



CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTHWEST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
6:00 PM
Patrick Baca Library
8081 Central NW
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

In Attendance:

- Michael Zocholl, Chair
- Don Burns – Vice Chair
- Jan LaPitz – Voting Member
- Larry LaPitz - Voting Member
- John Russo - Voting Member
- Chris Sylvan, CPC Manager
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin

Approximately 3 members from the community were present at the meeting.

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Michael Zocholl, Chair at 6:03pm

Roll call & Introductions

The attendees at the meeting introduced themselves to the group.

Approval of April agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda motion was seconded and agenda was approved with the amendment to reorder new applications to the end.

Approval of March minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Crime Update - APD

Normally there is a presence from APD however they were not able to attend but did provide the following updates:

They are working on bike units and starting a new operational plan to focus on parks in the SW area command to focus on when kids get out of school and to keep the parks safe for kids for summer.

Summer camps for children at Valley High school will be free but they are only accepting 40 kids, application is on the website.

As of March of 2018 vs same time last year in the Southwest area command:

Residential burglaries are down, commercial is up, auto burglary down, auto theft down, stolen vehicles down, commercial robbery down, carjacking is up. Disturbance calls and central project are down, suspicious person calls are also down.

Larry and Jan LaPitz had a vehicle casing their house that they saw on their Ring camera, they called 242-COPs and a unit was there within 10 minutes. If you see something, be sure to say something.

Larry LaPitz found out that Jennifer Perez's position as a PACT lieutenant is going away, the lieutenants are going away however PACT will still remain, the program is being restructured. Jen Perez wants to stay in the Southeast Area command and will bid to stay in the area.

Old Business

No old business to discuss

New business:

A. Summary of Quarterly Summit

All of the Chairs gather quarterly to answer questions with Dr. Rickman and Dr. Ginger, the monitor of the DOJ. This time the Chief and Mayor were there and it was the CPC's opportunity to ask them what their commitment is to the CPC's.

One idea that was mentioned is to rename and rebrand the committees so that they are clearer; Council is still looking into the idea. For the purpose of the general public, it would be appropriate to spell out any acronym. Another item discussed is that the Mayor asked us to be patient; they have restructured APD to make the department less top heavy.

The city is looking at other means to gain more attendance at the CPC's the Mayor does support the CPC's they are looking at different things such as getting the word out, interpreters, and making child care available. If an interpreter is needed, contact the CPC Chair or CPC Manager. It is recommended that this be added to the website for the CPC's and to have Vanessa Baca put it out in the neighborhood newsletters, nextdoor.com, Facebook etc.

Michael Zocholl thinks that we are underutilizing public service announcements throughout the media.

B. Term Limits (Michael, Jan Larry)

The three members listed above have their term limits coming up. At the training it was discussed that term limits are the choice of the individual CPC. Guidelines do allow for an additional year to be added. Guidelines can be updated to add that student voting members

under the age of 18 will only need to commit to a one-year term. The term dates are not set in stone and were written to be more flexible. It was recommended by Chris Sylvan to look at the 5-year term limit.

C. New Voting Board Members

The Board has reviewed new applications to the SWCPC, no applicant was present at the meeting and will be discussed at the executive session at the end of the meeting.

D. Resubmit Proposals

It was realized that the recommendations that were previously submitted are not in process any longer. The Chief encouraged the CPC's to revisit any and all proposals to be resubmitted.

Michael Zocholl suggests that all recommendations be retyped and resubmitted. The board would like to have Deputy Chief Banez come to a meeting to help review the recommendations and see which should be submitted.

Are there issues here in the Southwest that the council can address specifically to the area command?

Another issue is the communication amongst the Chairs. Jan LaPitz suggested that we bring back the summits and that the chairs meet prior to the summit, possibly a half-hour before the summit meeting. The Board thinks that the suggestion is a great idea.

This will also help the Chairs to discuss any recommendations that they have in order to find out if there are any similarities.

It was decided that the board would like to meet with Deputy Chief Medina, as he is the Deputy Chief for the area commands to get some input, guidance and feedback on recommendations. Michael Zocholl will forward the recommendations to Chris Sylvan as well so that he can take a look at them and see if any are obsolete or already in motion.

E. Speaker Topics

Jan LaPitz submitted a list to the board, next month Sergeant Amanda Wild with Sex Crimes (Jan will reach out to her to confirm) and then in June maybe Deputy Chief Medina can come to go over proposals with the council, and then possibly an active shooter training for July or August and possibly the Pink Behind the Blue. The Mayor and Chief are also committed to attend all of the CPC's, Chris Sylvan will have to discuss this with the Mayor's office.

The board is also looking to bring in pertinent information that was gathered at the Citizens Police Academy (CPA.)

Once the use of force policy has been revised, APD would like to present to the CPC's as well.

Questions from the Community

People that get left out the most are the dispatchers that have to take several calls at times, they have to get kudos at times. How do we do that? Stand true for blue is going to the call centers, they have therapy dogs come in and this week is national appreciation week for dispatchers, they have special events all week.

Was anyone present at the court hearing with Judge Barak and what happened? Ed Harness, the largest issue before the court was the stipulation agreeing to set aside IMR8 which will not

be typical, it will be split up into two mini reports addressing the new administrations compliance plan. Also, amending the use of force policy to incorporate a 3 tier policy the transcript was distributed to all CPC's.

One attendee requested that the volume be increased during the meetings as she cannot hear.

What is the interaction going to be with the CPCs and Community Policing? Community policing is the standard by how we want APD to operate with the City, the CPCs aid in this process.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20

A closed-door executive meeting was held to review applications.