

**MEETING MINUTES
VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2014
10:00 AM
LOS DURANES COMMUNITY CENTER
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

In Attendance:

- Maxine Cowton, Chair
- Officer Jerome Armijo
- Officer John Burley
- Benjamin "G.P." Lovato
- Officer Carmelita Michaud
- Dr. Kathleen O'Malley
- Jennifer Rhea
- Diane Grover, CABQ Contract Facilitator
- Ron Jones, Observer and non-voting substitute for Joan Wierzba

Unable to attend

- Joan Wierzba
- Sgt. Kenneth Johnston

1. Call to Order

Chair Maxine Cowton called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM, noting that a quorum was in attendance

2. Approval of November 21 meeting minutes

Meeting minutes of November 19 were approved with one additional item. Mr. Lovato moved for approval; Ms. Rhea seconded the motion and all approved.

3. Correspondence

The group agreed there was no need to discuss this.

4. Discussion of Chair conversation with Alan Armijo by Maxine Cowton

Dr. Kathleen O'Malley took over as chair while Ms. Cowton shared information she discussed with Mr. Alan Armijo on December 17, 2014. She explained that facilitator would record the meeting minutes and provide limited administrative responsibilities but can't make copies. APD will provide supplies. She informed us that Mr. Armijo stated that our procedures so far are acceptable and advised that we proceed with good intentions and best efforts to meet the goals.

Ms. Cowton relayed that Mr. Armijo stated that anyone interested in being on the Council must make application to the Mayor's office and submit the "Background waiver and release form" as soon as possible.

5. Approval of Agenda

Meeting agenda was approved by voice vote

6. Distribution of Information

Sgt. Johnston was to provide a map of the Valley Area Command (VAC) and a list of the neighborhood organizations within the VAC, however Sgt. Johnston could not attend this meeting. Ofcr. Burley brought the maps and distributed them to CPC members. He said he would remind Sgt. Johnston to bring the list of neighborhood organizations to the next meeting.

Ofcr. Burley stated that officers are assigned a beat. His primary responsibility is that beat however they can take calls in any beat within the area command or anywhere in the City and County if needed. They are cross-commissioned as Deputy Sheriffs as well.

Ofcr. Burley suggested CPC members expedite their background checks and do their ride-alongs.

Dr. O'Malley asked about the number of citizen complaints and Ms. Cowton brought up the list of information she understood from the guidelines that officers should supply at meetings. Members would like statistics and an idea of what kind of complaints is being received. Ofcr. Burley will check with his area commander and see what he is able to provide. He will also find out how members may be able to access Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

7. Approval of Resolution No. 2014- (1)

The group sees inconsistencies in the resolution and does not feel that they can approve it at this time. Ofcr. Armijo moved that we request that Alan Armijo attend the next meeting so this matter can be discussed. Dr. O'Malley seconded and this motion was approved by voice vote. Ms. Cowton will contact Mr. Armijo and request he attend our next meeting. Resolution has not yet been approved.

8. Old Business

Ms. Rhea suggested an internal secretary be appointed for the group. There was some discussion but no forward movement with this suggestion.

9. New Business

Mr. Lovato stated he has done 3 ride alongs to date: one on October 14, 2013, one on October 26, 2014, and one on November 29, 2014. Ms. Rhea moved to accept these ride alongs as required by the guidelines; Ofcr. Burley seconded and all approved by voice vote.

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) class was discussed. It was suggested folks talk to Ms. Moya. The January session has not yet been set up but priority will be given to CPC members to get into the class. It was strongly recommended that members take the CPA class prior to their ride alongs. Applications are now being taken and the application can be found on the web site. Council members should mention on the application that they are CPC members.

Mr. Lovato stated that he submitted an INRP to Reynaldo Chavez requesting information on the events of the ride along he took part in. He will forward the emails he sent to Ms. Cowton. He said that his ride along was intense and there was no time for questions. He said he would give Mr. Chavez until January 8 to provide the info.

The group discussed community members of this CPC needing substitutes for CPC meetings and how those substitutes would participate. The council was reminded of the qualifications for membership. Ofcr. Burley moved that any substitute can take notes and be involved in the Public Comment portion, but will not vote or count as part of a quorum. Ms. Rhea seconded and all approved by voice vote.

10. Public Comment

Mr. Jones asked if the minutes from the CPC meetings are going to UNM to be included in their reporting. He wanted to know who was getting the information at UNM. Facilitator stated she would find out.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 17, 2015.

Old Business for next meeting and action items:

- Ofcr. Burley will remind Sgt. Johnston that group needs list of Neighborhood Associations within the Valley command at the next meeting'
- Ofcr. Burley will check with area commander on obtaining the information that officers need to supply at meetings (per guidelines). Members requested statistics on complaints and a summary of the types of citizen complaints received

- Ms. Cowton will contact Mr. Armijo to see if he can attend the next CPC meeting for clarifications on the resolution
- It was suggested that council talk to “Ms. Moya” to see about getting in to the January Citizen’s Police Academy class, and taking the class before any ride along. Application can be found on the CABQ website and council members should note on the application that they are CPC members and request their attendance be expedited
- Mr. Lovato will forward the emails he sent to Reynaldo Chavez requesting information on the events of the ride along he took part in.
- Facilitator will find out whether CPC minutes were included in information given to UNM for their report