

SE Area Community Policing Council

Meeting Minutes 4/21/16

Called to Order at 6:03pm

Introductions by Ron and introductions around the room.

At the March meeting we met with the Valley CPC as Mr. Ginger would be speaking there.

2 citizens attended and have been attending the CPCs throughout the City. Ron directed them to CAPQ.gov to learn more about the CPCs and to apply if they are interested.

Determination of a Quorum: only 3 voting members are here, no quorum to make a vote at this meeting. We have requested 3 police officers to always attend the meetings to help with the quorum so we have the ability to vote. A rotation of officers would be a nice option as long as there is a briefing of those officers to bring them up to speed and brief them on the minutes as they will be expected to vote as full members. In the CPC Council we've decided the officers will have equal vote and we want to continue this.

Open to public comment. Question from the public about finding information about CPCs on the website, it was hard for them to find the information about the meeting and other documents.

So far 6 resolutions have been produced by this CPC based on our ride-alongs and research and have been submitted to Chief Gordon Eden.

- Question from the public on when these were submitted: these were submitted last year between 6 and 12 months ago.
- Specific examples of our recommendations were shared with the community members.
- There are a number of ways Chief Eden could respond to our recommendations and we are going to ensure those recommendations get seen by the Chief and use the Community Police Oversight Agency to help us expedite a response back on those recommendations.

As part of being a CPC member, we agreed to do ride-alongs and attend the Citizens Police Academy. There has been a process to define a course specific for CPCs and modify it to a shorter time span.

- There was concern that a mandatory 12 week course really limits the type of member who can be eligible for the CPCs. This is a significant time commitment that most people who have jobs, children, school, etc cannot meet.

There will be two optional training classes for helping CPCs understand their roles and it will be video-taped in case people cannot attend. The classes are April 16th and April 23rd (9:30-3:30) and there may be a make-up session.

Monthly Crime Report from SE Area Command: there was no report today from the officer in attendance however, Celina shared some tips and best practices based on recent crime events.

- Public Comment: there have been more police on horseback which is a benefit to our community because it shows a more friendly and approachable manner.

- Bicycle officers are also noted to be a positive aspect in the communities and there should be more. The community urged us to create a resolution around that.

APD Use of Force Topic will be postponed until next meeting. Celina handed out copies of the Use of Force Policy. Can be found on CABQ.gov Ron asked everyone to read through the policy and to bring feedback so we can make any suggestions. These policies are review every 6 months for changes and the CPOA is the one who can relay those changes.

Public Comment: There is lots of confusion on all the bodies/committees/councils involved i.e. Community Police Councils, Citizens Police Oversight Agency (CPOA), they review policy/procedures, complaints on officers), and a subcommittee of the CPOA. There is concern that CABQ and APD is not involved in these. Celina explained the difference and that CABQ is intended not to be involved.

Ron attended the CPOA meeting and learned more about how to use the CPOA to get our resolutions seen by the Chief. Our previous Chair submitted the resolutions and we are unclear where they were submitted to and when so Ron as the new Chair will follow up and make sure these are officially submitted.

Question: Should officers be allowed to take fleet vehicles home? There was one example of more crime happening in neighborhoods when officers cars was not parked in the drive then the burglars knew that was a clear sign to break in. There would be a burden on officers if they had to spend the time before shift to get their vehicles from the public. Public Comment: Felt it was important that officers have their vehicles and they spend their time more effectively by having their vehicles with them.

Ron and Cassandra attended the recent Quarterly meeting with the other Councils last month to better understand the role of the CPCs and what the other CPCs are doing. We learned that it's important to have diversity on the CPCs and that all areas and types of people in our community need to be represented especially the poor and underprivileged. These meetings need to be more widely advertised to the community and there needs to be involvement from CABQ and from APD. There also is concern that background checks required for all CABQ boards is causing the CPCs to not have diverse representation of people who may not be able to be pass.

Cassandra discussed the importance of posting meeting minutes and agenda so the public is aware of what's going on and so the Monitor has access to put into the annual reports.

Celina is in the process of converting all Word documents to post PDFs and IT has worked on the site to get them ready for posting.

There are mixed messages that the CPCs are independent and the CABQ website is not a requirement to provide access to post items for the CPCs. Contrary to that there are CABQ rules like background checks that we have to abide by.

Question Public Comment: What is the status of advertising CPCs in water bills? Celina discussed this with the Water Authority and will be looking into advertising.

Ron has printed flyers that can be posted anywhere, we will be continually posting these in the community. Ron also posts the CPC meeting information on the website Next Door. Suggestion to include the entire year of CPC meetings on the flyers. Joe will also actively post on Next Door.

Agenda items were finished and we moved into a closed meeting to discuss the proposed new members. For the future we will not include their names on the agenda for privacy since the agenda is open and the candidates have not been voted on yet.

The CPC discussed the new members.

CPC also discussed the importance of having the police officers as the voting members to have a balanced CPC. There was some concern mentioned by Celina that the Monitor may not be in favor of that because the officers may sway the vote.

We move to reinstate Joe Gallegos as a member. We will adopt a process of voting in which we do blind voting on a sheet of paper.

We are tabling voting on Andrea Butler, Revanthi A-Davidson, and Todd Kersting until the next meeting so we can meet them on May 19th. Ron will reach out to them. Once we get the new members involved we will start back up again on writing more resolutions.

Facilitators get paid 4 hours by the city to attend CPCs, Celina is working to ensure we are getting the help we need from the facilitators and they are actively involved in helping the CPCs with minutes, agendas, and posting them onto the website.

The next meeting is May the 19th. Meeting Adjourned.