

**CASA GRANDE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BLVD. - CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122**

JANUARY 8, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mikel McBride called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL:

The following board members were all present:

Mikel McBride, Chairman
Anabel Bevin, Board Member
Roger Vanderpool, Board Member
Rodolfo Calvillo, Vice-Chairman
Johnjaline Cully, Board Member
Joshua Carstens, Board Member

Board Member, Diana Curtis, not present.

D. MINUTES:

Vice-Chairman Calvillo motions to approve the minutes from October 9, 2014; Board Member Vanderpool seconds said motion; Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

E. PRESENTATIONS

E.1 Crime Trends – Cindy Irby

Power point presentation regarding current crime trends in the City of Casa Grande, how the crime trends are collected and how the trends compare from year to year.

E.2 Casa Grande Alliance – Breanna Boland, Director

Information is provided regarding the role, services and programs offered by the Casa Grande Alliance. The Casa Grande Alliance is comprised of a 56+ member coalition with a purpose to prevent substance abuse and violence among youth and adults in the community. In 2011, President Barack Obama recognized the Casa Grande Alliance as the Champions of Change and recognized the Alliance as one of the best in the nation. Information is provided regarding the current statistics as to substance abuse among youth in the Casa Grande area and nationally.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F. 1 Introduction of Public Services Manager, Chris Vasquez and Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston/Update on Department Changes

Public Services Manager, Chris Vasquez, introduces himself to the board and advises he is pleased to be at the Casa Grande Police Department in this current position. He advises a Shared Leadership Team will be created to help with issues such as recommendations as to policies, new programs, budget issues and training, although the final decisions will rest with the Public Services Manager.

Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston, introduces himself to the board and advises he is looking forward to fulfilling his role as Captain and is grateful to the Officers who he is leading.

F.2 Board Participation in the Selection of New Chief

Board Member Roger Vanderpool strongly urges that the Board author a letter to the City Manager requesting that the Chair and one Board Member be allowed to sit on the Chief of Police selection and interview Panel. Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo agrees with the suggestion that the Board become involved with the selection of the Chief of Police. Board Member Johnjaline Cully advises that she would prefer the entire board be involved in the selection of the Chief of Police from the beginning of the process to the end. Chairman Mikel McBride makes statements regarding possible violation of open meeting laws if the entire board was involved with the selection process. Board Member Roger Vanderpool advises the Board of the past process when selecting the previous Chief of Police and motions that the Chair author a letter to the City Manager requesting and offering the assistance of members of the Board to assist in any selection process of the Chief of Police. Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo, seconds said motion; Motion approved with a 6-0 vote.

F.3 Retreat/New Direction Discussion

Board Member Johnjaline Cully, advises that she is requesting the Board hold a retreat to continue to discuss the implementation of community efforts and how the Board will continue to work with the Police Department as far as more community policing efforts in the community. Chairman, Mikel McBride, presents statements regarding the public notice requirements to hold a board retreat. Board Member, Roger Vanderpool, presents statements regarding the open meeting laws and information received from the City as to the Board's direction and mission. Board Member, Johnjaline Cully, advises that she has not seen the Board's community involvement and would like to see more involvement from the Board. Discussion is held regarding the Board's previous involvement in community events. Police Services Manager, Chris Vasquez, advises the Board that the Police Department is more than willing to help the Board with anything that the Community Members may bring to their attention and the department welcomes any concerns from the Community or the Board. Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo, requests the Police Services Manager gather information on how the Board can meet to discuss implementing community involvement without violating open meeting laws. Police Services Manager invites the Board to the planned "Coffee with a Cop" community event that is held every two weeks. Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo, requests clarification regarding the sending and receiving of emails between the Board members. City Attorney, Rockne Anderson, advises that he will supply information regarding the open meeting laws as it pertains to electronic communication.

F.4 Citizen Police Academy Participation

Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo, encourages the Board members who have not participated in the Citizen Police Academy to sign up for said academy as it gives a better understanding of the Police Department and what the Police Officers do. Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston, advises the members that the Academy is held twice a week and for 3 hours each night.

F.5 March Public Safety Event Information

Board Member, Joshua Carstens, advises that more information was to be provided this date on how the Board could participate in the event. Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston, provides the Board with the information on the Public Safety Event to be held on March 21, 2015. Chairman, Mikel McBride, inquires about the Board possibly hosting a booth at the event to educate the community on the role of the Board. Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston, advises the Public Information Officer can provide information on how the Board can host a booth at the event.

F.6 Street Racing Update

Board Member, Joshua Carstens, advises there was to be an update provided to the Board regarding this issue. Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston, advises that a couple of squads have been working on the street racing issue and advises that the majority of the complaints occur on Friday and Saturday nights. Patrol Captain Winston further advises that there have been several programs implemented to control and combat the problem, such as the metro-count system, the speed traffic trailer, decoy police cars, and citizens on patrol.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

H. REPORTS BY OFFICERS - NONE

I. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS - NONE

I.1 Board Accolades to the Public Services Manager and Patrol Captain

Each Board Member expresses their appreciation to Lt. Horn in his role as Interim Police Chief, welcomes the newly appointed Public Services Manager and congratulates the newly promoted Patrol Captain, Reginald Winston.

I.2 U.S. Board Patrol Citizen Academy

Vice-Chairman, Rodolfo Calvillo, advises that he has recently attended the Border Patrol Citizens Academy and encourages the Board to also participate and attend.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

Approved this 9th day, of April, 2015 by the Casa Grande Police Advisory Board.


Mikel McBride, Chairman

4-9-15
Date