



**CREATING POSITIVE CHANGE**

**MEETING MINUTES  
SOUTHEAST AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL**

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:00 PM

CESAR CHAVEZ COMMUNITY CENTER  
7507 KATHRYN SE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

**SEACPC Board Members present: Frank Ernst (Vice-Chair), Michael Kruchoski (Secretary), Todd Kersting, Kathleen Burke, Ron Goldsmith, Thomas Dent, Zachary Quintero, Jeff Holland, Constantine Savas. (9)**

**Excused: Ron Halbgewachs, Andrew Deakayne, Paula Metzner, and Jeffrey Archuleta. (4)**

**APD Officers present: Angelo Metzgar, R. Carlson, and two other officers. (4)**

**Visitors were: James Lewis (CABQ Mayor's Office), Chris Sylvan (CPC Manager), Shania Gallegos (CPC Admin), Suzy Beg, Joan Seaher, Herb Crosby, Joan Davis, Sophia Tripaldi, John Sena, Robert Carlson, Joha Lanz, Mich and Diana Bakas, Torild Kristianson, Anita Armijo, Pat Wheeler, Rosemarie Baca, Anne and Bill Hass, Parisa Kermani, Marissa Elias, Erin Engelbrecht, Jannette Kaylorq, Andres Valdez, C W Book, Donna Strong, Linda Danoarc, Charlie Bennett, John Gabaldon, Linsey Gabaldon and a few others with unreadable names. (37)**

**A total of 50 persons attended the meeting.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by Frank Ernst, Vice-Chair.

Introduction of Council Members and visitors One visitor lambasted Frank over an e-mail he had sent to a person who was sending nasty e-mails about our speakers, the Mayor, the Police Chief, a City Council Member and others and Frank had sent him an e-mail asking him not to come to our meeting as the Council would not tolerate anyone disrespecting our speakers. This visitor demanded that Frank be kicked off the Council immediately because of this.

Frank explained to everyone the background on these nasty e-mails and why he asked the person not to come to the meeting and disrupt it. Kathleen Burke addressed the citizen and agreed that his complaint warranted attention. She asked the citizen if he would be amenable to her discussing the topic of Frank's letter with Chair Halbgewachs upon the Chair's return to Albuquerque, and then reporting back to him, the citizen, the results of that discussion. The citizen agreed to said arrangement.

Approval of Agenda The motion to approve the agenda was passed after the announcement that Judge Alisa Hadfield-Hart would not be attending as scheduled.

Jeff Holland explained that there had been a posting on Facebook calling for a protest against her and that he advised her to come speak at a future meeting.

Approval of April Minutes The motion to approve the April Minutes was made by Council member Zachary Quintaro, seconded by Michael Kruchoski and passed by the Council.

#### Presentation/Discussion

Chris Sylvan CPC Manager stated the CABQ is searching for a new Police Chief.

- I. Mayor Keller wants the publics' thoughts on the search for a new Chief. Everyone is welcome to either fill out the form here at the CPC meeting or go online at cabq.gov search for community feedback and fill it out there.
  - A. What do you think the top priorities of the Police Chief should be?
    1. Ernst-APD is understaffed and needs more officers. Morale is also very important. He has noticed that morale under the new administration and interim Chief Geier has improved compared to the last administration and there has been greater cooperation with the DOJ.
    2. Burke thinks that it is important for the Chief to have experience with the level of crime Albuquerque has.
    3. Quintero thinks they should bring diversity to the force and meet more with the community.
    4. There were a few civilians who spoke out in agreement of keeping Chief Geier instead of hiring someone new who was unfamiliar with ABQ and the problems it faces.

#### Presentation/Featured Speaker

Jeff Holland - Executive Director for Endorphin Power Co.

- I. Endorphin Power Co. is a non-profit that offers assistance to those dealing with substance abuse and homelessness.
  - A. It is NOT a halfway house and is non-denominational; it is open to all members of the community.
  - B. The Four Pillars of the program are: Education, Exercise, Community and Service to others.
- II. The program was started by an ER doctor who noticed how overcrowded it was and wanted to provide people who are addicts and homeless with a

place they could get some medical help, detox and hopefully turn their lives around.

- III. The Endorphin Power Co. is celebrating 11 years of existence and they are doing it without any type of government funding.

### Q & A Portion of Presentation

Q. What is the demand vs. the supply? (ex. The amount of available housing vs. the amount of applicants)

A. We take a lot of people who are on probation and parole. All applicants are screened rigorously and the residents of the center are the ones who vote on the acceptance of an applicant.

Q. Where are you located?

A. At. 509 Cardenas SE and everyone is welcome to come and take a tour.

Q. There is an overload of abandoned and vacant properties; would it help to acquire those?

A. We are approaching the banks about trying to buy the properties before they are too run down and derelict to be of use to anyone and end up on the auction block. Acquiring the apartments across from our location would make it easier to offer services.

Q. What is your success rate?

A. Success for us means engagement with the person past the time they stay here. They know that should they leave, they can always come back and ask for help.

Q. What does being engaged in the program mean, other than housing?

A. It means that a person has a stable support system even when they leave the program, that they are engaged in the community.

Q. What is the cost of operation?

A. We have a staff of 2, everyone else is a volunteer and it costs residents \$450 a month.

Q. Where do residents get the money to stay there?

A. We try to get a lot of donations and the residents get jobs.

IV. Women are underserved; we want to offer more services for women dealing with these types of issues.

- A. When a woman is homeless it is harder for her to get clean and sober. It is a little easier for a woman who is housed to get services compared to one who is homeless.

V. Volunteers are always welcome for any time and skills they wish to offer. Also new or gently used furnishings along with donations are greatly welcome. We are a 501C3 so all donations are tax deductible. Please give us a call at 268-3372 or come by any time for a tour or to volunteer.

### Ride along Report

No council members have a ride along to report but one visitor did observe APD and AFD engaged with the community. He also observed a traffic accident and a down and out person.

### Crime Report

Officer R. Carlson gave a summary of this month's crime report for the Southeast Area Command and how it compared to last month.

### Agenda for the next month's meeting

Council member Kathleen Burke is hoping to have the ACLU come and speak about Stingrays along with the topic of how the accounts are managed for the officers who are working overtime at Wal-Mart.

Before we adjourned, we went around the room and gave each person 2 minutes to ask questions or make statements.

One lady stated that her son has PTSD and she wouldn't let him come to our meeting and disrupt as he has done at some City Council meetings. She stated that she was grateful that the individual sending the hateful e-mails was asked by Frank not to come to this meeting and disrupt it. She further stated that by heading off a disruptive person made this meeting pleasurable for her and she plans to come our future meetings.

### Agenda items for next meeting

Review of SE Area CPC Recommendations

### Other Business

None

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Next meetings: June 21, July 19