



*CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE*

MEETING MINUTES  
NORTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, February 13, 2018  
6:30 PM  
NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER  
CLASSROOM 5  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

**Voting Members Present:**

- Bettina Eklund\*
- Dorothy Woodward
- Tom Ehrhorn, Secretary
- Eric Olivas, Chair
- Brennan Williams, Vice Chair
- Troy Taylor
- Ane Romero\*

**Voting Members Excused:**

- None

**Voting Members Absent:**

None

**APD Personnel Present:**

- Acting Commander Joseph Burke
- Chris Sylvan, Community Policing Council Manager
- Yvette Marentes, CPC Admin.

\* Arrived late.

There were approximately 33 members of the public in attendance along with 6 other APD Officers/Sergeants/Lieutenants

**6:32 Call to order/Welcome - Eric Olivas**

Eric Olivas welcomed all those in attendance and reminded those who wish to be informed of CPC business to sign up for the CPC email list. Eric introduced Sharanne Press, Northeast Area Command Crime Prevention Specialist. Eric announced that the pawn shop ordinance that was supposed to have been heard the previous evening has been deferred and he will check into the status of this ordinance.

**6:35 Old Business:**

### **Consideration of agenda and January 2017 meeting minutes.**

- Motion was made to approve the agenda and the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved.

### **6:40 New Business:**

#### **Consideration of 2017 Annual Report (Brennan Williams) and Revision of Guidelines (Eric Olivas)**

- Brennan Williams went through the 2017 annual report and gave a summary of the report. Eric Olivas would like to amend the annual report to include the recommendations that were passed last year. Motion was made to approve the annual report, seconded and the annual report was approved pending the revisions.
- Guidelines, the CPC operating document has also been amended, it is a living document and has changed several times. Motion was made to approve the guidelines, seconded and approved. The updated guidelines will be added to the CPC website soon.

### **6:50 Report from APD on Crime and Crime Prevention in the NEAC – Acting Cmdr. Joe Burke**

- Acting Commander Burke discussed the pedestrian safety ordinance, the ordinance is in place for pedestrian safety and to target unsafe behavior. Property crime is still an issue but it is decreasing a bit due to the proactive police activity and Chief Geier encouraging officers to get back out on the streets. The tactical unit is now under field services bureau which will help with the need for more officers out on the streets. Crime initiative is still out there and is producing positive results. To follow up with a previous CPC recommendation, the northeast has 4 brand new bikes that will allow officers to be out on bike patrol.
- The tactical plan that was out in the southeast targets areas that are known to house stolen vehicles, they made 22 felony arrests (all repeat offenders) in a two week period and recovered around 21 vehicles. These tactical plans have residual effects all over the city.
- Commander Burke went around the room and answered questions from the public.
- It is a breath of fresh air to have resources at our disposal and to have the support that they now have. This was due to the new administration making crime a priority.

The Northeast CPC board is looking forward to working with the police oversight board a lot more as well as working with the new CPC manager and the public.

Ed Harness spoke to the group as well and let everyone know that the next CPC summit will be March 14th at 6pm and Mayor Keller; CASA Monitor Dr. James Ginger; and Associate Monitor Stephen Rickman are expected to be in attendance.

### **7:05 Re-submit Recommendations (Eric Olivas) and Outreach (Ane Romero)**

#### **Re-submit recommendations:**

- There has been some input from some other area commands, resubmitting recommendations will be tabled until the next meeting.

#### **Outreach:**

- One of the goals for the CPC is to try and recruit a youth member from either high school or early college to gain new perspective, and to try and create sub committees for the

CPC's. Ane Romero was not present at this point in the meeting, the topic will be revisited next month.

**7:15 Consideration of Applicants: Vicki Williams and Cassandra Morrison (Eric Olivas)**

- Both applicants have met with the board, have interviewed and are qualified according to the board. A motion was made to approve the applicants to the council, the motions were seconded and the applicants were approved to sit on the board pending completion of a background check and a ride-along. The applicants introduced themselves to the group.

**7:20 Guest Speaker:**

Maria Martinez Sanchez - Staff Attorney ACLU

Maria Martinez Sanchez spoke to the group and spoke about the recent ordinance regarding panhandling in the city. The law went into effect in December and disallows solicitation on medians, entrance ramps, exit ramps and penalizes the driver for interacting with the pedestrian punishable by up to \$500 and 90 days in jail. The ordinance was based on a study conducted by UNM regarding pedestrian and vehicle safety. The city used this as justification for passing the ordinance. She discussed some of the plaintiffs' cases that she is representing over the effects of the ordinance. Last week the city agreed to forego enforcing the law pending the outcome of the lawsuit. APD has confirmed that the line officers have been informed but also that the law has yet to be enforced.

The board noted that they are in no way endorsing the lawsuit, Maria Sanchez is here to speak on this for informational purposes.

Maria Martinez Sanchez went around the room and answered questions from the public.

There was a discussion on services and the lack of services for the homeless or the mentally ill that are panhandling. There should be more adequate resources that should be available to help these people in our community.

**8:00 Adjourn**

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10