

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2011

Present: Judi Adelman, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhhal, Clara Elias, Mel Lewis, Janis Lott, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, Carla Pion, Steve Pierce, Darren Pytel, Scott Wiekling

Guests: Susan Leonardi for Shelly Bailes, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

**Round
Table**

Davis Downtown Business Association – DDBA has been encouraging businesses to sign the community covenant and a lot of work has been done to prepare for the annual UCD Picnic Day on April 16, 2011. If this year goes well, there will be an interest in creating more family friendly events in the future. However, organizations are leery of trying to attract families until they are sure the atmosphere will be different from previous years.

Beat 3 – Diane McGee asked why we are not using the Auto Vu parking scooter. The \$80,000 maintenance warranty came due, so a decision was made to stop using it for now. Diane also asked about recycling medications. People can take them to the landfill for disposal or the Police Department will take and destroy them as we would elicit drugs. There is not an official protocol with the County Health Department.

Beat 1 – Carla Pion asked about traffic collisions. Collisions are down right now, but there have been some significant ones reported in the news lately. The demographics of crimes downtown has not change. We have a very vibrant nightlife after 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Chief Black reported that licensing of night club establishments is being looked at by the City.

African American Community – Mel Lewis said that neighbors in South Davis have reported people knocking on doors in the middle of the night—2:00 to 3:00 a.m. Advice was given to immediately call 9-1-1. Asst. Chief Pierce reported that there have been several home burglaries in Beat 1. One had an open windows and the rest all had unlocked front doors.

Islamic Community –Hamza El-Nakhhal and Susan Leonardi reported that Shelly Bailes, Susan and Hamza have been able to deal with sensitive incident without calling on law enforcement. CAB members expressed concern about news reports of Muslims (and those perceived as being Muslim) being attacked. Specifically the shooting of two Sikh men in Elk Grove and the Sikh taxi driver being attacked in West Sacramento. Hamza stated the importance that we work together within our communities to educate and eliminate hateful acts. Chief Black spoke of seeing a film with Hamza called “My Name is Kahn”. Mel Lewis mentioned that he spent 20 years in Germany at a time when he witnessed a strong emphasis in the schools to eradicate intolerance through education.

Beat 4 – Judi Adelman reported that her car was shot twice by a BB gun while driving on Second Street near the bike overpass.

Jewish Community - Jodi Liederman reported that the synagogue lodged homeless for a week during the recent Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter. The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region have raised more than \$10,000 to add to the reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for shooting the two Sikh men in Elk Grove.

Purim is coming up and to celebrate the synagogue has planned a carnival with activities and desserts on March 20th at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Beat 2 - Clara Elias reported that the stray dogs that have killed neighborhood pets have been captured and taken to animal control. The community was satisfied with how this was handled.

Christian Community - Scott Wieking reported that the Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter finished this week with the last night being Saturday, March 12th. The 35 bed spaces were well used throughout the winter. He noted that there were a lot of new people from previous years and there was ethnic and age diversity. One mother with children used the shelter this year.

Scott announced that a new church, called Grace Point Church, will be meeting in the Davis Musical Theater building and using adjoining warehouse spaces. It is largely an Asian fellowship with mostly college students.

Chief's Update

Chief Black reported on Picnic Day Preparations. Less than 50% of the businesses have signed the community covenant as of the date of this meeting. More work is being done with the Students to be part of the covenant process. Websites, publicity, and education efforts are underway. City Council approved the Picnic Day Safety Enhancement Ordinance.

Regarding questions about solicitors in Davis, it was emphasized that each solicitor must have an individual permit on them issued by the City of Davis. Citizens should always ask to see it and call the police if one cannot be provided.

Chief Black reiterated that community members should always feel free to call the police on 100% of the issues.