

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015**  
**10:00AM**  
**LOS DURANES COMMUNITY DENTER**  
**ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

Council members in attendance:

Maxine Cowton, Chair  
Jennifer Rhea  
Edwina Kiro  
Kathleen O'Malley  
James Souter  
Officer Carmelita Michaud  
Joan Wierzba  
Paul Watson  
Officer Jerome Armijo  
Richard Deichsel, Acting Secretary

Consultants:

Sgt. Teresa Bowie  
Lt. Art Sanchez

Resource Director:

Celina Espinoza, APD, Communications and Community Outreach Director

Community members:

There were 8 community members present - see attached sign in sheet

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02AM. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME:

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS: n/a

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES and AGENDA**

**a. OCTOBER 21, 2015 MINUTES**

*Note: Councilor Rhea requested a hard copy of the of the October minutes as she wasn't able to open the attachment. Nobody present had a hard copy to offer. Councilor Deichsel advised he would send Councilor Rhea a copy in a different format.*

**Motion: Councilor Rhea moved for approval of the October 21, 2015 meeting minutes: Councilor Watson seconded, and all Councilors approved.**

**b. NOVEMBER 18, 2015 MINUTES**

*Note: Councilor Rhea requested the Council remove the section referring to her removal from the Council in the November minutes. Discussion continued to strike the whole Call to Order section of the Closed Meeting.*

**Motion: Councilor Rhea moved for approval of the November 18, 2015 meeting minutes with the above addition: Councilor Watson seconded, and all Councilors approved by voice vote.**

**c. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2015 AGENDA**

**Motion: Councilor Rhea moved for Approval of the December 16, 2015 meeting agenda with the following changes: strike item 5c - Resolution of disciplinary action against a Council member, add item # 6. - Community Comments, and add item # 7. - Adjournment. Councilor Watson seconded, and all Councilors approved.**

**2. APD OFFICER'S REPORT**

*Note: Councilor Jim Souter passed out copies of the latest "Crime Analysis Command Briefing" which had been given to him at a group Neighborhoods Watch meeting. Consultant, Lt. Sanchez advised, these reports are not official statistics, and may not be accurate. He asked that these reports not be distributed*

to the community, and wanted all copies be returned to Councilor Souter. Lt. Sanchez also advised that each area command prepares monthly reports.

Director Celina Espinoza listed websites where crime statistics may be accessed. They are as follows:

Monthly Reports: [www.cabq.gov/police/publicreports/monthlyreports](http://www.cabq.gov/police/publicreports/monthlyreports)

Crime mapping: [www.cabq.gov/police/online-services/crime-mapping](http://www.cabq.gov/police/online-services/crime-mapping)

Valle Area Command website: [www.valleyareacommand.com](http://www.valleyareacommand.com)

DOJ Reports: [www.cabq.gov/police/departmentofjustice-doj-reports](http://www.cabq.gov/police/departmentofjustice-doj-reports)

C.P.O.A.: [www.cabq.gov/cpoa](http://www.cabq.gov/cpoa)

### 3. DISCUSSIONS RECOMMENED AT THE NOVEMBER 18, 2015 MEETING

#### a. Mission of the Community Policing Council – Tyson

Hummell – no discussion

#### b. DOJ Settlement Agreement – Councilor Kathleen O’Malley

APD Priorities – P.O.P. – Problem Oriented Policing

C.O.P. – Community Oriented Policing

Use of force reporting – Investigation initiated by APD, or a filed Complaint

Processed through Internal Affairs, Civilian Oversight Committee,  
(Civilian Accountability Board ?)

#### c. APD “Use of Force” reality based training concerns –

Councilor Richard Deichsel Through interviews with patrol officers, police academy officers and supervisors, it was determined there hasn’t been reality based training at APD in years. A Department dated December 11, 2015 requires forty hours of mandatory “Use of Force Training” for all sworn officers beginning January 2016, which reality based training is a component. Consultant Lt. Sanchez advised this type of training will continue on a regular basis.

### 4. NEW BUSINESS – none was discussed

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. Election of Officers/Request for Nominees - Councilor

Edwina Kiro

Current officers are not eligible for re-election and newly elected officers will serve for a term of one year. Nominees should be submitted at this meeting or by e-mail to Councilor Kiro. A printed ballot will be presented, then voting and tabulation of votes will take place at the January 20, 2016 meeting. The newlyelected officers will be announced and begin the responsibilities of their positions.

*Note: Councilor Paul Watson questioned if he would be eligible to be an officer because his background check was considered invalid. Director Espinoza stated she wasn’t sure that was the case.*

#### b. Councilor Jennifer Rhea requested a hard copy of the APD updated Standard Operating Procedures. Director Celina Espinoza advised she would send her a copy.

### 6. CIVILIAN COMMENT

Bill Kass: Expressed concerns about the lack of dialogue with Citizens, by the CPC and APD

1) Says Council is cutting off dialog with Citizens

2) The CPC is presenting information that is not available for Citizen access

3) “APD”s Public Safety Partnership” with the community. Doesn’t see this partnership exists

4) Collective bargaining is preventing investigations of officer action getting to the public Councilor Deichsel asked to extend meeting time to accommodate Citizen Comments. All Councilors agreed.

Tony Pirard: Suggested that the following be posted on the APD/CPC website

1) CPC meeting dates, times and locations

2) CPC agendas and minutes

3) Up to date information on Use of Force Policy

4) Crises Intervention Teams information

Anne Kass: Expressed a thanks and suggestion.

1) Thanked CPC for providing each Councilor’s name at their seat location for the meeting.

2) Change meeting time to evening for better community participation

**MOTION: Officer Michaud moved that Citizen Comments be limited to two minutes. Officer Armijo seconded, and after discussion to increase the time to five minutes, Officer Michaud amended her motion to a limit of five minutes, Officer Armijo seconded, and all Councilors approved.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: At 12:00 PM, Councilor Souter moved to adjourn, Officer Armijo seconded, and all Councilors approved.**

**Respectfully Submitted by:  
Richard Deichsel - Acting Secretary**