



MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:00 PM
CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER
7507 KATHRYN SE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

SEACPC Board Members present: Ron Halbgewachs (Chair), Frank Ernst (Vice-Chair), Michael Kruchoski (Secretary), Todd Kersting, Paula Metzner, Kathleen Burke. (6)
Council Members excused: Jeffrey Archuleta. (1)

APD Officers present: Ofc. Robert Carlson, Ofc. A. Hinkle, Ofc. V. Salas, one other officer, Laura Kuehn, Chris Sylvan (CPC Manager), Yvette Marentes (CPC Admin). (7)

Visitors were Ed Harness (CPOA), Jim Carson (POB), Torild Kristiansen (LWV), Pat Roddy, Joan Searer, Michael Cross, Dave Hancock, Amir Chapel, Joan Davis, Jim Thompson, Nicole Blaisoen, Helen Petropoulos, Robert Ferguson, Diana Cardenas, Rosemarie Baca, Ilena Estrella, Anne Kass, Bill Kass, Sandra Erichser, Suzy Sanchez Beg, Dan Weiser, Kathie Isquibel-Baca, Ron Goldsmith, Gina Dennis, Isabel Constance, Pat Wheeler. (26)

A total of 39 persons attended the meeting.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 by Ron Halbgewachs, Chair.

Introductions

The council and meeting attendees went around the room and introduced themselves. Attendees are encouraged to attend or start a neighborhood watch in their area.

Ron Halbgewachs made an announcement about the New Mexico Legislation that is currently taking place in Santa Fe. District Attorney Raúl Torrez met at Jefferson Middle School and discussed his budget and how he has been struggling to find funding. Kathleen Burke authored a letter that was sent to the State Legislature from the

SECPC. The letter was unanimously approved by the SECPC Board and Ron feels like they have had an impact in the funding that was given to the District Attorney.

Determination of Quorum

Quorum of 6 was met at the start of the meeting. Jeffrey Archuleta was in Santa Fe and excused.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made to approve the agenda, seconded and approved unanimously.

Approval of January Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and approved unanimously.

Presentation/Discussion: (30 minutes)

Laura Kuehn – SE Area Crime Prevention/Crime Free Programs

Laura Kuehn introduced herself to the group. We are fortunate that we have a crime prevention specialist in each of the 6 area commands as some cities do not. Laura delivered a PowerPoint presentation to the group and the presentation has been attached to the minutes for review.

Laura Kuehn answered questions from the Council as well as the community members in attendance.

Laura can come and inspect your home and make recommendations for different ways that you can also protect yourself. Doggie doors are a great way for a thief to get into your home. Make sure to clean up newspapers that are piling up in the driveway. If you will be out of town, have your neighbor pick up your newspaper.

Abandoned vehicles - if there is a vehicle on the street you can call it into the substation and a PSA (Public Service Aid) can go by and red tag the vehicle. If the vehicle is left on the street for 3 days it is considered abandoned and can get red tagged. The owner has 7 days to move the vehicle and it only has to be moved 3/10's of a mile. If the vehicle is not moved, the city can have the vehicle towed. If you are unable to get the vehicle towed, you can also call 311 for service.

Some of the attendees at the meeting feel that by pushing someone that is committing crime into another neighborhood is not helping to prevent the crime; they are just moving the crime somewhere else. There are programs offered such as family and community services that offer support to the people that are committing crime.

Be sure to always report any crime that you see no matter how minor you may think it is. You can always call 242-COPS or use the APD iphone application, if it is not an emergency. This will also help you to get more police surveillance in your area.

Ride-Along Reports (5 minutes)

No council members did a ride-along during this month. However, a citizen, Bob Ferguson, did a ride-along with Officer Adrian Garcia and he gave a brief report on the ride-along. He was very impressed with the way the officers went about diffusing some situations that could have escalated. If you want to do a ride-along, it is easy to apply by going to your local substation to apply. A background check will be conducted.

Council members are encouraged to do several ride alongs per year during different shifts throughout the day/night. Online there is a place that you can go to complement an experience with an officer that could be very helpful.

Monthly Crime Report from SE Area Command (5 minutes)

Officer Carlson gave a crime report. Overall crime is down. A lot of the reasons that crime is down can be attributed to Deputy Chief Medina and the new administration. You can go on the police section of the website and give your thanks.

<https://www.cabq.gov/police>

There is an auto theft TACT plan that has recovered several stolen vehicles and that TACT plan is still in effect at this time. The vice team also conducted a TACT plan that was successful. However he does not have the statics on the outcome of that TACT plan. They have been pulling data from the real time crime center and looking at areas where the most crime has been happening and targeting those areas.

Public Comments, Questions, Responses (30 minutes)

Ron Halbgewachs talked to someone that was involved in a hit and run accident where a car was hit in front of them but the person already left. He advised the person to call 242-COPS and report whatever they saw. Always report whatever you see as it can be used later.

An attendee mentioned that it would be great to have a 3 digit number that connects directly to 242-COPS such as 311 or 911.

Last Saturday, February 10, at 1130 AM a citizen heard about 15 gunshots in her neighborhood. Someone called 911, but the dispatcher did not know if anyone was hurt so told them to call 242-COPS. Isn't there something that 911 can do to send the call to 242-cops directly? The next morning the police came out and found casings. Officer Carlson stated that 911 operators and 242-COPS are the same operators. The way that the person calls and describes the incident determines if it will be a 911 call or a 242-COPS response. This is why you have to call and report everything because the more people that call will generate a faster response.

Another citizen had a similar incident happen and mentioned the use of nextdoor.com so that the neighborhood can discuss these types of things.

Bob Ferguson wants to make people aware of AlwaysBlue.org which is a nonprofit organization that helps injured police officers. This is for short term assistance help with medical bills, utility bills, etc.

Ed Harness (Civilian Police Oversight Agency Director), announced the short version of the Citizens Police Academy will be starting in March. Contact Anna Erickson at the Police Academy to sign up. The 12 week Citizens Policing Academy is open to the public and starts in April. You can apply online at: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/programs/citizen-police-academy> .

A CPC summit will be hosted on the 14th of March and Mayor Keller will be in attendance. They are still working out the logistics of the meeting time and location. The meeting will be open to the public. However there may not be time for public comment.

Mike Kruchoski passed around a document that lists all of the social media forms that the SECPC uses. There is also the Albuquerque Police mobile app where you can make reports, chat with dispatchers, and look at crime maps. He started testing the application and is encouraging people in neighborhood associations in the community to test out the application as well. There is also the Albuquerque 311 application that allows citizens to track reports and calls.

Amir Chapel, former CPC member now with the Legislation Finance Committee has taken an interest in crime and why it has increased in Albuquerque since 2010 and 2014. They are embarking on a crime analysis and the report will be out in June. The CPC's are a stakeholder that the legislation will be reaching out to in order to help with the report. There will also be a focus group conducted with APD officers.

The documents are starting to be published online at this time: [https://www.nmlegis.gov/Entity/LFC/Evaluation Unit Reports](https://www.nmlegis.gov/Entity/LFC/Evaluation%20Unit%20Reports)

A citizen asked for a summary of the report that will be coming out in June. There is a side bar that has an executive summary that is a few pages.

The budget was passed today in the State Legislature. The DA did receive funding that he has been requesting. The responsibility of results falls now on the DA to help produce results. Ron Halbgewachs is working to get the DA to be a presenter at an upcoming CPC meeting.

All of the CPC's will be able to meet with the monitoring team that will be here starting on the 12th of March. The monitors are coming back in to act as technical advisors, to help the new administration get up to speed on the CASA (Court Appointed Settlement

Agreement). One of the first things they will be doing is rewriting the Use of Force policy. Dr. Rickman will be in town on April 7th and would like to conduct a training class for the CPC Council members.

Agenda items for next meeting

Continued Discussion of SOP 2.52 Use of Force & related documents

The SECPC has tried to work through the continued discussion of the SOP in reviewing the policy. They will be picking up review of the policy next month.

Other Business

Annual report has been submitted to the council for review that will be posted on the website at: <https://www.cabq.gov/police/community-policing-council/community-policing-councils-annual-reports>

A motion was made to approve the annual report, the motion was seconded and the annual report was approved.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Executive Closed Meeting

Ronald Goldsmith was interviewed and elected to the SE Area Community Policing Council.

Next meetings: March 15, April 19