

**MEETING MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015
6:30 PM**

NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Detective Christian Baker
- Constance Banuelos
- Darlene Couchman
- Dwight Drake
- Officer Simon Drobik
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Penny Hoe
- Sergeant Jim Edison
- Detective Gerald Roach
- Lieutenant G. Weber
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 64 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She introduced a few individuals in attendance at the meeting, including Diane Gibson, the City Councilor representing District 7; the staff of US Attorney Damon Martinez's Office; Ed Perea, a former special assistant prosecutor; Edward Harness, the Executive Director of the Civilian Police Oversight Agency; State Representative Bill Rehm; and City Councilor and Secretary of State Brad Winter.

2. Approval of Agenda

Because of time constraints, the agenda was not read aloud for meeting attendees, but was available for review.

Penny Hoe proposed revising the agenda to move the Northeast CPC Goals for 2016 up in the agenda to after the approval of the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes, and to include only the review of the annual report in that agenda item. Annie Onderdonk made a motion to approve the agenda with that change. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Approval of November 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Because of time constraints, the minutes were not read aloud for meeting attendees, but were available for review.

Darlene Couchman moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Dwight Drake seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

4. Northeast Area CPC Goals for 2016

Penny Hoe submitted a draft of a 2015 Northeast Area Command CPC Annual Report for consideration by the CPC membership. She read it aloud for meeting attendees. (See Appendix A: Northeast Area Command CPC Annual Report.)

Darlene Couchman moved for the CPC to accept the Northeast Area Command CPC Annual Report as written and read. Constance Banuelos seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

5. Speaker: US Attorney Damon Martinez and Staff

US Attorney Damon Martinez presented to CPC members and meeting attendees about the current policy development occurring under the DOJ Settlement Agreement; partnerships with law enforcement, including the Worst of the Worst Initiative and the HOPE (Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education) Initiative; his office's philosophy, which includes prosecuting cases, but also working on community outreach and the challenges of prison reentry; and his office's efforts in the area of anti-terrorism.

Mr. Martinez answered questions from meeting attendees for 30 minutes. There were questions about community drug issues, the workings of the court system, changes to APD and the issues that caused DOJ involvement, decriminalization of homelessness, and progress under the DOJ settlement agreement.

State Representative Bill Rehm presented a summary of the legislation that he will be proposing in the upcoming legislative session. He stated that he would share a list of that legislation to be shared. (See Appendix B: Bills Sponsored by Bill Rehm in the 2016 Regular Session, as of January 13, 2016.) He answered questions from the public, and recommended meeting attendees call their legislators before bills come up to say, "Tomorrow you will hear this bill. I live at this address, and I want you to vote for/against it."

6. APD and CABQ Updates

Annie Onderdonk introduced the APD officers in attendance. Detective Christian Baker summarized crime statistics in the Northeast Area Command during the months of November, December, and January to date.

APD Officers and Celina Espinoza shared information about recent crime incidents in the area command and answered questions.

7. CPC Recommendations to APD and CABQ

There were no new recommendations from the Northeast Area Command CPC at this time. Consideration of recommendations by the Northwest Area Command CPC was on the agenda, but because of lack of time, it was postponed to a future meeting date.

8. Other Public Questions and Comments

Public questions and comments were welcomed throughout the meeting. There were no final questions or comments.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Appendix A

Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council Annual Report for 2015 submitted 12 January 2016 by Penny Hoe, Vice Chair

This report covers the actions of the Northeast Area Command Community Policing Council (NE/CPC) from our first meeting in November 2014 through our November 2015 meeting. We did not meet in December. We began with six citizen members. One member, unable to attend regularly, dropped out. The remaining citizen members are Annie Onderdonk (Chair), Penny Hoe (Vice Chair), Constance Banuelos, Darlene Couchman, and Dwight Drake. Commander Randy Remiker appointed Detective Christian Baker and Officer Simon Drobik as regular members. At least one other Officer usually was present, but changes in shifts and promotions affected which officer(s) attended. Cdr. Remiker usually attended also, as did Albuquerque Police Department (APD) Communications and Outreach Director Celina Espinoza. All but one of our meetings were held at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7521 Carmel NE. Our chosen meeting night was the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but we met on Mondays while three members attended the Citizen Police Academy on Tuesdays.

The purpose of each CPC is to “*generate collaborative, diverse, and candid dialogue between the Albuquerque Police Department and the community,*” with the goal of “*identifying concerns, problems, successes, and opportunities within each area command and to tailor solutions specifically aimed at the needs of each neighborhood.*” [CPC Guidelines, 10/14/14]. The DOJ Settlement Agreement [paragraph 269] spells out the following five ways the CPCs shall assist APD.

(a) *Review and assess the propriety and effectiveness of law enforcement priorities and related community strategies, materials, and training.*

(b) *Review and assess concerns or recommendations about specific APD policing tactics and initiatives.*

(c) *Provide information to the community and convey feedback from the community to APD.*

(d) *Advise the Chief on recruiting a qualified, diverse workforce.*

(e) *Advise the Chief on ways to collect and publicly disseminate data and information, including information about APD compliance with the DOJ Agreement, in a transparent, public-friendly format to the greatest extent allowable by law.*

This report considers how the NE/CPC has worked toward these goals in our past 12 meetings.

Recommendations -- During the past year the NE/CPC considered four Recommendations. One was withdrawn and the other three, which were passed by vote of the council members and sent to Chief Eden, are as follows:

- (1) 9 June 2015: A Recommendation to the Mayor, City Council, and Chief Eden that expressed concern that the City is seeking to operate a Police Force that can only reach appropriate staffing levels by relying on overtime pay. The NE/CPC wishes to continue a dialogue about staffing, recruitment, salaries, and benefits once the Staffing Report has been done.
- (2) 14 July 2015: A Recommendation to Chief Eden to convene a gathering of all the six area command CPC members to assess how we are doing, to enhance communication among the CPCs, and to receive instruction to better equip us to do our DOJ-assigned tasks. Celina Espinoza chaired a meeting of the six CPCs on 26 September 2015.
- (3) 14 July 2015: A Recommendation to Chief Eden to expedite setting up web pages for all six area commands and link them to the City web page. All area command websites are now online.

Communication from APD Northeast Area Command (NEAC) to the community has been enhanced by monthly reports which included crime statistics for the NEAC, issues of concern, crime prevention tips, holiday tactical plans, and experiences in officer-related shooting. Celina Espinoza has updated council and members of the public on APD and DOJ Agreement compliance. The NE Area Command has a new website which is up and running well with areas for public comment and questions.

Feedback to APD from those attending -- Members of the public have asked the APD members of the council for explanations, expressed their concerns, and made suggestions to the officers and Cdr. Remiker. The NE/CPC makes provision for attendees to submit additional questions and concerns in writing.

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Publicizing the meetings and attendance by the public -- Agendas and minutes are posted at each meeting, and notice of meeting and agendas are sent by email to attendees who request them. In order to inform more residents of the NEAC about our meetings, NE/CPC members reached out to the City Councilors and Coalitions of Neighborhood Associations for City Council Districts 4, 7, and 8. The chair and other members attended coalition meetings, neighborhood association meetings, and contacted others by phone and email. An Op-Ed piece about getting to know APD officers and communicating with the area command where one lives was submitted to, and printed by, the *Albuquerque Journal*. The NEAC gives notice of our meetings on their website. Several block captains and neighborhood Crime Watch coordinators who attend regularly have sent reports on the meetings to their email lists.

Notice of meetings have been posted on Nextdoor.com. Individual emails are sent each month to North East neighborhood association Presidents and Vice Presidents notifying them of the upcoming meeting, times, date, speakers, etc. and asking them to forward the email to their members, friends and neighbors. From time to time, there are special community meetings and town halls in which we have been in attendance and have publicized the NE CPC meetings by inviting everyone to attend.

Thanks to all this coordinated effort, the attendance at the NE/CPC has increased greatly from a low of 9 in November 2014. The maximum attendance this past year was **72**, with an average of **51** for the last three meetings of 2015. (Attendance numbers reflect members of the public plus all those seated at the council table.)

Providing information to the community on topics of concern – The following guest speakers addressed concerns that were brought to the NE/CPC:

(1) 10 Feb 2015 – **Celina Espinoza (APD Communications & Community Outreach Director)** – new or enhanced ways for the public to exchange information with APD via Face Book, Twitter, Coffee With A Cop, Talk With A Cop, and links through various websites.

(2) 13 Apr 2015 – **Sharanne Press (NEAC Crime Prevention Specialist)** – management of crime statistics to aid in Area Command deployment and planning, home security surveys, updating the new NEAC website, supporting Neighborhood Watch and training block captains, crime prevention in apartment complexes.

(3) 9 Jun 2015 – **Stephanie Lopez (then president of the Albuquerque Police Officers Association)** – role of the union in collective bargaining, family issues, legal and educational assistance, concerns about pay, retirement, and staffing.

(4) 11 Aug 2015 – **Jodie Jepson (Deputy Director of Albuquerque Heading Home)** – helping chronically homeless persons get into housing and access other resources with partnering agencies to achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Attendees were quite concerned about mentally ill homeless, one individual in particular who hangs around a neighborhood park.

(5) 8 Sep 2015 – **Brad Winter (District 4 City Councilor)** – overview of actions he was taking to support APD – changes to Police Oversight Board, community policing, increased officer pay, recruiting more APD officers. His staff recorded suggestions from those attending.

(6) 13 Oct 2015 – **Lt. Glenn St.Onge (APD Crisis Intervention Team)** – how crisis intervention helps reduce negative experiences with those who are mentally ill, how officers are receiving extra training.

(7) 10 Nov 2015 -- **Ed Perea (former APD officer now a prosecuting attorney)** – contact information for Center For Law Policy for Public Safety, ways in which the public can get involved, especially with January 2016 legislative session -- be informed voters, contact legislators, vote out bad judges.

In order to continue being available as much as possible to the community, the NE/CPC has decided to continue to meet the second Tuesday each month of 2016 (except December). Meetings will be held at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. The present members will serve until 1 January 2017. Residents of the Northeast Area Command who are interested in applying for the NE/CPC, please go to <https://www.cabq.gov/mayor/police-outreach/community-policing-council-application>.. If you have questions about this report, contact me at hoebeau@cns.net.

Penny Hoe , Vice Chair

Appendix B

Bills Sponsored by Bill Rehm in the 2016 Regular Session, as of January 13, 2016

<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
HB 35	Habitual Offender Sentencing Changes
HB 36	Time Limit for Prosecuting Certain Crimes
HB 37	Three Strikes Law
HB 39	Employee Leave for Legislators
HB 40	Contract Provisions for Certain College Staff
HB 41	School Superintendent Contract Criteria
HB 42	Delinquency Act Terms and Absconders
HB 43	Public Safety Employee Contribution Payments
HB 44	DWI for Certain Drugs and Interlocks
HB 100	Use of Firearm Sentencing Enhancements
HB 101	Law Enforcement Fund for Training
HB 122	County Hospital Property Taxes and Transfers
HB 123	Driver's Licenses and Real ID Act Compliance