

**MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2015  
6:30 PM  
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Officer Christian Baker
- Constance Banuelos
- Darlene Couchman
- Penny Hoe
- Lieutenant Todd Mock
- Diane Grover for Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 18 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Darlene Couchman moved to approve the agenda. Officer Christian Baker seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Approval of May 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Annie Onderdonk read the minutes of the May 11, 2015, meeting. Constance Banuelos moved to approve the May 11, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

4. Presentation: Stephanie Lopez, President of Albuquerque Police Officer's Association (APOA)

APOA is the voice of the rank and file for APD. Among their tasks are collective bargaining; labor issues; family issues; critical incidents; administrative actions; legal assistance; educational assistance and to offer assistance to family members. They speak to the news cameras when officers can't. They have a say in DOJ meetings and mitigate with the City and DOJ. They focus on officers rights under the constitution.

There is a huge staffing crisis and lack of competitive salaries with regards to more seasoned officers (of 10 and 20 years) The numbers are hard to define and often include those off duty, on suspension and on leave (including 10 on military leave now). Any officer being paid is counted, whether available and on the streets or not. There are currently approximately 850 officers being counted. Of 411 officers currently patrolling, 81 are in the NE Area Command.

The APOA welcomes civilian oversight that is both informed (having attended the Citizen's Police Academy and done some ride-alongs) and fair. Out of 518,000 calls for service last year, 195 included use of force (which is any force at all, not just by gun). The APOA now has the right to sit in on meetings with the DOJ.

Annie Onderdonk advised Stephanie Lopez that block captains are ready and willing to help where needed.

Ms. Lopez can be reached at 366-7293; [apdunionpresident@gmail.com](mailto:apdunionpresident@gmail.com).

#### 5. CPC Recommendations to APD and CABQ

Annie Onderdonk read a letter submitted by Michael Rowan for potential submission to the Mayor and Police Chief. Discussion ensued after which Darlene Couchman moved that the letter, with a typo correction, be submitted to the Mayor, Police Chief, City Councilors, and all commanders; and be copied to the other CPC boards and the Albuquerque Journal. Constance Banuelos seconded and all approved by voice vote.

#### 6. CPC Certificates of Attendance

The draft CPC certificate was reviewed by all. Detective Baker moved for approval of certificates as presented. Annie Onderdonk seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote. Certificates were handed out at the end of the meeting.

#### 7. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee

The group discussed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a list of topics and speakers for future Northeast CPC meetings through the end of the year. This committee will include Constance Banuelos and Darlene Couchman, who both volunteered. Celina Espinoza offered to work with the committee, and Annie Onderdonk offered to contact Dwight Drake to invite him to participate. Annie Onderdonk and Penny Hoe each submitted a list of topics they had drawn.

#### 8. APD and CABQ Updates

Officer Baker presented the following information. Violent crime is up about 10-15%; there was an increase in auto burglary to 189 incidents, of which 60% were of cars that were left unlocked. There were 84 residential burglaries, up 4% since

April. He expected these numbers to tick up for the summer. He advised folks to leave their lights on, lock their cars and check on their neighbors' homes. He advised folks to get familiar with their neighbors. Block captains were happy to help. Celina Espinoza offered to get a list of block captains and will send it to the group.

#### 9. Public Questions and Comments

One gentleman discussed the ongoing Saturday meetings at the Flying Star on Silver at 3:00, which are open to CPC members and any police or community members who would like to attend.

There was a discussion on how recommendations from the CPC groups should be submitted. Celina Espinoza stated that recommendations should go to Celina, who will distribute them to the appropriate people and relay answers back to the CPC groups. Celina stated that as far as recommendations for the mayor, she would find out where they should be submitted. She suggested that submission of recommendations to her would be handled more quickly and effectively through email.

Another gentleman discussed defending against auto burglaries. He suggested that documents be kept out of cars; however, Officer Baker reminded folks that they must have a copy of their registration and insurance information available in hard copy for police. He stated that a signed copy of each must be in the vehicle, and a picture of the documents on your phone was not a legal substitute.

#### 10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.