

**CASA GRANDE POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85122
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2012**

A. Call to Order:

Chairman Raymond Zak called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. Roll Call:

The following members were present:

Rodolfo Calvillo	Board Member
Edward Barbour	Board Member
Johnjaline Cully	Board Member
Mikel McBride	Board Member
Roger Vanderpool	Board Member
Raymond Zak	Chairman

The following member not present but **excused**:

Billie Davis	Board Member
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Also present:

Robert Huddleston	Police Chief
Kent Horn	Police Commander
Mike Keck	Police Commander
Cindy Irby	Crime Analyst
Ana Lara	Administrative Assistant
Jacob Robinson	Police Corporal
Mike Bejarano	Police Corporal
Fernando Estrada	Police Officer
Orlando Jimenez	Police Officer
Eugene Ward	Police Officer
Judy Ferguson	City Judge

C. Minutes:

Member Vanderpool moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2012. Member Barbour seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

D. Presentations: None

E. New Business:

E.1 Welcome New Board Members

Chairman Zak introduced newly appointed board members Mikel McBride, Robert Calvillo, and Johnjaline Culley.

Chief Huddleston introduced himself to new board members and gave an overview on the history and the function of the police advisory board. He advised them that the board will function as a communication conduit with the community so they can bring information to and from the Police Department.

E.2 Election of New Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Chairman Zak asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Board member Ed Barbour nominated Ray Zak for continuation as Chairman. Seconded by Roger Vanderpool. Approved by 6-0 voice vote.

Chairman Zak asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Chairman Zak nominated Ed Barbour as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Roger Vanderpool. Approved by 6-0 voice vote.

F. Unfinished Business: None

G. Reports by Officers:

G.1 Bike Patrol Unit

Kent Horn, Commander of the Patrol Division gave an overview of the patrol division. Commander Horn stated that there are 36 of the 79 sworn officers that are assigned to his division. They have 5 corporals, 6 sergeants, 1 police aide, and 5 police transport officers.

Commander Horn advised that there has been continuing problems downtown and in city parks with loiterers, persons drinking alcohol and starting trouble. Local merchants having problems, people not feeling really comfortable utilizing the

public parks, just a general unease of amongst the public. He advised that the end of last school year it freed up 4 school resource officers for regular duties, allowing him to use two of them for a full-time bike unit. The bike unit was tasked with proactive patrolling of areas, rather than with also taking other calls for service as do officers in cars. They go out and seek and interact with people and make lots of contacts. Over the summer, they had some impressive results.

Under the direction of Commander Horn, on May 20, 2012, the Bike Unit was reinstated during the patrol division's summer cycle. Sgt. Frank Alanis is in charge of the unit. Cpl. Robinson was on the original team assists him. Officers Orlando Jimenez and Eugene Ward are assigned to the Bike Unit on a full-time basis.

Officer Orlando Jimenez gave an overview and distributed an outline to board members who along with Eugene Ward in the eight weeks of operation, which consisted of:

- 129 total arrests
- 69 arrests at parks
- 350 total contacts
- 6 SOPA

The majority of the arrests were alcohol violations in city parks or surrounding areas. The bike unit has had a number of drug and warrants arrests from on-site observations and consensual contacts.

Officer Jimenez also advised that the members of the Bike Unit have completed a 40-hour Police Cycling Course certified by the International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA). He also went over the purpose, mission, and the goals of the Bike Unit.

Commander Horn advised the board that due to shift change, instead of the usual 36 officers assigned to his division, he will have only 29 because there are two vacancies, two are on military leave, two are on light-duty status and he has received one resignation. And the school resource officers now assigned to him from the Special Operations Division will return to schools on August 12th. So they will not be able to stand up a full-time bike unit. They are going to do everything within their power to utilize grant opportunities, to utilize overtime funding when it's available, and utilize everything that they can to keep these details out there and to keep them focused, but will be only for special events or circumstances, not daily.

H. Public/Board Comments

City Judge Ferguson stated she is in support of the bike unit, and has always been a great program, and would hate to see the program go away.

I. Adjournment

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of October, 2012 by the Casa Grande Police Advisory Board.

Raymond Zak
Chairman