

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2009

Present: Judi Adelman, Shelly Bailes, Michael Green, Janis Lott, Diane McGee, Steve Pierce, Carla Pion, Scott Wiekling

Guests: Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

Citations | There was an informational discussion about traffic tickets, speeding, traffic court, speed boards, traffic trailers, red light cameras, use of radar, what constitutes a speed trap, bike safety, and when and how to pass school buses. Assistant Chief Pierce answered questions that CAB members asked.

Chief's Update | Assistant Chief Pierce reported that we have experienced an increase in robberies which are taking property through force or fear. In the past six months:

- DPD has taken 32 cases. During the same 6 month time period last year, DPD had only taken 15 cases. This represents more than a 100% increase in the amount of 211s occurring in Davis!
- Of the 32 cases, 9 have resulted in the arrest of one suspect (minimally).
- Of the 32 cases, 6 were either drug or gang related and therefore not random.
- Of the 32 cases, 13 occurred at businesses, including the 3 banks that were victimized in February, March and April, respectively.

Janis Lott asked how we inform people without making them fearful. Pierce indicated we hold informational public meetings and place crime tips in the newspaper. Lott said that she has learned to be aware of her surroundings, become a good witness, and protect herself and property. She recommended more education to the public.

Round Table | **Downtown Business Association** - Janis Lott reported that a need was expressed to her for more ashtrays in the downtown area due to the littering of tobacco products. She plans to contact Bike Officer Faeth whenever she sees dangerous and unhealthy activity downtown. The Second Street project is on hold. Lott mentioned that trucks laying the new sewer system downtown are blocking visual access for cars and causing a safety concern. Assistant Chief Pierce will talk with Public Works about it.

Christian Community – Scott Wiekling noted churches are seeing a rise in the number of people calling in for help. People with degrees, who had good jobs and are now unemployed and in need.

Beat 1 - Carla Pion asked if it is okay to have a children's camp out in Hacienda Park. Assistant Chief Pierce advised against staying overnight, but said it would be okay to barbeque with the children.

CAB members asked about how to report a variety of concerns to the City. Assistant Chief Pierce referred them to the Citizen Response Manager web link where people can note their concern and it will be routed to the right department. The link is:
<http://cityofdavis.org/crm/>

Beat 3 – Diane McGee reported that the Yolo county Library will have their bi-monthly book sales on August 6 – 9, 2009. The library is temporarily moving into DISC while renovations take place. McGee also gave an update about Project Linus and she expressed thanks to Police Services Specialist for her work with the Neighborhood Watch groups.

Marriage Equality – Shelly Bailes reported that there will be a wine tasting at the Coop on July 17 at 6 – 8:00 p.m. with proceeds going to the Yolo County Chapter of Marriage Equality. The event will also take place on the first three Fridays of August and September.

Jewish Community – Michael Green mentioned that the Jewish holidays are coming up and he will keep the Police aware of any safety concerns.