

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2008

Present: Judi Adelman, Steve Greenfield, Janis Lott, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Steve Pierce, Carla Pion, Scott Wiekling, Kevin Wolf

Guests: Pat Snyder – Minutes Taker, Tony Bernhardt – Former Yolo County Clerk

Chief's Update

Public Safety Day will be held during the Farmer's Market at Central Park on Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 – Noon.

Assistant Chief Pierce reported that since school is back in session and there are more people in town, the crime activity has increase proportionally, but not significantly.

Supporting Neighborhood Associations

Kevin Wolf initiated a discussion of ways CAB and the PD could support neighborhood associations so that they can do a better job in helping with community policing.

There are approximately 30 Neighborhood Associations recognized by the City which are formed with established boundaries based on developments. Examples are: Arroyo, Central Park West, Davis Manor, Grande, Ivy Town, Mace Ranch, Muir Commons, N Street Co-Housing Community, Old North Davis, Slide Hill, Stonegate, and Wildhorse. Most have regular meetings, attend some City workshops and have listserv services for getting information.

The Police Department traditionally works with Neighborhood Watch groups. They are much smaller as they are designed to be groups of people who can see each other's homes and agree to watch out for each other.

Kevin pointed out that since the Neighborhood Associations utilize listserv services, they are able to get the word out regarding crime activity, critical issues and events. He asked for ideas of how the Community Advisory Board and Police Department could do a better job of connecting people. Ideas were:

- Get people to sign up for a listserv service which is free, voluntary and email addresses are confidential. Information sent to a listserv can be targeted for that area and can be a forum for people to discuss incidents as they happen.
- Advertise and walking blocks, passing out flyers asking people to subscribe to their area listserv.
- Include listserv recipients when DPD sends out press releases.
- Hold annual meetings within the neighborhoods to talk about police issues.
- Police have a focused Neighborhood Watch campaign to get more signed up.
- Have a frequently asked questions part on the Police website "what do you do if. . . you find a lost bike, you see someone suspicious, you have solicitors, etc."

Assistant Chief Pierce summarized the discussion as we should:

- Find a way to better utilize the current listserv members and expand them out to better connect the community.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have Neighborhood Watch campaigns to increase participation. ▪ Increase awareness that any group can have an officer come out to speak and/or attend a meeting, if they request one. <p>He said he would talk with Anne Brunette to see how we can tap into and use the Neighborhood Association listservs. He and Pat will look at the most commonly asked questions to put on a page of the Police website.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Pierce told CAB members about the Citizens Response Manager website http://www.cityofdavis.org/crm/ where anyone can write in to ask questions and report problems. People can also write the police department directly at policeweb@davispd.org. A summary of crime in a specific area can be queried at http://maps.ci.davis.ca.us/gis/crimemap/view.htm. Community members can locate and contact their beat officers at http://www.cityofdavis.org/police/patrol/beat.cfm.</p>
<p>Round Table</p>	<p>Steve Greenfield announced that the Chambers of Commerce, University, DDBA and City of Davis are sponsoring a Celebrate UC Davis event on Sunday, October 12 at Noon to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 100th Birthday of UC Davis. Third street will be closed from A Street to G Street for music, children’s area, wine and beer garden, fashion show, booths and lots of fun activities.</p> <p>Janis Lott reported that the DDBA goal is to maintain a happy, safe, livable core area for the variety of people who choose to come downtown. They work on a multiple of concerns, but the issues change all the time.</p> <p>Carla Pion asked how a neighborhood can form an association. Stacey Winton at 757-5661 or Anne Brunette at 757-5689 can talk a person through the process.</p> <p>Diane McGee reported on Project Linus and asked anyone who has a group in Yolo County that might need some blankets to contact her.</p> <p>Steve Pierce said the recent Strategic Plan Development Process brought out a community concern and desire to form a School Resource Officer position. CAB will talk next month about how this should look—grade levels, enforcement, education, etc.</p> <p>John Pamperin reported that cooperation between the police and schools is important and he is impressed with the current leadership in both. There will be an Achievement Gap Conference on November 15, 2008. John introduced Tony Bernhardt, former Yolo County Clerk.</p>
<p>Agenda Items for November</p>	<p>Continuation of discussion regarding Supporting Neighborhood Associations so they can do a better job in helping with community policing.</p> <p>School Resource Officer Position</p>