

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008

Present: Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Calvin Handy, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Carol Rosset, Scott Wiekling

Guests: Steve Pierce – Assistant Chief, Pat Snyder – Minutes Taker

Round Table

Carla Pion requested that a focus on Chestnut Park be added to the new PD Strategic Plan. She enumerated problems that have occurred in the Park.

Pam Mari said school district personnel who attended Community Conversations with the California Teachers Association and Police Department had positive feedback. The focus of this group will be the Achievement Gap.

Pam Mari express concern about parents being ticketed crossing the railroad tracks. Assistant Chief Pierce said that it has always been illegal and there are signs posted indicating that being on the railroad bed is trespassing. He added that there is an average of two or three people killed each year. Recent efforts to inform citizens included articles in the newspaper and officers in the area to educate. Parents from Olive Drive will have to go through the Richards Underpass. City and school district officials are talking about the possibility of building a crossing and there is an effort to get federal or state money.

Carlos Matos informally asked about the coverage of Spanish speaking officers on the force. We have six to seven Spanish speakers on staff. However, the Police Department has the 24-hour services of a translation line which can translate for any language. We also have resources for communicating with the deaf. There are policies in place to insure adequate translation for all citizens.

Shelly Bailes made announcements regarding: 1) The 4th year anniversary of the marriages in San Francisco which were overturned six months later. 2) On Valentines Day, gay/lesbian couples will go once again to the Yolo County Records office requesting official marriages. 3) On March 4, 2008 the State Supreme Court will hear oral arguments regarding the law suit against California. A decision should be made within 90 days after that. 4) Some anti gay rights & anti gay marriage activists are stationing in front of Target and Wal-Mart stores trying to get people to sign a petition.

Hamza El-Nakhal reported that people from the community got together and donated enough money to replace the crescent taken from the Islamic Center and there is enough extra to be donated to the food bank. There will be an Interfaith activity at the Varsity Theater on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. It is entitled “The Power of Forgiveness”.

<i>Round Table continued</i>	<p>Carol Rosset complimented Assistant Chief Pierce for the atmosphere set at the Community Beat 3 & 4 meeting. She commented that in most countries Police Departments do not invite public input.</p> <p>Carol asked about a solicitors' need for a vendor license. If they are complying with the law we cannot pull them over to check for a license. However, if there is a complaint, police can check. Each individual salesperson must have an original permit with their name on it. If vendors in their neighborhood do not have the permit, citizens are encouraged to call in a complaint.</p> <p>John Pamperin reported that he heard the Chief mentioned positively with regards to the handling of the protesting campus workers. He also believes the police and school district deserve credit for communications with families and participants of the graffiti situation at the junior high. HRC is in support of the Achievement Gap Committee. John said he has heard at least 100 examples of parents who say their children were told they are not in line for college because of their color.</p> <p>Calvin Handy gave an update on the Police Advisory Committee which was appointed by the City Manager in 2006 to serve as independent review. Calvin Handy, Joe Taylor and David Sandino meet on a quarterly basis to review Citizen Complaints and render a professional assessment on the handling of every aspect to provide feedback to the Chief and City Manager. They have reviewed 22 complaints so far. The Ombudsman and PAC will give reports to the City Council on February 19, 2008. Calvin believes they do good work and create a positive affect with the community and the PD.</p> <p>Scott Wieking reported that the Rotating Winter Shelter has been well utilized, successful and problem free. He is not sure what the board will decide regarding RWS's future.</p>
<i>Chief's Update</i>	<p>Chief Black reported that currently cars are being stolen and houses broken into with frequency. There has been a significant amount of domestic violence and narcotics arrests. Vandalisms have been high in Beat 2.</p> <p>The Steve's Pizza fundraiser, that Woodland PD organized, raised \$3,000 - \$4,000 for Officer Edens. The funds will be used for costs that insurance will not cover. The Davis PD is organizing a golf tournament fundraiser.</p> <p>The Beats 1&2 and Beats 3&4 Community Meetings had approximately 30 at each meeting. Some items that came up for focus are mental health issues, youth, juvenile investigations, School Resource Officers, Volunteer Program, enhancing the 9-1-1 system, interaction with youth, drug and traffic enforcement, and disseminating information to the community. Upcoming meetings will take place with the Business, UCD Student, School District and PD Communities.</p>

<p><i>Chief's Update continued</i></p>	<p>Chief Black and Captain Pytel are serving on the Closing the Achievement Gap Committee which is conducting community conversations and brainstorming ideas. There is a possibility of obtaining a grant.</p>
<p><i>Review Creation of CAB in November 2005 as fulfilling 2005-07 Strategic Plan Goal – “Development of a community advisors program”</i></p>	<p>Carol Rosset requested that CAB have a discussion about whether they believe they have been successful in fulfilling their original purpose and how they fit into the long term strategic plan. Documents were provided which state the purpose and mission of the committee. Assistant Chief Pierce said that he wants CAB to be involved in the refining process of forming the new strategic plan.</p> <p>Chief Black said that he wants the Community Advisory Board to give input to keep the PD in line with what the constituents want. The dialog my have slowed somewhat. Carlos Matos said it lost some impact when the group grew bigger and the members were no longer paid. However, Carlos said that he just has not heard about issues this year. Carlos believes the PD and CAB are working to establish relationships with the community before issues come up so people will feel free to come to talk.</p> <p>Calvin Handy and Carlos Matos stated they believe CAB to be a worthwhile endeavor and the greater diversity of the committee is beneficial.</p>