

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2008

Present: Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Patti Fong, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, Maria Ogrydziak, John Pamperin, Steve Pierce, Carla Pion, Mark Rutheiser, Laduan Smedley, Jr., Gen Sparks, Scott Wieking

Guests: Pat Snyder – Minutes Taker

Chief's Update

Strategic Plan Development

The Strategic Plan Development community meetings will be completed after Tuesday, April 15 when we will meet with UCD staff, faculty and students. We will then hold discussions with PD staff to be sure their concerns and needs are included. Chief Black thanked Assistant Chief Pierce for his work on this process. A repeated community concern has been youth issues such as crime, drug use, alcohol, and gang influence.

The last time we developed a strategic plan the major issue was traffic. The numbers of accidents have gone down as strong emphasis was put on traffic issues. We experience a 50% reduction in collisions and a 40% reduction in injury collisions. Some of the things done were: obtaining grants for directed enforcement, we went from one to five motor officers with a sergeant, developed a Street Smarts program, Red Light Camera program, reconfigured left hand turns downtown and implemented a Pace Car program.

Hiring and Reorganization

We are currently in the hiring process to fill our final openings and will soon be fully staffed. In the City Council approved plan for reorganization we were to hire two officers in the coming fiscal year. One is designated to be a School Resource Officer. Because of budgetary issues in this entire region, we are unsure if we can hire more officers. However, we currently plan to press on toward this goal.

Crime

We caught two suspects connected with a rash of at least 17 auto burglaries during the weekend of April 4 – 6 and also one of two conspirators of a catalytic converter theft. A warrant is out for the arrest of the other suspect.

Chief Black asks that the public call whenever there is suspicious behavior. Assistant Chief Pierce spoke with the Dispatch Supervisors about how calls should be handled to make sure the caller does not feel defensive or uneasy about placing a suspicious behavior call.

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Annual Report

Our 2007 annual report is almost ready to release. In our effort to be green, it will be published electronically and burned to CDs. We plan to create a running history of Davis PD. Pat will make copies for CAB members.

Care Trak

Chief Black showed CAB members the CareTrak bracelets and tracking equipment. Care Trak is specifically designed for individuals who suffer from Alzheimer's/dementia or have a developmental disability and have a history of wandering or becoming lost. These individuals are at extreme risk when they go missing and locating them can require a large amount of resources.

The Care Trak system uses a tracking receiver to locate radio transmitters that will be worn by individuals who subscribe to the Care Trak program. The transmitter is about the size of a wristwatch and will be worn on the wrist or ankle of the at risk individual. The radio transmitters emit a radio frequency and can be located from up to a mile (5 miles from the air) using the tracking receiver. The Davis Police Department currently has two tracking receivers.

This program is available to Davis residents. If you are aware of an individual who may be eligible for this program, please let us know. There is a \$250 initial fee for the bracelet and the battery must be changed monthly.

Round Table

Maria Ogrydziak announced the UC Davis Picnic Day will be on April 19 and the Whole Early Festival on May 10. Celebrate Davis will be at Community Park on May 15 at 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Hamza El-Nakhal announced the International House is holding a Day in Egypt on April 26 at 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. They are in the process of setting up a date for the Grand Opening of the Islamic Center.

John Pamperin talked about how families suffer from loss of a child due to drug use and gang involvement. He said it is very traumatic for families. He believes the DJUSD and DPD joint sponsorship of Community Conversation will be important and he encourages participation.

Carla Pion announced the Emerson Junior High School Carnival which will take place at the old cannery.

Gen Sparks announced that this was her last CAB meeting as she has a new job. She served on the Advisory Board for two years and believes it was a great experience and opportunity for community service.

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Laduan Smedley reported that he had an incident while he was getting gasoline out of town during spring break where three guys shouted racial slurs against him, flashed their high beams, and acted like they wanted to ram his car. He had to make a choice of what to do. Thoughts expressed were to think of personal safety first, not get out of the car, call 9-1-1, get a license plate number, head to a PD, Fire Department, hospital or well lit place with witnesses.

Pam Mari announced that the Community Conversations with Focus on the Achievement Gap will take place at the Davis High School on Saturday, May 10, at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be catered.

Pam Mari thanked the Police Department holding the Strategic Plan Development meeting with the School District. It was effective.

Pam Mari also said that the School District has shifted from a punitive truancy policy to one that is assistance based but does have more teeth when students resist all other forms of intervention. The District Attorney's Office set up the first mediations where students are ordered to present themselves. It is her understanding that the DAs first choice is to get the students to go to school.