

**Davis Police Department**  
**Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
*December 10, 2008*

**Present:** Judi Adelman, Landy Black, Jeremy Brooks, Hamza El-Nakhal, Michael Green, Janis Lott, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Scott Wiekling, Kevin Wolf

**Guests:** Captain Darren Pytel, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

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**Chief's Update**

Chief Black reported that he finished his mandatory training and has missed being at the last two CAB meetings. He believes CAB is valuable and will have many decisions coming up soon.

There has been serious community discussion regarding homelessness. Police representatives have met with the shelters, church, and community groups. There will be changes in the distribution of the officers in the Downtown Central Park area.

The City of Davis has a 2-3 million structural deficit due to sales tax revenue losses and loss of State funding. The direct impact to the PD budget is not known yet. The PD is trying to save money while preserving core services and need to make decisions about shifts of focus.

Operationally, it has been a nice fall season and we are dealing well with crime. A recent arrest of three armed robbery suspects caused a noticeable crime reduction. The Walnut Park sexual assault appears to be single incident with no evidence of a series or pattern. We are staying alert and warning the community.

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**Bike Officer Program**

Captain Pytel talked about the School Resource Officer program at our November meeting. He reported that another change taking place in 2009 will entail a shift of traffic unit position into a bike officer position. A recent internal traffic unit (motorcycle officers) analysis indicated a positive decline of traffic collisions during the time the unit has been in existence. Cites are down which indicate greater compliance. There are a lot of bike violations and businesses are asking for help with homeless and other issues downtown.

Currently Retired Sergeant John Neves works 20 hours a week as a bike officer and downtown business liaison. The additional full time officer will assist Neves, work with the schools conducting bike safety programs, be a Police liaison to the downtown business community, work in the Central Park area, liaison with homeless service groups, help with bar issues and the Farmer's Market and have high visibility as a downtown based officer. Someone will be selected by the first week in January and then start at the end of January. It was suggested that this be publicized with a press release to the Davis Enterprise, DDBA and Chamber newsletters, and through neighborhood list servs. Janis Lott will make sure the new downtown officer receives an invitation to the DDBA January/February quarterly meeting (evening mixer) so he/she can be introduced to the group.

<p><b><i>Bike Officer continued</i></b></p>	<p>Kevin Wolf suggested a fundraiser of selling the bike lights instead of giving a ticket. We can't do that, but can give bikers coupons for discounts on purchasing a light. Diane McGee suggested volunteers doing this.</p>
<p><b><i>Round Table</i></b></p>	<p>Jeremy Brooks was introduced as the president of the Chamber of Commerce for 2009 and new representative on the Community Advisory Board.</p> <p>Scott Wieking reported that the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter is up and running.</p> <p>Kevin Wolf expressed concern that current crime information get out to the community. Captain Pytel said that he and the crime prevention specialist are evaluating the effectiveness of the list serv method of getting out messages to neighborhood groups.</p> <p>Janis Lott expressed enthusiasm about the new full time bike officer position. She has been involved with the ongoing discussion on the homeless issues and is glad the Police are participating in the conversation. Janis said the business community is nervous about the economy. There are some buildings going dark and at the same time there are some new businesses opening. DDBA is evaluating whether the paid parking lot is helping or hurting.</p> <p>Hamza El-Nakhal reported that grants have been cut for Davis Community Meals and they are asking for donations to help offset the funding. The grand opening of the Islamic Center was great. Hamza announced the Interfaith group is arranging a candle light vigil for healing and hope for Mumbai. It will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Central Park. The Sixth Annual Celebration of Abraham will be held at St. James on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 – 5:00 pm with the theme being “exploring forgiveness”.</p> <p>Pam Mari reported that the school district is also experiencing a structural deficit to their general fund. DJUSD is happy that the Police Department is establishing a School Resource Officer position which she said is wanted and needed. They are seeing a significant up tick in calls to Police for student issues. Families are under emotional stress right now and the teachers are increasing awareness so they understand student behavior. Pam said that the PD has given assistance at a time that the district needed it the most and this is greatly appreciated.</p> <p>DJUSD also plans to participate with other agencies/services in Yolo County to put on a resource fair in mid-March at the Veterans Memorial. Pam also reported that mediations have taken place with the District Attorney's Office, Police and DJUSD to bring consequences to truancy. Families have been impacted and are talking about improving attendance.</p> <p>Pam Mari reported an increase in interagency discussions. FEMA will be paying transportation and lodging for a free EOC activity in Maryland in February. Eighty people from Yolo County will attend. DJUSD is sending two people and DPD is also sending two people.</p>

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Diane McGee reported that library book sale proceeds fund programs for teens and children. She asked for new ideas of people who need blankets from Project Linus.

Carla Pion expressed a desire for more notification about crime that is happening in the neighborhoods and requested a breakdown in the Davis Enterprise. It was mentioned that the Enterprise would have to make the decision about how they report.

Carlos Matos said that Mental Health at Beamer is closed. There are case loads with no help available. Captain Pytel requested a meeting with Carlos and some patrol staff to talk about what resources are left.

John Pamperin had praise for the Community Conversations and believes there was great cooperation and participation with the Police and School District in dealing with achievement gap issues. He expressed concern about the economy and homelessness. John said people have lost about 30% of their wealth. He believe that groups like CAB are vital for communication and coming up with solutions.