

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2008

Present: Shelly Bailes, Hamza El-Nakhhal, Steve Greenfield, Calvin Handy, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Steve Pierce, Carla Pion, Carol Rosset, Scott Wiekling, Kevin Wolf

Guests: Jim Ivler – Administrative Services Manager, Deanne Machado – Crime Analyst, Pat Snyder – Minutes Taker

**Police
Department
Budget**

Administrative Services Manager, Jim Ivler, explained how the PD budget is prepared. There are two major divisions—Patrol and Investigations/Support Services which includes Dispatch, Communications, Records and Budget. The Police Department budget is 33% of the City’s General Fund.

Police Budget

General Fund	\$	13,081,569.00
Fees and Charges		512,984.00
Grants/Designated		230,939.00
Pub Safety Tax		<u>1,221,408.00</u>
Total	\$	15,046,900.00

The Police Budget is divided with 80% going to Human Resources and 20% to Other Resources including: Internal Services (used to pay for services from other City departments such as Fleet, Informational Systems, etc.) , External Contracts (animal control, crossing guards, legal guides, shooting range, etc.), and Discretionary (day to day operations and training).

Staffing

98	Full Time
	<i>61 Sworn</i>
	<i>37 Civilian</i>
6	Part Time
10	Volunteers (average)
2	Reserves (average)

Advisory Board members asked questions about the Part 1 Crime Rate in Davis, grant writing efforts, why the city has not attempted fee increases or asking the public to pass bond measures, and where we would like to see more staffing.

Assistant Chief Pierce said that we need additional investigators so we can follow up more cases. He said there are a lot of workable cases, but low staffing causes detectives to have to prioritize on which ones to focus. He also said the PD wants to work more with youth. The public expressed, through the Strategic Planning process, that they are concerned about youth in Davis. We would like to get a School Resource Office and/or program back into the schools.

<p>Chief's Update</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Steve Pierce reported on the status of the copper theft arrests and investigation into a downtown hate crime.</p> <p>Carol Rosset asked about current practice for working with people known to be mentally ill. Assistant Chief Pierce explained that DPD responded to 151 calls involving mentally ill people in 2007. These include suicide threats and strange or violent behavior. These are dynamic situations and an officer doesn't always know that the person is mentally ill. He/she has to respond to the incident based on the behavior even though the officer doesn't know why the person is acting the way they are. Davis Police Department is sending officers to Crisis Intervention Team training in September. It will focus specifically on mental health and giving strategies for officers to use on the field.</p> <p>Diane McGee asked the Assistant Chief to explain the two different functions of a Taser: one where prongs are ejected and the other as short range stun.</p>
<p>Round Table</p>	<p>Carla Pion mentioned an incident of kids throwing a party in and trashing a vacant house. It was a great example of neighbors watching out and calling in suspicious activity.</p> <p>Kevin Wolf asked if the Police Department could have access to Ann Brunette's community neighborhood list servs for putting out crime prevention tips and warnings about crime activity.</p> <p>Carla Pion asked that door hangers be placed on neighbor's doors whenever a house is burglarized on their street.</p> <p>Concilio Representative, Carlos Matos, brought forth a concern reported to him by a Latino couple regarding a police officer's interrogation of the man. He secured a citizen's complaint form for the couple so that the incident could be reported and investigated.</p> <p>Pam Mari reported that the high school seniors and junior high ninth graders believe it is okay and their rite of passage to do pranks. It is so expensive and destructive that the Junior Highs are paying for overnight security and damages are running in the thousands of dollars. Suggestions included: sending notices to parents two weeks before the end of school warning that students caught on campus after hours will not be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony, having the teachers talk with students about it during the last two weeks, and turning on the surveillance cameras earlier in the evening.</p> <p>Steve Greenfield reported that Celebrate Davis was good this year.</p> <p>Diane McGee reported that UPS and Fed Ex have a policy now for drivers to only take right hand turns (when possible) as it is cheaper than waiting for a left hand turn. It would be something for the City to consider for vehicle use.</p>

***Round Table
continued***

John Pamperin expressed sadness at having to abandon programs due to county budget problems. He is organizing a meeting to talk about treatment of immigrants.

Hamza El-Nakhhal reported that an Interfaith group of Jews, Christians and Muslims is working on Immigration issues including:

- Delayed visas for people who have been waiting for long time.
- Foreign juveniles who have no family connections in USA will be helped by some community members. The Interfaith group met with the Superintendent of the Juvenile hall and the group will provide books and back packs with personal items and phone cards for deported juveniles. Hamza encouraged attendance at a car wash to be held on Sat June 14th to raise funds to help in this project.
- The Interfaith group is working to arrange with the school district to hire a teacher to go to the migrant camp to teach the children 1-5.
- The interfaith group is also planning a field trip to Sac zoo for the migrant camp children.

Shelly Bailes reported on the State Supreme Court decision to allow civil unions for gay/lesbian couples. Ceremonies can begin on Monday, June 16 at 5:01 p.m. Shelly and Ellen will be married at the County Clerk's office and then plan to fight a proposed constitutional amendment in the Fall. If that amendment were to pass, it would be the first time the public votes to take a right away which has already been given.

Assistant Chief Steve Pierce introduced the PD's new Crime Analyst Deanne Machado.