



**Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council**

**Regular Meeting**

**Thursday, February 11, 2015**

**Don Newton/Taylor Ranch Community Center**

**900 Kachina St NW**

**Albuquerque, NM 87120**

**1. Election of New Chair and Vice-Chair**

Prior to the meeting Chairperson Greg Aguilar resigned as Chair via email. Vice-Chairperson Allan Ludi was unable to attend due to illness. Members voted to elect Allan Ludi as the new Chairperson and Eric Jackson as the new Vice-Chairperson.

**2. Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson, Eric Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Victor Chavez

Ms. Michele Fuller

Vice Chairperson Mr. Eric Jackson

Lt. Steve Altman

Officer Sean Casaus

**STAFF PRESENT**

Mr. David Gold, Facilitator, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chairperson Eric Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, January 29, which was approved unanimously.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Vice-Chairperson Eric Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda for Wednesday, February 11, which was approved unanimously.

## **5. Public Input**

No members of the public spoke or attended.

## **6. Old Business**

There was discussion of Greg Aguilar's resignation. Members expressed concern about maintaining a quorum with part-time attendees.

## **7. Mission Statement/Guidelines**

The Mission Statement and Guidelines were passed with the following changes. These are incorporated into the final document which is Appendix A to these minutes.

Structure and Composition:

5. (add) APD may authorize representatives. Up to two will be voting members at any given meeting.

Removal /Resignations

2 (add) or a majority of meetings.

## **8. NW Area Report**

Lt. Steve Altman gave the NW Area report.

- There were more homicides in last two weeks than he recalled seeing at any time in the past; more than in a whole year as a Sergeant. The homicide officers were working non-stop. All offenders in are now in custody. The homicides were connected, not random.
- There were multiple fatal car crashes.
- There were 28 shootings in city since Jan 1, some in this part of town, which is usually quiet.
- There were 13 warmup auto thefts, and 88 total auto thefts. TAC plans are being made to address this.
- They are trying to get NW Area Command web site up. It will probably be a few months.
- The staffing levels are low throughout the department. They are doing a staff study, which hopefully be ready at the end of the summer. Once citizens are aware of the real numbers, they will hopefully understand the service constraints better. CPC members agreed this would be beneficial to the citizens.

## **9. New Business**

Members had a number of ideas based on the report.

- Members felt that APD needs to put out its own story, rather than rely completely on media. They discussed the possibility of having the CPCs involved.

- Members discussed using the APD web page to educate people. There were concerns expressed about how to get people to pay attention, and how to deal with negative bias. Examples for instructional videos included:
  - How call priorities work
  - How to respond in a traffic stop (could be part of driver’s education training)
  - What to say during a 911 call
  - What to expect during a domestic violence call
- Members discussed people attending Use of Force seminars. This would give citizens an opportunity to understand the issues facing police (“Should I shoot, or not shoot”).
- Member discussed how to deal with community policing when short staffed.

Members discussed how they could be involved in reviewing new policies. Mr. David Gold said he would contact Ms. Celina Espinoza and try to get policy information.

Member discussed emailing to neighborhood associations to let them know about the work of the CPC. Mr. Eric Jackson said he would develop a template letter for review.

Members discussed each contacting someone they know to try to get nominations for new members.

Members discussed keeping a list of ongoing project ideas.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Vice-Chairperson Eric Jackson reminded everyone of the next Regular Meeting of the Council on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Don Newton Community Center. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

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Mr. David Gold  
Secretary to the Board

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Mr. Allan Ludi  
Chairperson of the Board