

**MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016  
6:30 PM  
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

In Attendance:

- Annie Onderdonk, Chair
- Lieutenant J. Burke
- Darlene Couchman
- Dwight Drake
- Officer Simon Drobik
- Celina Espinoza, APD Communications and Community Outreach Director
- Penny Hoe
- Sergeant Jennifer Perez
- Commander Randy Remiker
- Lieutenant Greg Weber
- Jessie Lawrence, CABQ Contract Facilitator

Approximately 38 members of the public were in attendance.

**1. Call to Order, Introduction, Guidelines, and Welcome to NE CPC (6:30 – 6:40)**

- Approval of Agenda: Voice Vote
- Approval of March 2016 Meeting Minutes: Voice Vote

Chairperson Annie Onderdonk called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. She reviewed guidelines for public comment.

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

Annie Onderdonk made a motion to approve the April 2016 meeting minutes as written. Darlene Couchman seconded. The motion passed by voice vote.

**2. Monthly Report of NE CPC Ad Hoc Committee: Janet Butts, Facilitator (6:40 – 6:50)**

Janet Butts presented information about the ad hoc committee, formed at the March 2016 NE CPC meeting. She stated that the purpose of the committee is to provide support, information, and guidance to block captains, neighborhood watches,

neighborhood associations, and individual neighbors. She distributed flyers with contact information. The first committee meeting will be at the end of May, and everyone interested is welcome to attend.

Annie Onderdonk stated that she and Janet Butts would be willing to speak to any neighborhood association about this effort, and anyone interested should contact them.

### 3. **Guest Speaker:** Taina Colon, APD Forward, ACLU (6:50 – 7:20)

Peggy Howell, a member of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico, shared information about the LWVCNM and their involvement as part of the coalition APD Forward. APD Forward's objectives include assuring that the City of Albuquerque dedicates adequate resources to fund necessary reforms and ensuring that the City of Albuquerque and APD are complying with the settlement agreement and taking real steps toward reform.

Taina Colon presented information about her role with the ACLU and APD Forward. She stated that these organizations are able to provide support and present information to the court regarding CPC concerns and community concerns about progress on the settlement agreement. She stated that APD Forward is here to monitor progress and be a voice for the community.

Meeting participants discussed concerns including the issue of required background checks for CPC members.

Annie Onderdonk stated that she would invite Dr. Ginger, the monitor, to speak to the CPC, in July if possible.

### 4. **Council Discussion of DOJ Training for CPC Members** (7:20 – 7:50)

CPC board members shared information about the two-Saturday training presented by the DOJ. Penny Hoe presented the "homework" steps that members of different CPCs are working on with a June deadline. She also discussed the NE CPC's need to recruit new members soon and encouraged meeting participants to apply.

Celina Espinoza stated that she would assist with an email to all block captains or ask about paper mailings.

Meeting participants discussed how to recruit new members and expressed frustration with the lack of involvement and support from the City of Albuquerque.

## **5. APD Crime Stats and Questions From the Public (7:50 – 8:30)**

Lieutenant Burke presented statistics on changes in crime levels between March and April. Cold weather crimes like auto warm-up thefts decreased, but residential burglaries increased. APD officers encouraged residents to pay attention to open windows and doors and make themselves harder targets.

Members of the public asked questions about various issues. Meeting participants discussed APD policy development and how to get more community input. Celina Espinoza stated that she could share information about the input on the lapel-camera policy from APD Forward and the comments that were and were not accepted. Ed Harness, CPOA Executive Director, stated that the public is welcome to attend Police Oversight Board policy committee meetings and submit comments.

Annie Onderdonk invited anyone with suggestions for CPC recommendations to write them down and share them with CPC board members.

## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.