

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 19, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room, Municipal Building, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico.

Members Present: Jim Marquis, Chairman; Eugene Baker, John Evans, Deb Dumont; Rose Maez

Members Absent: Floyd Kurley, Kelly Stone

City Personnel Present: Jim Runnels, Police Chief; Vince Mitchell, Patrol Lieutenant; Daryl Noon, Internal Affairs Lieutenant; Dana Anderson, Paralegal; Lisa Hutchens, Administrative Assistant

Citizens Present: Bernadine Louie, Gayla McCulloch

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Marquis at 7:00 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2009 were presented. John Evans moved to accept the minutes as presented. Deb Dumont seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Jim Marquis did not have anything to report.

IV. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Jim Runnels reported the shift change just occurred. The department has implemented a new schedule which includes a mid-shift that runs from noon to 10:00 pm. Day shift is now 7 am to 5 pm. Swing shift is now 3:30 pm to 1:30 am. Officers now have the ability to come in at the beginning or end of their shift to work out in the weight room. This cannot exceed three hours per week. This is part of the wellness program which has been well received. The department is hoping to cut down on on-duty injuries, sick leave, etc.

Calls for 2009 decreased significantly. The department attributes this to some of the larger bars closing such as Big City, the Turnaround and Gators. B Lounge has limited their hours and is probably going to close. DWI arrests are down as well.

Four just started the academy. All will be grant funded positions (stimulus fund), which includes one position for Region II. The other three are COPS grants. There are now six officers on patrol that focus on domestic violence. These officers are focusing on doing more follow up on domestic violence calls. More people are going to jail for domestic violence. The DA's office has new prosecutor with strong background in prosecuting these types of cases.

Chairman Marquis asked how City funds are holding up. Chief Runnels responded that the \$350,000 received from JAG funds basically saved the department. The PD was able to add seven new positions that are grant funded.

Deb Dumont asked if more traffic tickets are being issued on Main Street. Chief Runnels stated there are not enough officers to just focus on traffic citations, however, officers do try to move from hot spot to hot spot. The department is still able to get flow thru money thru the State from the Federal government to deal with seat belts violations, speeding, etc.

Rosalie Maez inquired how often officers check the school crossings to see how fast people are going. There is an issue around Rocinante. Chief Runnels responded this is a priority with the traffic officers. He also stated that because of the large number of crossings, the department is unable to check all of them everyday. Response is usually based on the crossing guards requesting it.

V. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Marquis noted there has only been one injury in two months.

VI. YEARLY SCHEDULE

The Committee agreed to keep meetings every other month during 2010.

VII. ANNUAL REPORT

Lisa will have a draft report available at the March meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Eugene Baker asked if Safety City is being utilized. He would like CPAC to be able to use the shooting range. Chief Runnels said CPAC can use it on a Saturday when the Citizens Police Academy is there or other arrangements can be made.

Citizen Input—Bernadine Louie asked CPAC to look at her complaint again. Chairman Marquis and other Committee members explained that CPAC has done what they can. Chairman Marquis also stated that Ms. Louie has met with the City Manager and his ruling is final. Lisa will mail Ms. Louie copies of the April and August minutes from 2009.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Marquis, Chairman

Lisa Hutchens, Secretary