

MEETING MINUTES
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016, 6:30 PM
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER, ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Detective Christian Baker
- Constance Banuelos
- Darlene Couchman
- Dwight Drake
- Officer Simon Drobik
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Penny Hoe
- Commander Randy Remiker
- Lieutenant Greg Weber
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 69 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. She directed meeting attendees to several posters around the room, including one about applying to replace CPC board members who will leave the CPC in January 2017. She requested that questions and comments from meeting attendees be limited to two minutes, and reminded everyone to be respectful. Index cards are always available for any additional questions or comments.

2. Approval of Agenda

Penny Hoe made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

3. Approval of January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Darlene Couchman moved to approve the meeting minutes as written. Annie Onderdonk seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

4. APD and CABQ Updates

Former law enforcement officer and special assistant prosecutor Ed Perea spoke to the meeting attendees on the need for community involvement and the need for effective collaboration between APD and neighborhoods to create safe communities. He left his phone number, 505-720-3822.

Detective Christian Baker summarized crime statistics in the Northeast Area Command during January and February to date. He noted that the crime statistics were improved in February compared to January.

Meeting participants asked questions about crimes in specific neighborhoods and shared ideas about how to reduce crime levels. Commander Randy Remiker left the Northeast Area Command phone number, 505-823-4455, and suggested that neighbors could call for an assessment of how to make their property less of a target for crime. Meeting participants also discussed neighborhood watch programs, how to improve APD staffing levels, and how to work with the legislature to improve crime laws.

Annie Onderdonk asked for suggestions from meeting participants about what they think community policing should be, and what they think the Northeast CPC should recommend to APD and CABQ. Ideas included:

- Thoughts about community policing:
 - Part of community policing is visibility. Neighbors should know that cops live in their neighborhood and should see them coming and going.
 - Letter carriers are valuable eyes on the street, and neighbors should get to know them.
 - Neighbors can use car lights/brights to see the neighborhood at night and watch for anything suspicious.
 - Block captains can help improve neighborhood communication about anything suspicious.
 - LeadsOnline can be one way to keep a record of property in case anything is stolen.
 - APD keeps databases of incidents, and by reporting things to them, they can improve their data.
 - Nextdoor can be used to communicate about police experiences and when the police do a good job.
 - Neighbors should share information with each other about their neighborhood and work together to be vigilant.
- Thoughts about recommendations:
 - The CPC could make one or more recommendations to improve the police pay system. Issues include the difficulties recruiting officers, the flat pay scale with the lack of pay increases, and the need for incoming police cadets to purchase their own equipment.
 - The CPC could make a recommendation for more funding for new patrol cars.
 - The CPC could make recommendations about the judicial system and its role in the reduction of crime.

5. CPC Recommendations to APD and CABQ

Annie Onderdonk asked that meeting attendees continue making suggestions for recommendations to be made by the CPC.

CPC members discussed the two recommendations from the Northwest Area CPC. They determined that as it is already the middle of the legislative session, it is too late for discussion and action on these recommendations at this time.

CPC members discussed the need for additional communication between all CPCs. Annie Onderdonk stated that she would contact Celina Espinoza to request another coordination and brainstorming session between all of the CPCs. Jessie Lawrence said that she would contact the other CPC facilitation contract staff to share the Northeast CPC's annual report and request that all recommendations be shared via this staff.

Meeting participants discussed the work on the APD use of force policy. Constance Banuelos stated that she would attend the meeting of the Police Oversight Board Policy & Procedure Review Committee on February 16.

Penny Hoe stated that she would work on drafting a recommendation regarding the provision of equipment for APD cadets.

Dwight Drake stated that he would work on drafting a recommendation regarding the appropriation of annual funds for the purpose of police vehicle maintenance, repair, and replacement.

6. Northeast Area CPC Goals for 2016

There was no additional discussion of this topic.

7. Other Public Questions and Comments

Public questions and comments were welcomed throughout the meeting. There were no final questions or comments.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.