

**Davis Police Department**  
**Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
*June 10, 2009*

**Present:** Judi Adelman, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Patti Fong, Janis Lott, Carlos Matos, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Darren Pytel, Scott Wiekling

**Guests:** DJUSD School Climate Coordinator Mel Lewis, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

***Youth  
Diversion  
Program  
for  
Juvenile  
Alcohol  
and Drug  
Offenders***

Captain Darren Pytel reported that Judge Steven Basha contacted our Youth Intervention Special Trease Petersen regarding developing a youth visitation program as part of intervention for juvenile alcohol and drug offenders. If such a case is adjudicated, the juvenile case will go to Judge Basha. If it goes to diversion instead, the offender could go through this victim impact program which was created by MADD and has been successful for the Sacramento Sheriff's Department:

1. Visit the UCD Trauma Center to listen to a trained nurse or ER doctor. The subject would deal primarily with traffic accident victims.
2. Visit the coroner's office to go through a prepared program. The coroner will determine the appropriate information to give based on age, offense and maturity.
3. Meet with a MADD victim impact panel which consists of survivors who tell how DUIs have affected their lives and families.
4. Write a 1,000 word essay about alcohol or drug use.

This would be an entirely voluntary component of the diversion program, requiring parental consent, and all details will be spelled out in the contract. Parents can request this program without their child having been caught offending. It is a free intervention program for minors 13 – 18 years old. MADD, the Yolo County Coroner and Med Center have stepped up to do this willingly.

The Community Advisory Board members were asked if they have concerns or questions. There was a unanimous expression of approval.

***Filling  
Board  
Positions  
and Term  
Limits***

Chief Black asked CAB members if they want to establish rules or protocols for membership, filling vacant positions, and if there should be term limits. He said that he does not want to be arbitrary in the selection process. He wants to have forward thinking people on the Board who are problem solvers; those who will keep him informed of community issues that are brewing and give advice on dealing with them.

Those in attendance expressed approval of the way members have been selected. The Chief has been going to the leadership of the groups to be represented to ask for their selection. In some cases the outgoing members make recommendations for their replacement. We always look for people who have shown an interested in the community/police relations and are proven leaders.

It was also expressed that while there is value in turnover and fresh ideas, there is also value in the consistency of having people on the board with a historical knowledge and

<b>Filling Board Positions and Term Limits continued</b>	<p>perspective. Ideally, members will develop a relationship with the Police Department which includes understanding and trust which they in turn communicate to their constituents.</p> <p>It was decided that members who have missed meetings for six consecutive months should be replaced. CAB members will contact Chief Black with their suggestions for the current vacant position.</p>
<b>Round Table</b>	<p><b>Hispanic Community</b> - Carlos Matos said there a great deal of mistrust in the Latino community regarding law enforcement and civic leadership. He also noted there is sometimes disconnect between fact and perception.</p> <p><b>Asian Community</b> - Patti Fong said that the Asian community is watching North Korea with concern.</p> <p><b>Beat 1</b> - Carla Pion asked if it is okay to use Mace on dogs. Captain Pytel said that pepper spray can be used, only if someone is attacked. Carla also mentioned that her neighborhood is seeing a change toward less home owning and more rentals. She notices tension between student and resident renters and she wants to encourage all to come out for Neighbors Night Out this year so neighbors can get acquainted.</p> <p><b>Islamic Community</b> - Hamza El-Nakhal reported that the Islamic Center open house was successful. He was pleased with President Obama's speech in Cairo with the emphasis on mutual understanding and dialog. He is optimistic regarding the new UCD Chancellor selection.</p> <p><b>Downtown Business Association</b> - Janis Lott expressed that DDBA could work closer with the Police Department to educate business owners to work proactively to manage problems downtown, increase awareness of safety concerns, learn how to intervene with panhandlers, and other practical education. The residents have the neighborhood watch program. Captain Pytel said that the PD has the personnel to provide information for a Business Watch group, if there are business owners interested.</p> <p><b>Beat 4</b> - Judi Adelman said that Davis is bracing for the mass exodus of college students and influx in August. Janis Lott noted that at the end of school last year there was a rise in shoplifting. Judi reported there is a rooster at a home on Drummond that is a noise nuisance.</p>
<b>Chief's Update</b>	<p>Chief Black gave an update of major investigations and crime trends in auto thefts and burglaries. There has been school vandalism in which arrests have been made.</p> <p>Chief Black is working with the Davis Campus/Community Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Coalition to reduce high-risk drinking and to discourage businesses from promoting overdrinking for profit in the downtown area.</p>