

CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 21, 2019

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at City Hall, 800 Municipal Drive, Farmington, New Mexico, 87401.

Members Present: Deb Dumont , Chairman; Patricia Simpson; Gloria Tso; David Bratcher

Members Absent: Chuck Culpepper; Julie Blair; Rose Grey

City Personnel Present: Police Chief Steve Hebbe
Deputy Chief Jessica Tyler
Lt. Sierra Tafoya
Sgt. Guy Postlewait
Cpt. Kyle Dowdy
Kay Rose, Administrative Assistant

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Dumont at 6:05 p.m., and there being a quorum of members present, the following proceedings were duly had and taken.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Patricia Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2019 regular meeting as presented. David Bratcher seconded the motion. Motion carried.

III. OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

David Bratcher moved to approve the Open Meetings Resolution. Gloria Tso seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Hebbe said that they are down to ten (10) cadets in the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program after another dropped out. There are eleven (11) recruits in the academy now who should be graduating in June and starting the FTO Program later this summer. There will be another academy starting in July, so FPD is working to find good applicants. Chief Hebbe also discussed some of the disqualifiers for the academy, such as drug use and omission.

The Law Enforcement Memorial was held on May 13th to honor those officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Community Relations Commission (CRC) hosted a public forum on April 18th to discuss immigration and how the police department is handling that issue. They hope to schedule another forum in the fall to discuss mental health issues and how that impacts the police department.

With Riverfest coming up, Chief Hebbe discussed the recent homicide in the Riverwalk area. FPD is trying to have a more visible presence there and is trying to recruit for the new Parks/Downtown security unit. David Bratcher complimented FPD, saying they were very courteous during the homicide scan at Berg Park.

V. INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

Lt. Sierra Tafoya and Sgt. Guy Postlewait gave an overview of the March and April Internal Affairs (IA) reports. Below are the numbers, compared to last year.

	March 2019	March 2018
Citizen Complaints	4	0
Internal Affairs Investigations	0	3
Supervisor Inquiries	2	0
Use-of-Force Responses	8	12

	April 2019	April 2018
Citizen Complaints	4	2
Internal Affairs Investigations	1	2
Supervisor Inquiries	1	2
Use-of-Force Responses	14	13

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. MEMBERS – none.
- b. CITIZEN INPUT – none.

VII. CASE REVIEW (Closed Meeting)

Patricia Simpson made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by David Bratcher, to do an IA Case Review. All voted in favor; motion carried. Following the closed meeting, during which the matters discussed were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure, a motion was made by Patricia to open the meeting for further business. David seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Deb Dumont, Chairman



Kay Rose, Liaison