

MEETING MINUTES
VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
THURSDAY, April 29, 2016
LOS DURANES COMMUNITY CENTER
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Souter

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

II. COUNCILOR ROLL CALL: Chair Jim Souter

Present:

James Souter - Chair
Edwina Kiro – Vice Chair
Kathleen O'Malley
Jennifer Rhea
Paul Watson
Joan Wierzba
Officer John Burley
Maxine Cowton

Absent

Richard Deichsel - Secretary

Also Present:

Consultants:
Sgt. Terysa Bowie
Det. George Gabaldon

Resource Director:

Celina Espinoza, APD, Communications and Community Outreach Director

Facilitator:

David Gold

Community members present: See attached sign in sheet

III. APPROVAL OF March 17, 2016 MINUTES

Motion to approve the March, 2016 Minutes was seconded and approved by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Chairman Souter, seconded and approved by voice vote.

VI. OFFICIAL BUSINESS

A. Director and Committee reports

1. Chair Souter reviewed reports for the following areas
 - a. North Valley – Chair Jim Souter
 - b. Broadway – Paul Watson
 - c. Rio Grande – Kathleen O'Malley/Edwina Kiro
 - d. Downtown – Richard Deichsel
 - e. Historic – Maxine Cowton
 - f. Near North Valley – Joan Wierzba
 - g. Directions Committee – Jennifer Rhea

B. New Business

1. Discussion about CPC summit.
 - a. Chair Souter discussed the positive aspects of the summit.
 - b. CPCs at the summit agreed to take on the following tasks:
 - 1) NW will draw up universal guidelines.
 - 2) SW will work on website for CPCs.
 - 3) SE will work on logo reflecting diversity and the objectives.
 - 4) Valley will determine how recommendations are sought, processed and responded to.
 - c. Mr. Rickman will be back June 8th-10th.
2. Discussion about diversity on the panel
 - a. Panel members heard concerns from two attendees about what they viewed as a lack of diversity on the panel, especially with people of color.
 - b. The attendees attributed this to the misuse of background checks by the Barry administration. They stated this was used to keep activists and Hispanics off of CPCs.
 - c. Panel members stated that wished to encourage diversity on the panel.
 - d. In response Paul Watson made the following motion, that was seconded by ??? and approved unanimously:
The Valley CPC will send a letter to Mayor's office and Chief of Police asking how background checks will be used and if they are used in a consistent manner. We have reason to believe, based on statements of a former CPC member and consistent guest, that background checks have been used to discriminate against specific individuals, because of their ethnicity, or activism, because they have been critical. We want to be absolutely certain, that the background check process, is not being used to exclude anyone from being a

member of any CPC. We request a written response from Mayor Barry on this issue, which will be made public at a CPC meeting.

3. Discussion of swapping terms
 - a. Member Maxine Cowton explained that originally she drew a two-year term and Jim Souter drew a one year term. They agreed to switch.
 - b. She made a motion to ***allow the swap*** which was seconded, and unanimously approved.
4. Celina Espinoza report
 - a. Celina Espinoza spoke about community outreach. She is looking into putting a flyer in water bills and is meeting with the Public Information Officer.

V. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. Erica Wilson – Manager Emergency Call Center

- a. Manages 1.1 million calls to 242-COPS (600K) and 911 (375K).
- b. Explained concerns about using a cell phone as an emergency phone:
 - 1) The GPS is accurate to 100-300 meters
 - 2) Batteries can run out.
 - 3) Noted children and elderly might not be able to give address.
- c. Described upgrades to the system she is looking at for texts, and videos.
- d. Discussed the training operators receive.
- e. Questions from attendees included:
 - 1) How fire calls are transferred from police, also transfer between the City and Bernalillo County sheriffs.
 - 2) The number of non-emergency calls received and how to educate the public in the proper use of 911.
 - 3) How could Q/A be implemented.
 - 4) How and why information is transferred from an operator to a dispatcher.
 - 5) Retention and training.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:05 PM, and approved by voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Richard Deichsel - Secretary