Foothills Area Command Community Policing Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Monday 7 December 2015  6:00pm – 7:50pm
Holiday Park Community Center
11710 Comanche Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111

1. Call to order—Carolyn Wilson, Chair

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.

2. Introductions of Members and Visitors

There were few visitors at this meeting. Edward Harness, Executive Director of the Civilian Police Oversight Agency was in attendance, as was Bill Slusson, the newly-appointed Executive Director of Administrative Support for APD.

3. Review/approval of agenda

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

4. Review/approval of minutes from November 2nd meeting

The Minutes were approved unanimously.

5. APD Communications—

a. “Snapshot” of Area activities

Copies of the November crime report from Foothills Area Command were distributed.

The problem of preventable crime continues; about 1/3 of vehicles stolen in November had the keys inside and were warming up. Similarly, almost half of residential and vehicular burglaries resulted from “unforced entries.”

Workshop Wednesdays at the Foothills will continue in 2016. At least one of these will be conducted by a Spanish-speaking volunteer for Spanish-speaking residents. These and other events are listed at www.FoothillsAreaCommand.com.

[In the future, these reports and any other documents presented during the meeting will be sent to all members and visitors on the cumulative sign-in sheet, shortly after the day of the meeting]

b. Reports from Celina Espinoza

Celina distributed a summary of the DOJ Monitor’s first report, summarizing what has been accomplished so far. She noted that the report covers only February 2014
to May 2015 (misdated as 2014 in the report already sent). Citizens have been unhappy, believing that little has happened. Celina noted that a lot has occurred since May of 2015. Public review meetings will be held starting in January 2016. The timeline calls for a staffing plan, only then to be followed by implementation.

She noted that complaints in any operation of APD are responded to; there is accountability in the department.

c. Presentation by Edward Harness

Mr Harness is the newly-appointed Executive Director of the Civilian Police Oversight Agency, overseeing compliance with complaints against APD under the DOJ Settlement Agreement. There is a staff of investigators and support staff. They review all Internal Affairs, Use of Force and Citizen complaints—at a rate of about 250 per year. In completed cases, there is a 150 day timeline from receipt of a complaint to imposition of discipline. He said that they hope to be able to mediate citizen complaints, which promises to create better dialogue between APD and citizens; such mediation is allowed by the collective bargaining agreement. See https://www.cabq.gov/cpoa

6. Recommendations

Vice-chair Brosveen being unable to attend the December meeting, there were no current recommendations under discussion.

Celina Espinoza distributed a CPC Recommendation process proposal, so that all six CPCs can follow the same procedure, with uniform expectations of review and action by APD.

7. Pulse of the Neighborhoods—reports from CPC members

Carolyn Wilson reported briefly on her ride-along and said it was very interesting and rewarding. She was able to assist in a shoplifting case, by noting that a suspect had changed her outfit while in the restroom.

8. Other business

a. Increasing membership in CPC

Council members were happy to receive the application, hear the nomination, and complete the unanimous election of Sabrina Slauson as first Youth member of the Council. A lifelong member of the Albuquerque community, she will bring the Teen point of view to the Council, from her own perspective as well as from outreach to her peers.

9. Set draft agenda items for next meeting

a. CPC Recommendation Process

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm

Next meeting:
Monday 4 January 2016 6-7:50 pm Holiday Park Community Center
The January meeting will be facilitated by David Gold, Facilitator of the Northwest CPC
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ATTENDEES
CPC Members:
Joseph Abbin
Douglas Brosveen, Vice-Chair (absent)
Dianne Layden
Sabrina Slauson, Youth Representative
Ryan Trujillo
Carolyn Wilson, Chair
Philip Crump, Facilitator

APD FAC representatives:
Cdr Shane Rodgers
Lt Eric Jordan
Lt Rob Middleton

APD Community Outreach:
Celina Espinoza

Visitors and Neighborhood representatives:
Bill Slauson, APD
Edward Harness, APD CPOA
Sabrina Slauson
Michael Brodbeck, APD officer
Tony Pirard
Cipriano Roybal

SUBMITTED:  READ AND APPROVED:

Philip Crump, Facilitator  Carolyn Wilson, Chair