

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2011

Present: Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Clara Elias, Jodi Liederman, Janis Lott, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Steve Pierce, Dylan Schaefer, Scott Wiekling

Guests: Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

Chief's Update

Chief Black reported on a fatal accident that occurred on January 9, 2011 involving a UCD student. He also reported on two cases of pedestrians robbed downtown on the morning of January 9. Victims of each attack sustained minor injuries from being physically assaulted.

Round Table

ASUCD – Dylan Schaefer presented a draft Noise Ordinance Reform Proposal which he will present to the City-UCD Student Liaison Commission on January 12. Dylan said some students have expressed concern about consistency and fairness in the noise citation process. The proposal includes a formal warning with 15-minute grace period before any citation is handed out. A copy of Dylan Schaefer's proposal is attached.

There was discussion among the CAB members. It was noted that parties can have up to 300 people in attendance and members agreed that the noise this creates can be quite a nuisance to neighbors. Dylan was asked how student leadership gets messages out to students about these issues. He responded that the Safe Party Initiative teaches students how to throw a party effectively—not everyone follows it. It was suggested that everyone on the lease be cited, if present, and that citation fines do not faze the participants. It was also noted that we are not different than other college towns that are facing the same party/noise issues. Dylan's efforts to work on this problem were praised by CAB members.

2012-14 Strategic Planning Process

Assistant Chief Steve Pierce reported that the current DPD Strategic Plan runs through 2011 and we need to begin discussion about the process for developing the next three year plan. He noted that community input is vital as our strategic plans focus on the issues identified by the community and by the department as the most troubling. He explained that during 2005-08 the community wanted Police to focus on traffic safety issues, so we added a motors team, motors supervisor, worked on engineering issues, and saw a reduction in collisions. For 2009-11 we were asked to put emphasis on youth, so we added a truancy program and School Resource Officer.

In the past we held nominal group technique meetings with community beat sectors, business community, DJUSD faculty and staff, UCD student government, and one internal to the Department. After identifying the community's top concerns, sergeants and supervisors work with their units to figure ways to implement goals, programs, education, and materials to meet these needs.

Assistant Chief Pierce asked CAB members to think about if they feel we should employ a different process or way of reaching out to the community, and to bring back their input to the February meeting.

ASUCD'S NOISE ORDINANCE REFORM PROPOSAL

When responding to noise complaints at residences...

Current Law

- 1) The police department must receive a noise complaint and a police officer must corroborate the disturbance before any further action can be taken

Our Proposal:

Formal Warning

- 2) If there has been no more than one citation issued to any of the current residents in the past year, and no citations issued in the past 90 days...
 - a. And there has been no formal warning given to any of the current residents in the past 30 days, or more than 5 warnings in the past year,
 - i. Then the police officers must give a **formal warning**, which is a *written warning and a 15-minute grace period* before any citation can be handed out.
 - b. But if any of the current residents have received a formal warning in the past 30 days, or there have been more than 5 warnings issued to this residence in the past year,
 - i. The police do not need to give a formal warning before issuing a citation.

Exceptions

- 3) There has been a citation issued in the past 90 days, or multiple citations issued in the past year then the police do not have to give a formal warning before issuing a citation.
- 4) If the residents of the location in question have a valid noise permit, then the only time a police officer can give a citation without a formal warning is if there has been a citation issued in the past 90 days, or multiple citations issued in the past year.

Only One Resident Cited

- 5) An officer must make a reasonable attempt to determine which resident is primarily responsible for the noise disturbance, and give a citation only to that resident.

If there are any questions/concerns, e-mail Dylan Schaefer at djschaefer@ucdavis.edu