

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

APRIL 10, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mikel McBride called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

The following board members were present:

Mikel McBride, Chairman
Roger Vanderpool, Board Member
Rodolfo Calvillo, Vice Chairman
Johnjaline Cully, Board Member
Joshua Carstens, Board Member
Diana Curtis, Board Member

The following members not present:

Ed Barbour, Board Member

C. MINUTES:

Chairman McBride asked for a motion for approval of the minutes for the January 16, 2014 meeting. Vice Chairman Calvillo requests to amend page 2 paragraph 7 to reflect his correct first name. Board Member Carstens requests to amend page 1 paragraph 12 to reflect the word “vote” and amend page 2 paragraph 4 to reflect the word “there”. Vice Chairman Calvillo motioned for acceptance of the minutes, as amended, seconded by board member Carstens. Approved by 6-0 vote.

D. PRESENTATIONS

D.1 Social Hosting Ordinance Statistics – Chief Johnny Cervantes/Sgt. Engstrom

Sgt. Engstrom advises the board that there has been no need for enforcement of the Social Hosting Ordinance since May of 2013 due to the success of the Ordinance. He advises that, initially, word of the ordinance was passed along via social media outlets which contributed to the success of the ordinance and a new call type will be created to better track these calls. Sgt. Engstrom advises the board of the history and issues which led to the creation of the social hosting ordinance and advises that the ordinance has been used about 7 – 10 times total and about 2 – 3 times per year since it has come into effect. Vice Chairman Calvillo inquires if there have been any homes placed on notice. Sgt. Engstrom advises that 3 homes have been fined and have had a sticker placed on the home advising the public that they have violated the ordinance and further advises the board of the consequences of violating the ordinance. Vice Chairman Calvillo congratulates the Police Department on their application of the ordinance and its effectiveness. Board Member Curtis inquires about drag racing that has been occurring in the

City. Sgt. Engstrom advises the board of the increase in calls regarding drag racing that has been occurring and advises the Police Department will soon be focusing on that growing issue. Board Member Carstens advises that he has seen black tire marks around his business at the airpark. Chief Cervantes advises this subject was not placed on the agenda but can be placed on the agenda for discussion at another time.

D.2 Door-to-Door Proactive Strategy – Chief Johnny Cervantes

Chief Cervantes advises the board of the Community Response Team that was created and the proactive strategy that is being implemented through community policing. Chief Cervantes advises the Community Response Team came into existence on July 19, 2013 and since that time 1,455 doors have been knocked on in different areas of the community and 42 offenders have been arrested as a result of contacts made by the Community Response Team. Vice Chairman inquires whether the public has been made aware of this strategy through social media. Chief Cervantes advises a news outlet is in the process of creating a feature story on the Community Response Team.

E. NEW BUSINESS

E.1 Discuss DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back initiative and propose future participation by CGPD and Police Advisory Board (PAB)

Vice Chairman Calvillo advises that April 26, 2014 will be the National Prescription Drug Take Back event conducted by the DEA and after a discussion with the Chief, it was determined that it was too short of notice to host an event in the City of Casa Grande. Vice Chairman Calvillo advises the board of the prescription abuse by youth and the “pharm” parties that are being held by youth and his desire for the PAB to participate or host a prescription take back event in conjunction with local businesses and the Police Department. Chairman McBride suggests that the take back event be held on the same day as the Casa Grande Youth Commission’s shredding day. Chief Cervantes advises he thinks an event like this would be a great opportunity to notify the public of the Police Advisory Board and their role within the Police Department while benefitting the community with this service. Vice Chairman Calvillo advises the national events are held bi-annually and he will find out the next date that way the Police Advisory Board can prepare to participate in the next event. Board Member Vanderpool suggests hosting an event prior to the winter visitors leaving for the summer so they may participate in the event also and suggests involving the local pharmacies. Vice Chairman Calvillo advises that the pharmacies are not allowed to participate in these types of events.

E.2 Commend Chief Cervantes for the vision and initiative to bring Blue Courage to the CGPD with an open invitation to PAB and select community members to attend and participate.

Chairman McBride requests to commend the Chief on bringing the Blue Courage training to the Casa Grande Police Department. He advises he really enjoyed the training, he felt like it was enlightening and allowed citizens the opportunity to become more involved with Police Officers if they hadn’t been given the opportunity before and encourages the board members who were not able to participate to join the next Blue Courage training if given the opportunity. Vice Chairman Calvillo advises that he enjoyed the training as he was able to meet the command staff and advises the training was very inspiring and commends the Chief in being the only Chief in the Nation to have the whole department attend the training. Chairman McBride advises he has the Ak-Chin Police Department interested in attending Blue Courage training. Chief Cervantes adds that this training is tied into the department’s philosophy in working

together to solve our community problems and this was one way to be able to involve the community. Board Member Curtis advises she enjoyed getting to know the police officers and seeing a different side of police enforcement. She also states what was presented in the training was also a good recipe on a way to live your life.

E.3 Support of Chief Cervantes on Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM)

Vice Chairman Calvillo presents statements regarding the inception of GIITEM and notes that a question of the cost and what we will receive from the program was raised by the City Council and requests to acknowledge the Chief in addressing those questions and bringing it to the Council's attention and in getting continued approval of the Police Department's involvement in the GIITEM Task Force. Vice Chairman Calvillo suggests the board draft a letter in support of the Casa Grande Police Department's involvement in the GIITEM Task Force. Board Member Vanderpool advises he is willing to make statements to the City Council in regards to his support in the Police Department's involvement with GIITEM and the need for the Police Department to be involved with GIITEM. Chief Cervantes advises the question raised from the City Council in regards to GIITEM was just that of inquiring what the Casa Grande Police Department's benefit is from being involved with GIITEM and council was advised of the skill sets the Officers acquire from being involved with the GIITEM Task Force. Chief Cervantes further advises the question of the costs of being involved with GIITEM was also asked to ensure that we are benefitting from paying for the Police Department's GIITEM involvement.

Vice Chairman Calvillo makes a motion to draft a letter to present to the City Council in support of the GIITEM mission and the Casa Grande Police Department's involvement and particular missions that the department has benefitted from supporting the Chief and the Department, seconded by board member Johnjaline Cully. Approved by 6-0 vote.

Chairman McBride requests Vice Chairman Calvillo draft said letter.

E.4 Propose recognition by PAB of Ms. Ana Lara on her service to PAB and recent retirement from CGPD.

Chairman McBride notes Ana Lara's length of service with the City of Casa Grande Police Department and requests to recognize her service.

Vice Chairman Calvillo presents motion to draft letter of appreciation addressed to Ana Lara for her service to the Board and to the Department acknowledging her actions, seconded by board member Roger Vanderpool. Approved by 6-0 vote.

Chairman McBride requests Vice Chairman Calvillo to draft said appreciation letter and further requests the presence of Ana Lara at the next PAB hearing.

E.5 Acknowledgement of new Captains to CGPD with an open invitation to future PAB meeting for introduction.

Captain Todd Hanley presents himself to the board and gives the board a review of his background and qualities. Chairman McBride invites Captain Hanley to return to any future PAB meeting. Chief Cervantes advises the board members of Captain Hanley's expertise and knowledge in Record Management Systems and advises he will be key in the Casa Grande Police Department's purchase of a new CAD/RMS system in the near future. Chief Cervantes also advises that Patrol Captain Parrow was unable to attend the meeting this evening but will

attend the next meeting to be introduced to the board. Vice Chairman Calvillo advises he found both Captains to be very approachable and notes that they bring a vast knowledge of police work to the Casa Grande Police Department.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no business on this agenda for this item.

G. REPORTS BY OFFICERS

There was no business on this agenda for this item.

H. PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Calvillo requests to publicly acknowledge Chairman McBride's recent award from his employer, out of approximately 75,000 employees, for being acknowledged as being the top individual for integrity.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of July, 2014 by the Casa Grande Police Advisory Board.

Mikel McBride
/s/Mikel McBride, Chairman

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