



District 5 Open House Meeting Minutes

NW Area Command Substation

February 27, 2018

6:00–8:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

- Councilor Borrego called opened the meeting, introducing Susan Vigil, D-5 Policy Analyst

2. Briefings

❖ **Director of Governmental Affairs Isaac Padilla, Mayor's Office**

- To date there are 683 Police Cars
- 390 Cameras
- Community Emergency Care (EMS) programs in place

❖ **Police Commander Donovan Olveras**

- Hot Spots for crime at the Walmart at Coors and the Freeway
- The NW Area Command only conducts 1 meeting at the Substation. The rest of their meetings are in the field.
- There are 8 mobile video trailers used across the City.
- Councilor Borrego plans on purchasing 2 more dedicated to the West side.
- Bike Units used
- Cotton Wood Mini-Substation will undergo safety improvements/Councilor Borrego
- Commander Olveras became an officer because he believes in community based policing, he wants officers engaged with the community. 'Community involvement combats crime!'
- It is not enough to just have more police cars.
- APD needs to recruit more qualified individuals. Each officer has his/her own car.
- Councilor Borrego encouraged participants to Thank Officer's seen in the field, to make officers jobs rewarding and appreciated.

❖ **Fire Commander Chad Kim**

- There are 222 fire stations City Wide.
- Every 3-5 minutes they are responding to a call. This is too much!
- BLS/Central-Highland Area accounts for many of the calls due to homeless and/or drunk populations on Central.
- Mental Health Issues and violent offenders are watched.
- Brush Fires in District 5 area cause problems. There are 'Brush Units'.
- The Bosque closes if it becomes too dry.
- The Wildland Truck Councilor Borrego is purchasing for the west side will expedite the 'Brush Units' work.
- The Wildland Truck and the Lucas device purchases by Councilor Borrego will be put to good use in District 5. The ECHMO allows healing.
- All units benefit by access to defibrillators.
- The Commander has personal experience in EMS and using defibrillators (truck ladders squad rescue)
- Constituent Question: What is the problem with fireworks?
- Fireworks sold within the City limits meet regulations set by City Council and are not as dangerous in these draught conditions. The problem is with fireworks sold to individuals outside of the City and set-off within the City borders.

Councilor Borrego introduced Vanessa Baca of the ONC, and Thanked the Fire Policing Community: Pete Gelabert, of the Crime Prevention Unit and his wife, Sandy Martinez-Pino with 30 years' experience at APD.

Crime Prevention Specialist Pete Gelabert

- Addressed Homicide at the Northwest Area Command.
- Crime is everyone's issue.
- Officers choose to be here and work here.
- Mr. Gelabert specializes in public safety/crime prevention awareness.
- What is a lock down? Run, Hide, Fight! There is a 20 minute lock-down orientation video.
- Passed out 'No Solicitation' signs for participants.
- Have layers of security in place. Have a plan of action.

3) District 5 Project Briefings

District 5 Councilor Cynthia D. Borrego

- Dan Lewis left unspent set-aside money for the new Councilor to spend at her discretion.
- Detail Councilor Borrego's District 5 Police Spending:

Total \$200,000 for NW Area Command: \$120,000 Cottonwood Mall Mini-Substation improvements, \$60,000 2 RTCC Video Trailers, \$20,000, laptops and equipment.

- Detail Councilor Borrego Fire programs (Wildland and Advance Life support), Total \$200,000: Wildland Truck \$154,000, Wildland Truck Equipment \$9,375, Tics, \$22,488 (thermal imagers), Lucas device (split w. AFD) \$9,593 (for automatic chest compressions)
- The State Legislators awarded no Capital Outlay monies for District 5 street projects the Councilor proposed including redesign of Paseo del Norte west of Golf Course.
- State Senator Sander Rue comments: Legislators were interested in funding construction not just design. So the Councilor is working with the Mayor to find ways to fund design and planning of Paseo del Norte west of Golf Course.
- 90% of people think Paseo del Norte is a problem.
- The City is looking into 7-Bar loop, installing a traffic light. They are installing an operational light at the top of the hill.
- Public Safety Tax increase will be heard at the upcoming March 5, 2018 City Council: It will be applied to raise money to reduce crime and improve public safety. (Meeting participants did not respond negatively or positively to this comment)
- The IDO planned date of effect is May 2018. Councilor Borrego's proposed Ordinance to extend the effective date of the IDO will be heard by LUPZ and then Full City Council, if it successfully passes LUPZ review, so the date the IDO goes into full effect may be extended for a year into 2019.
- The job of City Council is to establish policy. "Everyone should be heard."

4) Mapping Issues & 5) Constituent Conversation and Questions

- 1) Had previously asked to be on a task force to look address the planned multi-generational center. But never heard back from anyone.
- 2) Dry Weeds: Saltillo Subdivision: blowing into sidewalks, on the East side of the Black Arroyo at Unser—area between sidewalks and property (blocked with rocks). Graffiti too on the East side of Universe. This is a 311 Issue.
- 3) City Board for ADA Council (members represent all types of disabilities—perhaps should consult with on the Northwest areas Multi-generational plan design)—The NW Area Command locks its front doors in the evening. The side door open for the Open House Meet the Councilor meeting is not ADA accessible. The meeting should either open the front doors or be held elsewhere.
- 4) What is the schedule to replace street lights with LED bulbs (It has been completed at Central/Edith but where else?
- 5) Can Vanessa and Sara (ONC) disseminate information through the NA newsletter? Examples: Patios costing \$18, 000? True or false? LED lighting replacements?
- 6) Ventana Ranch/Has No street lights. It is very dark. Please contact the HOA for lighting specifications.
- 7) At Station 22, at the light on Paradise and Unser the traffic backs up and officers have to sit there to get into the station until the light turns green. There was \$12, 000 in

stripping put in to help the situation but it is not effective. (They are installing a light at the top of the hill.

- 8) Mapped: There are accidents at the intersection of Paradise Blvd. and Golf Course Rd.
- 9) Mapped: Mult-Generational Center Plans of interest.
- 10) Mapped: Calvary Church at Old Hastings Books Store will increase traffic.
- 11) Mapped: 7 Bar inputs for Westside Drive development.