**Southwest Area Command Community Policing Council**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

**6:00 p.m.**

**West Mesa Community Center**

**5500 Glenrio Rd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87121**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mary Salazar Tafoya, Terri McGuire-Gurule, David Vargas

**COUNCIL NOT PRESENT**: Lt. Michelle Gallegos, Ofc. Toby Gallegos

**GUEST**: Celina Espinoza- APD Communications/Community Outreach Director, Ron Kemp – Crime Intervention Specialist, Steve Rickman/Laura Kunard - DOJ

1. **Call to Order**

Mary Salazar Tafoya (Secretary), called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. (MST) on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

1. **Approval of agenda**

Terri McGuire-Gurule moved for motion to approve the meeting agenda, second by David Vargas. The motion passed unopposed.

1. **Approval of minutes**

The SW CPC October meeting was not held, therefore review/approval of minutes was by past.

**Roundtable introductions**

CPC members and meeting guest introduced themselves. Guest present included invited SW Neighborhood Association members

1. **APD Communication/Community Outreach** – Celina Espinoza
   1. Area activities
   2. Reports from Celina Espinoza
2. Celina Espinoza explained the process for submittal of CPC resolutions.
   * 1. Celina also informed the group of the community meeting to be held tomorrow. The meeting will allow for the ABQ community to meet with Dr. James Ginger (DOJ Monitor). The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Uptown at 6 pm.
3. **APD crime Prevention Specialist** – Ron Kemp
4. Ron Kemp gave a presentation on crime prevention and spoke about the “triangle of crime” which includes 1. Property 2. Motive (i.e. substance abuse) 3. Opportunity
   * 1. Example of property crime prevention include; alarm systems, rod iron, cutting/maintaining shrubs, locked gates, lighting and locking home windows & doors. In addition, neighborhood watches.
     2. Mr. Kemp also reminded community members about increased auto thefts during cold weather season due to running cars.
5. **DOJ Monitor – Steve Rickman/Laura Kunard**

Steve Rickman introduced himself and Laura Kunard and informed he group that the CPCs are the most viable part of the DOJ Agreement since the CPCs involve community policing.

Mr. Rickman asked the group for ideas/input. Some of the feedback included the following:

Loss of officers due to retirement; 242-COPS response times – more patrol officers on the streets; less military structure (change in attitude, treating community members with dignity/respect). The biggest concern for community members present was lack of support systems and collaboration for mental health issues.

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Another community member present added, in the wake of Ofc. Daniel Webster’s unfortunate death, the community came together to show support for APD, however, there should ongoing support/encouragement for APD officers

Laura Kunard has sat in on the Crime Intervention Trainings (CIT). By the end of the year, 100% of APD officers will have received CIT. In addition, Dr. Kunard has attended a presentation by UNMH physicians on the admissions process for individuals who are transported by APD.

APD is looking to have side-by-side Officer/Clinician responding to mental health issue calls.

1. **Old Business**

Celina Espinoza gave stipulations for new CPC member applicants.

1. **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

1. **Public Comment**

Public comment from invited guest included the following:

1. True definition of community policing - more foot/bike patrols. The recent Horse Mounted Unit tact plan in SW area was good, but may be better in Bosque the areas.
2. What are the laws for dark window tinting on cars? Most crime offenders seem to have dark tinting.
3. Response time to calls and number of officers on one scene (too many).
4. Concerns for police force after this year, due to more APD officers retiring.
5. Reward for officers for community policing involvement?

* Note – Celina & CPC members briefly discussed submitting a resolution for more bike patrols.

1. **Set draft agenda items for next meeting:**
2. Accept resignations
3. Re-organize CPC
4. **Adjournment**

David Vargas moved for motion to approve the meeting agenda, second by Terri McGuire-Gurule. The motion passed unopposed. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p .m.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at West Mesa Community Center

Drafted and submitted by Mary Salazar Tafoya, CPC Secretary