

**Davis Police Department**  
**Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
*March 11, 2009*

**Present:** Judi Adelman, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Michael Green, Janis Lott, Pam Mari, John Pamperin, Steve Pierce, Scott Wiekling

**Guests:** Police Ombudsman Bob Aaronson, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

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<b>Beat 4</b>	<p>Judi Adelman reported the building area she was previously concerned about has been cleaned up. Chief Black mentioned that there was a house fire in El Macero and the New Harmony project has gone before City Council. He believes that property management can implement crime prevention tools to keep crime low as evidenced by what the Owendale property managers have done.</p>
<b>Downtown Business Association</b>	<p>Janis Lott reported that the rotating winter shelter ended and business owners are keeping an eye on changes. They have noticed more homeless hanging around because they don't have a place to go and some panhandling. On E Street, the old Bogies building owner posted a no loitering sign. Janis asked what effect the sign could have legally. Assistant Chief Pierce said that there is no law against loitering in a public right of way unless the person is doing something illegal.</p> <p>Lott reported that the two bike officers are very helpful and are paying attention to trouble spots downtown. She said the next meeting with D Street stakeholders will take place in April with representatives from Grace in Action, Davis Community Church, City Council, various service providers, Police, and the business community. The topic will be homelessness and transient issues affecting that neighborhood.</p> <p>Chief Black indicated a desire to manage homeless issues in a way that it doesn't create fear. The Police Department is not the lead on this issue, but when the conduct of the community leads us to be there, we will be. Chief Black met with Helen Thompson and Jim Provenza and talked about what types of services the county might be able to provide to the homeless. Chief Black was encouraged by government's involvement and desire to provide assistance with teaching work skills, providing identification processes, etc.</p>
<b>Congregation Bet Haverim</b>	<p>Michael Green said he plans to get together with the synagogue to see what issues they want him to bring Community Advisory Board. He asked if Police have seen an increase in crime due to the economic situation. Assistant Chief Pierce said we have seen an up tick in robbery by force or fear and a couple of bank robberies. We have had success in capturing some. Taco Bell was robbed in early March and the suspect fled to Sacramento in a car stolen from Oakland. Chief Black pointed out that statistically, our crime is down in all sectors except for theft. We are currently conducting an analysis to see what type of theft is on the rise. Green asked about the Motel 6 shooting. The suspect is believed to be overseas, the conspirator was captured, and the victim has gained some mobility back.</p>

<b><i>Davis Joint Unified School District</i></b>	<p>Pam Mari said the schools are continuing to find ways to use the additional support of the School Resource Officer. They are working with the Police on a particular investigation. She and other representatives from DJUSD will be present at the Wednesday Farmer's Markets for a while to answer community questions regarding the budget issues.</p> <p>Mari asked about Police coverage in a specific area which is believed to have gang activity. It is an area not incorporated into the City of Davis and therefore the Yolo County Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction.</p>
<b><i>Human Relations Committee</i></b>	<p>John Pamperin reported that the Davis Community Church hired two more church staffers to work with the homeless. At the last HRC meeting they took up the discussion of the Gaza Strip and there were around 75 people in attendance.</p> <p>Pamperin reported that there will be a basketball tournament fundraiser on May 11, 2009 for the International House. Local celebrities will challenge the Harlem Ambassadors at Davis High School. Chief Black is scheduled to participate. Hamza El-Nakhal noted that tickets are available for \$7 at the International House.</p> <p>Pamperin also reported that there will be an Economic Conference April 25, 2009 at the Community Church.</p>
<b><i>Islamic Affairs</i></b>	<p>Hamza El-Nakhal attended the Human Relations Committee meeting on the Gaza Strip issue and believed they broke some barriers through education and talking about perceived hurts. He said the homeless and low income housing issues are also driven by fear and there is a need to communicate together to solve problems.</p> <p>El-Nakhal reported that the Interfaith community is working together to remodel the Homeless Shelter. St. Martin's Church is in charge and tax exempt donations are welcome as the project needs \$15,000. Jim Brochers is the person to contact at 756-4098 or <a href="mailto:jimbrochers@sbcglobal.net">jimbrochers@sbcglobal.net</a>.</p>
<b><i>Christian Community</i></b>	<p>Scott Wieking reported that the expanded (four month) Rotating Winter Shelter went well. The faces changed this year and there were younger and better dressed clients in attendance. Chief Black noted that the department did not hear of any problems. Pam Mari said DJUSD has some resources for the homeless students, such as Kids Helping Kids, and will hold a "clean out your closet week" during Spring Break to gather clothing to be donated at the schools.</p>
<b><i>Ombudsman Aaronson</i></b>	<p>Bob Aaronson noted that the people who are homeless are us and could be us. Economic times like this strain people's capacity to be compassionate. He noted that transients are attracted to communities that are warmer and compassionate and that people will look to us as community leaders for how to react. Aaronson said, "By the grace of God, there go I." He and his children are watching "Grapes of Wrath" as a lesson that it is not them, it is us.</p>