

Board members present:

Mark Burton

David Barbour

Joe Abbie

Rod Kontny-Chair

Ralph Butler

Absent without excuse-Kathy Brown

19 members of the public

5 Board Members

5 APD Officers

1 Recorder

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

Introduction of Council, APD representatives and visitors

The council all introduced themselves and well as the community members at the meeting

- Stephen French from the NM Court of Appeals was introduced and he began to speak on his topic which was “Review of State Supreme Court Rules on Pre-Trial Detention.”
- Judge French told the Council and members of the audience that there were certain things that he was not allowed to comment on or give an opinion on if the matter was before the court
- Judge French told the audience that in November Election of 2016, voters in the state of New Mexico approved a change to the state constitution which granted the courts new authority to deny release on bail pending trial for dangerous defendants in felony cases while retaining the right to pretrial release for non-dangerous defendants who do not pose a flight risk. The vote was 616,903 for and 90,156 against.
- Judge French told the audience that there are 10 judges who sit on the Court of Appeals and he is one of them
- Judge French spoke about how at one time there were different bonding schedules for how much of fine a pre-trial suspect would have to pay and now a pre-trial release is based on a risk assessment
- The Supreme Court of New Mexico could change the rule on risk assessment
- Currently the 2nd Judicial Court has a risk assessment that is similar to the one in New Jersey

APD did the monthly crime report.

Questions were asked by the audience in attendance.

- Question was presented to Lt. Farris about why are the substation not open after 5pm because the member from the audience wanted to report an assault. Chair suggested that the attendee make a formal recommendation to the CPC Foothills Council
- **Abbin** asked about complaints against officers. CPOA Executive Director Ed Harness said that complaints are up 50%
- **Burton** said that the goals of the CPCS were not read at the beginning of the meeting and he read them

- **Abbin** told the audience that carrying pepper spray or a bright flashlight is one way to help deter crime
- **Kontny** said that in regarding all the auto thefts, one of the recommendation made by the Foothills CPC was “How to protect your assets” Kontny went on to suggest that there are things that we can do to help ourselves
- **Butler** suggested that the CPC should pair up with APD and work on better crime prevention steps.
- A member from the audience suggested putting together a PSA on recruiting for APD and crime prevention
- **Kontny** made the announcement about Cops and Coffee this Saturday from 9am to 11am

Meeting adjourned at 7:38