



Northeast Community Policing Council

Minutes

September 11, 2018

7521 Carmel Avenue NE

- 1. Call to order – Eric Olivas 6:32 pm**
Approximately 50 attended from the public, 4 APD
- 2. Introduction of Council, APD representative and Visitors**

Chairs present: Vicki Williams, Dorothy Woodward, Troy Taylor, Ane Romero, Cassandra Morrison and Brennen Williams

APD – Lieutenant Frick

City Council – Trudy Jones, Brad Winters and Diane Gibson

- 3. Review/amendment/approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda, second and approved.

- 4. Review/amendment/approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes, second and approved.

- 5. APD Presentation: Lt Frick**

- A month into bid, we have started assigning officers to block captains.
- If you are registers as a block captain or are interested get with me so we can go over the process.
- Over the past month there has been three hot spots in the city, Uptown area, Manual/ Carlisle and San Mateo/ Montgomery.
- We will be having some projects which will be targeting auto thefts and the homeless population.
- We use the S.A.R.A model to identify what the problem is.
- NE had 11 Use of Force incidents this month, it is down by 1%.
- Responded to over 100 calls a day.

Q: What was a helicopter doing around San Antonio and Wyoming?

A: I do not know the answer to why it was there. We use the sheriff helicopter a lot, it could have been used due to a call looking for someone or something.

Q: Is the block captain just for the NE?

A: No, it is city wide.

Comment: Excellent approach on targeting the problems.

6. Featured Speakers: Trudy Jones, Diane Gibson and Brad Winters

Question/Answers:

Q: How do you define community policing?

Winters – A: Getting public involved, having neighborhood activity.

Gibson – A: It's something we will always going to be scribing for, to become more into our environment, not just with the police but with businesses.

Jones – A: I believe it is what we all want to see, we want to see more face to face with the officers, not just in these meetings but in the public. It is getting to see officers as normal people and the officers seeing us as not the enemy.

Q: What's your general feeling on the community policing council that have been on for 4 year and how would you feel about supporting an ordinance that would define community policing council and that would allow them to continue?

Gibson - A: I have seen a lot of positivity at a lot of these, it is necessary. It is one of the best things we have done as a city. It is critical to get as much as people we can to get involved, we would like any type of participation.

Jones - A: I support the ordinance depending on how it sounds, the CPC have worked great on some areas and not so much on some. It takes a lot for the people who volunteer. If we were to pass this ordinance we would have to do some training and make sure we have rules and that it is done correctly.

Winters - : I've seen CPC grow and I think they are really important not just for communications but for policies. I would support an ordinance if all the CPC's are involved, wrote it and gave it to us, I would support it and carry it.

Q: How do you feel that civilians oversight is functioning in Albuquerque and what are your comments on whether they have improved or not?

Jones - A: I believe everything needs to be tweaked often and the council will be looking at some of the ordinances, just to make sure that it is working regularly. I believe it is a great idea and that it is needed. Whoever is willing to participate, it does affects the outcome of it.

Winters – A: It is not working the way it is supposed to. Four years ago we rewrote it and came up with an ordinance that was good, and that was a great process. I wanted to carry an amendment to the oversight board ordinance, but I had two councilors wanting it to change a couple of things, and it was decided we need to re look at what is working and what isn't working.

Gibson – A: A lot that has come out over the years has been sort of an experiment, it has been successful but everything changes. There is always going to be adjustments, there will always be something new. I don't think it is a failure, I think it is growth and being the best we could be.

Q: It has been difficult recruiting officers: How do you think your job as city counselor think you can change that culture?

Winters - A: I know it is changing and we are planning to hire 100 officers every year. We are getting more money for the laterals and it has been working. We are seeing more officers being recruited, some may not be as qualified but it have seen a positive change. The city council cannot control the administration or the culture but we can provide public safety.

Gibson – A: As far as culture change, we went through two major changes and they were not fun. In December after we a new administration, there was a difference. If you want to know more about culture, you can talk to the mayor's office.

Jones – A: We do the best we can and we go for the highest platform. There have been successful changes in the APD and it has been difficult for some people to accept change. It takes time for people. We have a goal and a plan, whether we like it or not, we have to be in it, try to make it succeed or see how it can go.

Q: How can the group homes be better regulated in a way or allowed to exist that it is positive for the neighborhoods?

Gibson - A: I have not been to that neighborhood but I can tell you we have staff looking into this. I cannot tell you that I haven't had complaints, I am more worried of the people living in these group homes more than I am from the neighborhoods I hear from. Will speak about some solutions but there isn't anything we can do about.

Jones – A: Nobody wants group homes near their home. It has been cited that it will be shut down because they are in violation with the code, but that is all we can do. There are rules that we must uphold and obey. What we can do is make sure are legislation is strong, that laws are enforced and also have the citizens tell us and help us with these issues.

Winters – A: Federally they can be there but they have to follow the law. If there is code enforcement issues and a lot of police calls, then we can do something about it but only if they break the law.

Q: How do you feel about this ordinance on pawn shops?

Jones - A: This is a very controversial issue, there are numerous businesses that are called pawn shops or say they are. There is a law, people need to obey it and they have to follow the requirements. I am cautious with this legislation.

Gibson – A: This is my bill and I worked on it for a year and half, it is going to take longer for it to go out. I agree with Councilor Jones, people will break the law. I called the APD, spoke with Chief Garcia, and asked, “What can I do?” and they all said that “the pawn bill has not been updated in decades.” I can go on about this for hours but I believe some pawn shops are doing the right thing and will continue doing the right thing.

Winters – A: There is an issue with stolen material being sold at a pawn shop. I agree with some of the pawn shop people are saying, we cannot single them out. It is a problem and Counselor Gibson will be doing something great with the ordinance.

Q: What can we do about the pan handling ordinance?

Jones - A: APD signed an agreement that we would not enforce until after we go to court. I would hope we go to trial by the end of the year and will enforce it. If it is over turned? There is not much we can do after that due to civil rights. But the best thing we can do is if does not pass, we have to help get the people off the streets. We have to find a way to bring services and help the people who want and can be helped.

Winters – A: I support this ordinance and we do have to see what happens, we have been working on the mental health issue for many years and have done studies. We started to get things done and it moved forward, I think finally the Mayor is not waiting for the County and has started to see what we can do in regards to the housing and homeless and hopefully we can see some changes.

Gibson – A: I also supported this, what we can do is continues putting more efforts on projects and helping the homeless. We need many different options moving forward, we have funded housing to help people get off the streets.

Q: Is there a reason that they don’t keep the shelter open all year long?

A: I believe it was due to economic issues, the Mayor has committed to opening it yearlong as well as other services.

Q: Do you think the POB should review internal affair or officers files that are about to be terminated?

Ed Harness - CPOA has the ability to review any internal affairs file.

Jones – A: It is one of those that it depends on what the issues is, just because there is a lot of questions on why they would have to review the files.

7. Other Business

- There will be a free community Behavioral Health training on September 25th at 6:00 pm at Wells Park Community Center. (Get with Ane Romero for more information)

Next meeting is October 9th - Metro Court Judges will be speaking.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm