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Southeast Area Command Community Policing Council

Minutes

Thursday, July 20, 2017: 6:00pm – 7:50 pm

Cesar Chavez Community Center – 7505 Kathryn SE, Albuquerque, NM

- 1. The Council meeting convened at 6:06 p.m. Those present introduced themselves:**
 - a. Six (6) SEACPC voting members were present: Ron Halbgewachs (Chair), Todd Kersting, Mike Kruchoski (Secretary), Amir Chapel, Caroline Monie, and Frank Ernst. Four (4) voting members were excused: Tom O’Connell (Vice Chair), Paula Metzner, Gary Peterson, and Jeffrey Archuleta.**
 - b. Seven (7) APD officers were present: Lt. Paul Duran, Sgt. Roger Legendre, Sgt. Diane Dosal, Officer Jeffrey Bludworth, Officer Lawrence Casias, Officer Johnny R.Garcia, and Nicole Chavez-Lucero.**
 - c. Fourteen (14) community members attended: Jarvis Boykin, Kathy Isquibel-Baca, Torild Kristiansen (LWVCNM), D. Thiers, C.T. Fisher, Diane McCash, Dave Hancock, Helen Petropoulos, Pat Wheeler, Jean Silesky, George Jones, Dee Whitfield, Jim Hansen, and Sandra Perea.**
- 2. Ron Halbgewachs (Chair) called the Council meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.**
- 3. A quorum was present: Six (6) of ten (10) voting members (see above) were in attendance.**
- 4. The Council reviewed the proposed agenda. Amir Chapel moved that Item 12, CPC Strategic Plan Proposal, be deferred due to Gary Peterson’s absence; it was moved to the agenda for August. Frank Ernst moved that the agenda be approved; Caroline Monie seconded. Council members approved the motion unanimously by acclamation.**
- 5. Mike Kruchoski presented the minutes for April and May; minutes for June were still in work. Todd Kersting moved that the April minutes be approved, with minor corrections; Frank Ernst seconded. The Council unanimously approved the April meeting minutes. Amir Chapel moved that the May minutes be approved, with a minor correction; Todd Kerstin seconded. The Council unanimously approved the May minutes. Ron Halbgewachs noted that approved minutes will be posted on the APD website.**

6. Public Comments, Questions, and Responses:

- a. **Question: What is the current APD policy regarding requests for refugees' and immigrants' green cards during routine traffic stops? If requests are supposed to be limited to extenuating circumstances, might there be a training problem to be addressed in the SE Area Command? Answer: Yes, requests for green cards should not be routine. Sgt. Dosal asked for additional information after the meeting so she can address it with the officer(s) involved.**
 - b. **Sgt. Dosal invited community members to provide additional information about their specific concerns (including contact info) after Council meetings so she can follow up on matters too detailed for the two-minute limit on questions and comments. Frank Ernst noted that these issues might also warrant extended discussions that could be added to the agenda for future meetings.**
 - c. **Question(s): Why are requests for additional Ride-Alongs denied? How can citizens evaluate the effectiveness of revised SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) if additional Ride-Alongs are not approved? Answer: Ron Halbgewachs will follow up on this and it can be discussed at a future meeting.**
 - d. **Question: Do the officers present (at the CPC meeting) feel they have an avenue for open dialogue with the City Administration and Police Chief? Answer: The Chief has an 'open door' policy and he has honored it when personal meetings are requested.**
 - e. **Question: Is the CPC aware of the Police Oversight Board effort to change the City ordinance to get subpoena power? Answer: No. Ron Halbgewachs requested an electronic copy of the proposal.**
 - f. **Comment: Some officers at the Citizen Police Academy are dismissive of the DOJ findings and reform requirements, suggesting that only minor changes are needed in documenting officer-involved shootings.**
 - g. **Comment: The CABQ website doesn't show any recommendations submitted by the SE CPC.**
- 7. Ride-Along Reports: None this month.**
- 8. Monthly Crime Statistics Report: Sgt. Dosal will send the report by email in order to provide more time for the presentation about the PACT (Police and Community Together) team.**
- 9. Presentation: Sgt. Legendre and Lt. Duran discussed the goals of the PACT initiative.**
- a. **PACT's main goal is to strengthen the community's trust in APD by meeting with organizations such as the neighborhood associations to address their needs.**
 - b. **Because the school resource officer force has dwindled, PACT will meet with school principals to engage with students.**

- c. PACT meets with various ethnic leaders at diversity workshops to understand their concerns and perspectives.
 - d. PACT also meets with businesses in the SE Area Command to promote problem solving to improve safety
 - e. The unit doesn't currently have a direct phone line. Email is the best means of contact: rlegendre@cabq.gov.
 - f. PACT coordinates with the Safe City Strike Force (Angelo Metzner) to address problem properties that attract homeless citizens or criminal activity.
 - g. Frank Ernst suggested that a future CPC meeting discuss strategies for dealing with the migrating nature of crime problems.
- 10. Proposed Guidelines for SE CPC:**
- a. Paragraph IV.D: Recommend retaining the requirement that CABQ provide a facilitator for administrative support to the CPCs.
 - b. Paragraph IV.E: Recommend retaining the 90-minute minimum time for CPC meetings, with a 30-minute period set aside for public comments and input. Amir Chapel noted that the CPC needs to maintain a balance between presentations, public input, and other necessary CPC business. There needs to be more structure, with enforced time limits, in order to accomplish the CPC mission. (There was an extended discussion about ways to improve CPC effectiveness, including possible committee meetings between the monthly Council meetings.) Public comments will be moved to the end of the meeting.
 - c. Paragraph V.C: Recommend retaining the requirement that CPC voting members not have been convicted or received a deferred sentence for a felony crime. Celina Espinosa will send clarification about the nature of prohibited offenses and how recent they could be.
 - d. Paragraph XII.C: Recommend requiring in-person attendance at CPC meetings and prohibiting participation by telephone or other means. Mike Kruchoski moved that this restriction be struck from the guidelines; Amir Chapel seconded. The motion was not approved; Council voted to retain the requirement as written by a 3-to-3 tie vote.
 - e. Paragraph XXI.C: Language was modified to require both a quorum and majority vote.
 - f. Frank Ernst moved that the Guidelines be approved as discussed (above); Caroline Monie seconded. The motion was not approved with a 3-to-3 tie vote.
- 11. New Recommendation – Police Academy Remedial Training:**
- a. Recommend that APD Police Academy develop a program of remedial assistance to applicants and cadets who are “close” to meeting the requirements for admission or graduation, respectively.
 - b. Mike Kruchoski moved for approval of the recommendation; Frank Ernst seconded. The recommendation was rejected on a 2-to-4 vote.

12. Chair Ron Halbgewachs adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Upcoming meetings: August 17, September 21