



***CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE***

MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, November 14, 2017  
6:30 PM  
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER  
CLASSROOM 5  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Bettina Eklund
- Tom Ehrhorn
- Dorothy Woodward
- Eric Olivas, Chair
- Ane Romero
- Brennan Williams, Vice Chair-
- Lieutenant Burke
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

Absent:

- Troy Taylor

Approximately 35 members of the public were in attendance.

6:30 Call to order/welcome – Eric Olivas

Meeting called to order at 6:33 by Eric Olivas, Chair

This is the last meeting of the year, there will be no December meeting.

Welcome to the new faces in the group

Thank you to the officers who are here with us as well and to everyone for coming, please remember to remain respectful.

6:35 Old Business: Approval of agenda, Approval of October meeting minutes.

Motion to approve agenda and minutes was made, and agenda and minutes were approved with no amendments other than what has already been sent out.

If you are interested in getting our agenda, minutes or recommendations, make sure to sign in at the front and to include your email address and all will be emailed out.

The monitoring team requested the sign in sheets from our meetings and they were denied. We will continue to foster trust within the community and to not let out any personal information. Your information will never be distributed.

New Business:

6:40 Report from APD on Crime and Crime Prevention in the NEAC – Acting Cmdr. Joe Burke\*

The substation has had renovations, there is a new air conditioner that has been added to the station, walk through is tomorrow.

Auto thefts are down due to APD working closely with auto theft unit to get bait vehicles deployed around the areas that are most commonly affected. There are also new bait items they are putting in cars such as iPads and other electronics.

Auto burglaries on the rise

Crime prevention specialist believes it is due to the warm weather, items of opportunity are being left in vehicles. Lock your vehicles, do not leave anything behind.

Residential burglaries are on the increase mostly targeting home remodels or homes under construction, the equipment is being stolen.

Sharon Press is available for crime prevention support and can come out to your residence; <http://www.cabq.gov/police/crime-prevention-safety>

Commercial burglaries mainly occurring at apartment complex business offices. APD is increasing security at these complexes. With the holidays coming, do not have packages delivered to your door go pick them up or make sure that you are home when they come.

Events: Coffee with a cop will be held December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9am-11am at the new Starbucks; 4301 San Mateo Blvd NE.

What happens to the people trying to steal cars? The officers do their part in the justice system and they are brought to the DA then it is up to the DA to do his part.

Will there be any surveillance of the drag racing off of Valencia and Barstow during the weekend? Over the summer it was a problem and during the summer they had officers there. If it is still a problem they will look into it.

Have you got enough officers to go to Eubank and Wyoming to catch speeders? It can be tough, a lot of resources are spent responding to calls for service, there are not a lot of officers out there pulling vehicles over but if you see a problem let us know when and where it is happening and he can pull resources to get in the area.

Another member of the community is also seeing the speeding that is happening and there is no police presence, sooner than later someone could get hurt.

Have you observed a linkage in the panhandling situation and the auto burglaries taking place? No there has not been a correlation made as of yet.

Regarding having a presence for the speeders in the area, is that something that the PSAs are qualified to do? No PSAs are not allowed to enforce.

A member from the public paid a compliment to Lt. Burke, there was an officer with a radar gun off of Ventura and they saw him pulling over people.

#### 6:50 CPA Recommendation, Guidelines amendments, and Pawn Shop Ordinance

##### 7:00 Speaker:

##### CPA Recommendation:

This was voted in June, and states that all CPC board members must go through citizen's police academy. They had a brief meeting with the department in August. The council was not satisfied with what the department proposed and how it was proposed. The council thought that it was unfortunate. Suggestions on how to improve and professionalize the course were recommended and suggestions were not addressed. A letter was issued to the department in September asking them to revisit the recommendation. No response was received at any command level. There is a hearing on the 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the CASA, the same letter has been issued to the court and the monitoring team. With Celina and Nicole gone there is no one to really talk to regarding the issues. Once new administration comes in it will be requested again that this is reviewed. The recommendation has been public for some time and it is on the docket. This is the only CPC that has addressed the issue and Eric Olivas was the only Chair that was invited to the meeting, he was shocked that the invitation was not given to the rest of the council due to the hours spent over this issue.

The hearing is open to the public, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2017, 9am Chama courtroom at the federal courthouse.

### Guideline Amendments:

Amendments will be presented at the January meeting, there have been some discrepancies to the guidelines that are conflicting and can be confusing. The guidelines are drafted by the board, and amended by the board.

The proposed amendments will be emailed out and added to the website prior to January.

### Application of a new member:

The board met with the applicant and are ready to move application forward, a voice vote was called and the majority of members voted against moving forward with the appointment process. The application was denied.

### Pawn Shop Ordinance:

Purpose is to address the fencing of goods that are often stolen, it would have required the people selling items to have a photo id picture taken and document so that there is a paper trail. Also people would need to have a 3 day wait prior to getting their money to slow down the movement of goods.

Eric Olivas shared a story that happened earlier in the day, he was following a guy around his neighborhood who was casing houses and he was looking over a neighbor's fence, the guy rang the doorbell and then went around to the back of the house. The guy circled the block and then came back to the fence. He then jumps the fence to the backyard as Eric Olivas is calling APD. Eric Olivas witnesses a wheelbarrow being thrown over his neighbor's wall, the guy went back and tried to roll the wheelbarrow down the street with a flat tire. The guy walked it over to a pawn shop in the area and took the wheelbarrow inside. The neighbor whose house it is comes and sees the guy get \$10 from the pawn shop. The offender then punched the neighbor and ran away. This is a stark reminder of what is happening here with criminals and the community.

The Pawn ordinance has been watered down, there is no wait time and no requirement for identification. There are 18 pawn shops in the community and they all showed up to the hearing and no one from the community showed up.

A new hearing will be held at Civic plaza on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – together as a community maybe we can raise awareness about this issue.

### Other Business:

Board member, Ane Romero went on ride along with Officer Galvan and spent 8 hours. Ane Romero stated that in her line of work she was not surprised with what she saw but there is a systemic epidemic where most of the calls she saw that day were related to drugs. She gave a report on several things that she saw during the ride along and thought that Officer Galvan was very professional and she could see how much he

cared about the community. Ane Romero stated that it must be difficult for an officer to see something like this every day. We do not currently have a system in place that will provide the treatment and/or the resources that the community needs. It was definitely an eye opener and she realized that some of the places that she frequents are not safe and to be more cautious of her surroundings. We need to get back to a sense of community where we know our neighbors and can help each other out.

### Restorative Justice- Thom Alena

#### UNM Reparative Peace Studies:

Dr. Alena teaches peace and global justice studies programs at UNM. A lot of work is with the DOJ (Department of Justice) and this concept that states have embraced is to engage the community in a different kind of justice.

Today we have a system focused on the offender, resources go to the offender and focus is on the offender. The forgotten member of the process is the community. The system needs to hold them accountable to the people that they harm not accountable to the system to make it more personal. Have the offender stand up to the people they are hurting not the law. Offenders have to understand the impact of their actions as well as repair harm to the victim.

This will restore the balance in the neighborhood in which it happened. This will get justice out of the courthouse, away from the system and into the neighborhood.

Vermont correction system has repairing panels, restorative circles where they have to repair the damage that they have done. Rather than have 6 or more arrests, the individual is made to face the people and to repair the harm that they have done to other people.

Victims are then empowered, the whole system begins to say that crime impacts people, it isn't just a statute. The decision making is put on the community. The community has to be acting participants.

Offenders need to understand the impact of their actions onto others. This is about transparency and taking responsibility.

How do you structure? Juvenile justice, if this is done on the first and second offence chances are that they will be channeled out of the system. If you hold them accountable for the harm they have created, you will get a different outcome but you cannot wait until the 9<sup>th</sup> arrest.

Creativity of the community will be the ones that decide the punishment of the perpetrator. The communities job is to be part of the process to get to the heart of what the victims needs are.

What happens if you have a situation and the parents to not cooperate? Then the offender goes into the system, you never force anyone to cooperate.

There are different ways to use this it is a human to human process. He gave a presentation a few weeks ago to legislature to see about getting this into legislation.

They started doing this in other communities in 1997.

More information can be found at:

[LCJP.org](http://LCJP.org)

Ane Romero stated that it seems that this would work if the parent issues addressed, however there are a lot of young people in the community who do not have any parents at all. Maybe if they face the community that they have impacted it could help however she doesn't know if it address the issues that they are facing at home. We need to start to get to the root of the problem. Is there a way that we as a community can service as mentors and give the youth skills that they do not have, to try and build more of a whole person?

Is your goal tonight to simply educate us or to take action? No the goal is to educate on other options that are available, you need to have support as well as accountability.

8:00 Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08