

INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MINUTES

March 22, 2007

LOCATION: 140 West Flagler Street, Conference Room 908
Miami, Florida 33130

PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT

Jorge Reynardus, Esq., Chairperson
Julia Dawson, Esq., 1st Vice Chairperson
Moiez Tapia, Ph.D., 2nd Vice Chairperson
Michael Band, Esq.
Glenn Falk, Esq.
Julie C. Ferguson, Esq.
Josefa Pérez-Velis, Esq.
Doris Shellow

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION

Arcie Ewell
Jean Robert Lafortune

PANEL STAFF PRESENT

Carol Boersma, Executive Assistant to the Director
Fernando L. Robreño, Conflict Resolution Specialist
Kristen Anderson, Conflict Resolution Specialist

AUDIENCE: Donald Marsh, City of Miami Civilian Investigative Panel.

Agenda Item #1) Call to Order. Ms. Dawson called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM and asked staff to call roll.

Agenda Item #2) Approval and adoption of the minutes. Ms. Shellow made a motion to adopt the minutes. Mr. Band seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3) Visioning Workshop. The Panel conducted a “Visioning Workshop” to solicit concrete ideas on how to improve the IRP’s service to the community. Several recommendations resulted from the workshop interaction.

1. Increase interaction with the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The long-term goal would be to approach the BCC with a proposal to amend the IRP’s ordinance so that its recommendations carry more weight.
2. Ask MDPD to submit a response to Panel recommendations, advising whether there will be any follow up to the recommendations.

3. Send a letter to MDPD Director Robert Parker outlining what the Panel wishes to discuss when he appears at the May 24th meeting.
4. Invite the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), MDPD officer's union, to attend a Panel meeting and engage them in dialogue.
5. Increase the Panel's role in mediation of complaints, to increase its profile within the community.
6. Increase its media coverage of meetings and dispositions.

Agenda Item #4) Adjourn. Ms. Boersma informed the Panel the Mr. Robreño accepted an Administrative Officer 3 position within the Department of Public Works and will be leaving the IRP in April.

Mr. Falk made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ferguson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.