

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2008

Present: Shelly Bailes, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Mark Rutheiser, Carol Rosset, Gen Sparks, Scott Wiekling

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

Chief's Update

Chief Black was attending a state mandated three week course for POST (Police Officer Standards and Training) certification in California. Assistant Chief Pierce chaired the meeting and gave the update.

Captain Pytel has completed internal training for the newly adopted Citizen's Complaint and Internal Investigations policy.

Carol Rosset said that as instructed in a previous CAB discussion, she called the PD regarding solicitors in her neighborhood. She was asked, "What do you want us to do? Do you want us to come out?" Assistant Chief Pierce said that this is a technique to understand the caller's expectations. It was suggested that a better way to respond is to give the caller options and ask what they prefer so the caller doesn't feel on the defensive. Assistant Chief Pierce will talk with the Records and Communications staff. We want to provide good customer service.

Pam Mari asked if the State budget cuts will impact the Police Department. Assistant Chief Pierce explained that the LAO made recommendations to:

- 1) Eliminate COPP funding - \$125,000 cost to us
- 2) Take Prop 172 (Public Safety Tax) back from local agencies and give it to Probation - \$450,000 a year for the City of Davis
- 3) Reinstate booking fees – Agencies having to pay fees to book prisoners into jail.

If all those things happen, and the City decided the full reduction would come from the PD, we could have \$450,000 - \$500,000 taken away from the Police budget. That is at least 100% of our operation budget.

There was a discussion about the early release for non-violent prison inmates in California proposal. It may help overcrowded prisons, but it has a financial component as well. It is expensive to take care of mental and physical health needs of prisoners. CAB members discussed the State economy and government spending and how it leads to taking from local agencies and schools.

Round Table

Carlos Matos is working the incident of the man who hung himself at the Woodland Post Office. Carlos mentioned that the State budget will dramatically affect Mental Health.

**Round Table
continued**

Gen Sparks mentioned there is a database with information about State employee salaries. There is also a new website called ratemycop.com. Through a public information request, the group was entitled to the name and badge number of all our patrol officers. However, the list is already out of date as changes have been made in personnel classifications. Anyone can post opinions on this site, but personal information about officers cannot be posted.

John Pamperin express “doom and gloom” regarding the current economy. He believes it will be serious for several years and said that we have lost about 20% of our worth as a country in about six months.

Pam Mari reported that the School Climate Coordinator position has been saved by reallocating district monies.

John Pamperin and Pam Mari serve on the Human Relations Commission and report that things are quiet and going well.

Pam Mari reported that while DJUSD began the new truancy program, the rest of the county was using SARB. She received word, as of this morning, that more Yolo County districts are moving toward the same model of an assistance based truancy program.

Pam Mari reported that there will be an educational meeting on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Harper Junior High. It is sponsored by BECCA, facilitated by Jann Murray Garcia, and will focus on Hate Crimes in Davis over the past eight years.

In the past year, 165 people attended the Police Department Cyber Safe classes. Pam Mari and the PD will soon work together to present the cyber bullying program called “Parent Power”. It will include watching out for destructive websites, cyber bullying, and how frightening activity can cause one to become desensitized.

Shelly Bailes reported that on March 4, oral arguments were heard regarding gay civil marriages. Three of the reasons that were given for banning civil marriages were: 1) procreation, 2) a theory that biological parents make better parents, and 3) gays can get married, but they can’t marry people of the same sex. Shelly remarked on the flimsiness of the reasoning. A decision should be made by June 2, 2008. Anti-gay marriage groups are trying to get 700,000 petition signatures before April 19, and have hired paid signature collectors. Shelly is working with a “Decline to Sign” campaign to try to stop people from signing and provide an alternative point of view.

Carol Rosset thanked Pam Mari for her hard work at the DJUSD meetings. She sympathizes with the terrible choices that have to be made. Pam said that each administrator had to deliver pink slips on March 11, and that on March 20, Pam will be presenting the board with the option of closing Emerson.

<i>Round Table continued</i>	<p>Mark Rutheiser reported that vandalism is a big problem downtown. More issues arise as there are more vacancies downtown. Businesses are leaving due to high rents. Costs are going up and sales are down.</p> <p>Scott Wieking reported that Lieutenant Waltz spoke to a group of pastors regarding issues of workplace safety, preparedness for violent situations and Sunday morning common sense. Lt. Waltz has a desire to take this training to the whole community to help businesses and organization understand preventative planned action to control a catastrophic event.</p> <p>Pat Snyder announced that there will be a Swearing In and Awards ceremony on Thursday, April 10, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Chambers.</p>
<i>Strategic Plan Development</i>	<p>Assistant Chief Pierce reported on the Strategic Planning Process. Four years ago the clear first community priority was Traffic. A lot of strategies went into addressing that issue and there has been a 60% reduction in collisions and 48% reduction in injury collisions.</p> <p>The new issues that have come out of the community meetings are youth related- drugs, alcohol, truancy, and vandalism. The purpose of these meetings is to examine how we allocate resources, time and money so that we address the community concerns. The Strategic Planning Meeting with the School District will take place on April 1, 2008.</p>