



Minutes of the Northwest Area Community Policing Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016

Northwest Area Command

Chairperson, Eric Jackson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Monday, July 11, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson Eric Jackson

Jill Greene

Lt. David Sedillo

Pete Gelabert

STAFF PRESENT:

Celina Espinoza, APD

Mr. David Gold, Facilitator, Office of Diversity and Human Rights

CITIZENS PRESENT:

12 Citizens attended.

Jill Greenes's motion to approve the June 14, 2016 minutes passed unanimously.

Chairperson Eric Jackson's motion to approve the agenda for July 11, 2016 passed unanimously.

Further revision of Guidelines

Chair Eric Jackson handed out copies of the revised guidelines. These are the results of several months work between all CPC's. They are currently in use. There will be a summit meeting July 25th Where they will be discussed.

Old Recommendation on PERA

Chair Eric Jackson discussed the previous recommendation on "Return to work" and PERA. Law changed in 2010 so officers could not return. It was claimed it was double dipping. The intent of the recommendation is to allow officers to return, until staffing levels are adequate.

The goal is to bring in the other CPCs. The Chief and council are behind this. There would be minimal training necessary which is an advantage.

The union has issues with the proposal. They feel it is a bandaid, that doesn't really fix staffing problems. The counter to that is we're looking at 1 ½ - 2 years to get people on the street. Retired officers have experience and can return to work. Hopefully the CPCs can show state there are a lot of people behind a proposal.

Chair Jackson will look at sponsors from last time to see who is organizing at state level. Coalition of sheriff's offices supported it last time. There are places you can't find a police chief. Hopefully it will be heard in a longer session.

The new NW Commander is John Sullivan.

There has been considerable homeless outreach. APD talks to the homeless and offers resources. Every month. Introduce to service providers. New Day on second and manual. 40 showers/each. Meals. Computer services. Housed in Family Advocacy Center. Crisis intervention unit. Yvette Garcia. Now out of NW command. Her Sgt. Unit since 2007. I've been there three years. Part of job is homeless outreach. Start at one end of I-40. I learn where there are hotshots. Many people don't want help. Food, housing. We are civilian. Take 40 hour CIT class. Area commanders are working around Sequoia area. Still offer resources. Maybe after three times they'll take us up on resources. The Mayor's offices offers work that pays cash. We provide resource cards that are handed out. Food banks, clothing banks, provide officers with these. City of Alb provided with Federal money.

Post on Nextdoor neighbor. at property crimes. Nears Coors and Montano. Many car thefts. Is this on agenda for APD. Might be changes.

There are still many auto thefts. Lots of people are leaving valuables and cars warming up. We are starting a new campaign. Remove your belongings and lock your cars. We are continuing to work on this issue. Thieves are taking these car parts to Mexico. We urge people to participate in our Community VIN Etchings program where we mark on windows of cars. It makes it hard to sell to chop shops. Call 311 for info.

Some criminals were soliciting and checking out houses. We urged people to call 242-COPS. This netted 4 kids.

National Night Out

Tuesday August 2. Chance to meet neighbors. Helps with people if you want to prevent crime or issues. Associations that are interested call 311. July 28th deadline. Commanders will get list of associations. No permit is needed.

Use of Force Presentation

Members discussed possible presentations. These included Use of Force with Major Jessica Tyler. Crisis is Lt. St. Ongh. They could do this as two topics, in September and October.

August Meeting

August meetings for all CPCs will have city-wide settlement briefing comments and a DOJ update with the independent monitor.

Councilors' Neighborhood Services

A new office opening up to provide neighborhood services. It will be overseen by the City Council and will help CPCs.

Visit NH Groups

We need to visit more groups. We are waiting for logo. Todd is working on logo. Has two logos. Maybe put it on social media, add some hype.

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Car Theft

Attendees discussed car theft and the value of etching.

Cottonwood Mall

Attendee discussed the lack of security cameras at mall. It is the largest mall in state but has no surveillance in parking lots or mall, Only guys in golf carts going around.

Police have talked to the director of security. They bring it up to management company. Coronado had cameras since 9-11. It would help police.

Community needs to put pressure on management team ... before you wish you had it. Malls are great for thieves. Easy to go from car to car. It take three seconds with a glass breaker.

Some stores have camera. One person worked Cottonwood 15 years ago. They lost security cameras, but they were active. The Realtime Crime Center could tap in. It would be beneficial to APD, and could help solving crimes.

311 Questions

One attendee said she registered for National Night out. She called operator and they couldn't tell me where information is going. She put her on hold. 311 doesn't always have information, especially if it's not on website.

Ed Harness CPOA Report

Ed Harness is the CPOA Executive Director. The next quarterly CPC summit is July 25, Plaza del Sol. There will be a teleconference to Mr. Rickman and an opportunity to go over council reports and guidelines.

POB has monthly meeting this Thursday and will review an old officer involved shooting. Some cases date back to 2011. Criminal cases go to the DA.

Judge Brack, CPCs, POB, POA, can address the court as part of settlement agreement. Open court July 28th 1PM. Monitors, city, union, amici. POB will address concerns about policy design and formation system that APD put in place, that it can't deliberate as a body. There is concern about a serious use of force policy. APD wants a 7 day review period but the board cannot adequately review in 7 days. We believe that since POB, POA, was excluded from collective bargaining agreement with union, we don't have to follow union guidelines. Currently it is 30 days. The Monitoring team is not satisfied. The system should be 9 members of POB review.

National Association Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement is having a conference end of September. Volunteers get free admission for that day.

Monitors report kind to POB and POA. We are proud

WSCONA

Jerry Whorly of the WestSide Coalition of Neighborhood Associations urged people to join. He pointed to the value of knowing your neighbors. Meetings are 1st Wed of month. 6:30 coffee. 7PM Taylor Ranch. CC.

It was noted that CPCs have different mission than NHAs. DOJ has laid out what the purpose is. There is concern from DOJ is that CPCs don't turn into NA.

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There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairperson Eric Jackson reminded everyone of the Regular Meeting of the Council on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Don Newton Community Center. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED:

READ AND APPROVED:

Mr. David Gold
Secretary to the Board

Mr. Eric Jackson
Chairperson of the Board