

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2009

Present: Judi Adelman, Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Jeremy Brooks, Hamza El-Nakhal, Patti Fong, Janis Lott, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Steve Pierce, Carla Pion, Scott Wieking, Kevin Wolf

Guests: Marc Hicks (DJUSD), Ryan Pass (ASUCD), Tony Bernhard, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

Strategic Plan Assistant Chief Steve Pierce introduced the draft of the new 2009-2011 Strategic Plan. Highlights include an emphasis on youth issues, adding a School Resource Officer and a Bike Officer. The Strategic Plan is a vehicle for reevaluating how and why we do business and refocusing after finishing up the last three year plan. It is intended to be a living document that can change as policy, technology and other influences affect the stated strategies.

Round Table Scott Wieking reported that the Rotating Winter Shelter is running smoothly. Chief Black asked Scott to let him know if there are any major changes this year. Scott said there has not been a significant change in numbers.

Jeremy Brooks, 2009 President of the Chamber of Commerce, said he is happy to hear about the addition of new full time Bike Officer Pete Faeth. The Chamber intends to be member focused as they face a challenging economic year.

Marc Hicks said that DJUSD is excited about the new School Resource Officer position and looks forward to reaching out more to the students. He reported that truancy issues have greatly decreased and the support Davis Police has given is appreciated. Chief Black asked what Marc has noticed regarding gang issues in Davis and said that the Yolo County Chiefs are talking about a new emphasis in gang education and interdiction at the school level.

Patti Fong reported that the Asian community will celebrate New Years later this month.

Kevin Wolf is surveying the Neighborhood Associations about how to use web based tools effectively with Police to get out vital information to the community. He complimented the work on the Strategic Plan document and noted that DPD achieved the goals from the last plan and formed new goals.

Kevin Wolf reported that he has noticed gangs and homeless hanging out behind the Davis Manor shopping center. He suggested having a Neighborhood Watch training program on how to deal with homeless people and problem issues with bicyclists.

Ryan Pass represented ASUCD and is interning for Jeremia Kimmelman. Chief Black reported that at a meeting with the Deans and Vice Chancellors on January 13, it was noted that national evidence shows UC Davis and the City of Davis fully employed the

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safe party initiatives and it reduced crimes and misconduct. Assistant Chief Pierce also noted that there has been a marked improvement in student police relations in the past five years.

Ryan Pass suggested that the Strategic Plan goal of having at least four sexual assault trainings in fraternities and sororities should be expanded beyond just the Greeks.

Hamza El Nakhal asked questions about the traffic red light cameras. Assistant Chief Pierce explained some of the cameras are for detecting the approach of traffic in order to change the signals.

Hamza El Nakhal reported there will be a panel discussion regarding the Palestinian/Israeli conflict at the International House on Thursday, January 22 at 4:00 - 6:00 PM. The Sixth Annual Celebration of Abraham will take place at St. James on Sunday, January 25 at 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The topic will be Exploring Forgiveness in our Faith.

Judi Adelman noticed an increase of vandalism and graffiti in South Davis where buildings are going vacant. Judi and her husband are part of Neighborhood Watch and agree with Kevin that there should be education about how to deal with the homeless.

Tony Bernhart said there will be a conference at the Davis Community Church at the end of April which will focus on the impacts of the economic crisis on the home front. Speakers will talk about employment issues, psychological stress, etc. Tony and John Pamperin are lining up the speakers.

John Pamperin said he is impressed with and supports the new Strategic Plan and the way the truancy problem was dealt with. He complimented Marc Hicks for his positive work with the high school and Bike Officer Neves for his impressive work downtown. Pamperin announced that HRC is sponsoring the Martin Luther King activities at the Varsity Theater on Monday, January 19, 2009. They will also have a march.

Shelly Bailes reported that there have been attacks on gays in other cities since the Prop 8 vote, but not in Davis. She was happy to report that 80% voted no in Davis. The Yolo County Chapter of Marriage Equality conducted a rally in Davis to thank the City. Shelly did notice that people screamed at them while they handed out literature. Shelly reported that they will be at the County Courthouse on February 12th at noon to thank the county clerk for her support and to witness some marriage requests.

Diane McGee reported watching our bike officer giving tickets and was thrilled about the bike safety effort.

Diane McGee asked about the wild turkey problems. Chief Black reported that Wildlife Resource Specialist John McNerney said they captured eleven of the wild turkeys on Saturday, January 10. The Wild Turkey Federation will have them medically cleared and relocated appropriately.

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Diane McGee gave an update on the Friends of the Library book sale and Project Linus.

Janis Lott said that DDBA is geared up for the February 15th Amgen race. Stage one will begin in Downtown Davis. Janis has been involved with the discussions regarding B Street Neighborhood, Davis Community Church rezoning, and homeless issues. Janis wanted to know if there are Neighborhood Watch groups in the downtown core and also encouraged training be provided through the Neighborhood Watch program.

Janis Lott said that downtown business owners appreciate Bike Officer Neves and would like to invite new Bike Officer Faeth to the DDBA function on February 6th.

Carlos Matos reported that some homeless clients said they have been asked for ID and Police have kept it. Chief Black assured Carlos that this is not department policy.