

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015
6:30 PM
HEIGHTS CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Detective Christian Baker
- Constance Banuelos
- Sergeant Alex Catsis
- Darlene Couchman
- Sergeant Lena Deyapp
- Officer Simon Drobik
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Penny Hoe
- Jodie Jepson, Albuquerque Heading Home Program
- Commander Randy Remiker
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 60 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda

Darlene Couchman moved to approve the agenda. Annie Onderdonk seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Approval of July 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Annie Onderdonk read the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting. Darlene Couchman moved to approve the meeting minutes as read. Christian Baker seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

Celina Espinoza explained the creation of the Community Policing Councils to the members of the public in attendance and invited anyone interested to apply to join as a voting member.

Annie Onderdonk moved to modify the agenda so Jodie Jepson's presentation was the next item on the agenda. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

4. Speaker: Jodie Jepson, Deputy Director of Albuquerque Heading Home Program

Jodie Jepson presented information about the Heading Home program and her work with people experiencing chronic homelessness in Albuquerque. The Heading Home program works with partners to help homeless individuals navigate the system, obtain resources, move into supportive housing, and achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Ms. Jepson answered questions from the public and shared resource cards and flyers on Heading Home. She shared her contact information: 505-226-1700 ext. 205, www.headinghome.org. She stated that another resource is the Family Advocacy Center, 505-924-6000.

5. CPC Recommendations to APD and CABQ

a. Follow-up on Past Recommendations

Celina Espinoza stated that there was not enough time to schedule a meeting of all of the Community Policing Councils in August as originally suggested, but she is communicating with the other CPCs and looking at dates at the end of September. She said that the other CPCs and Police Chief Eden were supportive of the recommendation for a meeting of all of the CPCs.

Celina stated that there is a new training person to assist with area command websites that need assistance. In addition, there are now links to all area command websites from the main website, www.cabq.gov/police.

b. New Recommendations

Annie Onderdonk presented a new recommendation that APD make popular crimes known to the public close to the time they happen so that the public can take the necessary precautions. Meeting participants discussed area crime, the need for information, the need to allow time for crime investigations, and the media's role. Penny Hoe moved to table the recommendation until the September meeting. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

6. APD and CABQ Updates: Northeast Area Crime Statistics

7. Public Questions and Comments

APD updates and public questions were combined into one discussion. Public discussion included conversations about personal safety, police staffing, officer morale, requesting information from officers, and the role of the media.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.