Cadet Program to do a better job of reaching out to African American youth. He pointed out that only 4% of the Cadets are African American. During a visit to the Newton community, a largely African American community, the only Cadets he saw were white.
  - Public comments:  
Dissolve the Cadet Program; officers are not qualified to teach leadership and life skills. Officers are not teachers, social workers, counselors, or health professionals. LAPD could give 1% of their budget for youth programs, run by the community.

UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR NEW CHIEF – Six community meetings were held in different areas of Los Angeles. The job opening will be posted on March 1. The online survey for community feedback will be available until March 23. Mayor Garcetti will receive a ranked list of the top three candidates.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

- There were two officer-involved shootings last week, resulting in two citizens killed.
  - Call to a medical marijuana for a robbery in progress. The suspect wielded a 337 revolver. Medical marijuana facilities are vulnerable to crime because of the products they sell and the cash they have on hand. There is a move to require these facilities to provide their own security.

- One male called to say that he was suicidal. First responders found a man wielding a 20-in metal spike. He was known to LAPD as someone with mental illness. De-escalation and tasing were attempted.
- Compared to last year: homicides are down 20%; shootings are down 20%; violent crime is down 2%; property crime is down 10.8%; calls for service are down 12%; arrests are up 9.3%; bicycle accidents are up 10%, fatalities down 17%; traffic accidents are up 1%, fatalities down 3%; DUIs are down 40%; hit/runs are down 20%; gang crime is down; 1% more guns were recovered than last year.

Public Comments:

- If someone called who said they were suicidal, why didn't you send out a SMART team?
- So far in less than two months, LAPD has killed 8 people, and is on its way to holding on to the record for more killings than any other police department in the nation.
- Why didn't the Chief's report include information about the two officers who admitted to sexual assault and were arrested during the previous weekend?
- The new chief needs to be accountable for the violent behavior of his or her officers.
- Why not hire an interim chief so that Los Angeles has enough time for an appropriate hiring process?
- How does community feedback get incorporated into the hiring process?
- Mother of Eric Rivera said that she would continue to come to Commissioners meetings until the officer who shot her son in June 1917 was brought to justice.
- A 62-year old medical doctor complained that he wrongfully served 1-1/2 years in jail and that he has received no response from LAPD.
- A woman who went to LAPD to complain about her brother was locked up and claimed to be threatened and bullied by a certain detective. She wanted to know why she still doesn't have the police report.
- Two different people read passages from the book, *When They Call You a Terrorist*.
- A Skid Row resident asked why LAPD doesn't use gang interventionists more often. These people are resources who are connected to community members.
- What are the procedures for approving or not approving items on the agenda? It seems that decisions are unanimous, and none of the commissioners say yea or nay.
- The commission could listen and serve the people better if meetings were held at night or on the weekends in different parts of the city, rather than 9:30am on Tuesday mornings.
- Stop LAPD Spying recently learned that LAPD has new software to map misdemeanors in communities, and asked where that information goes.

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Submitted on March 1, 2018 to: President Martha Sklar, Secretary Jodi Doan, Action Chair Virginia Waxman