

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD,
HELD AT THE CARLSBAD POLICE DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 19, 2013 AT 5:00 P.M.

Voting Members Present: Jim Walls
 Louie Methola
 Bob Scholl
 Jason Shirley
 Greg Brown

Voting Members Absent: Henry Castaneda, Sr.

Ex-Officio Member Present: Janell Whitlock

Board Secretary Present: Assistant Chief Florez

Others Present: Nicole Serrano
 Robert Steincamp

Jim Walls called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Jim Walls called roll for each voting member and determined there was a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to move approve the agenda made by Jim Walls and seconded by Bob Scholl

(roll call vote taken)

YES – Jim Walls

YES – Louie Methola

YES – Bob Scholl

YES – Jason Shirley

YES – Greg Brown

APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES (09/17/13) & (10/15/13)

Motion to approve past meeting's minutes was made by Bob Scholl and seconded Henry Jason Shirley.

(roll call vote taken)

YES – Jim Walls

YES – Greg Brown

YES – Bob Scholl

YES – Jason Shirley

YES – Louie Methola

*Motion passed

UPDATE BY CHIEF FIERRO

Chief Fierro said the Carlsbad Police Department has been really busy with the Holidays. There has been a lot of overtime with the holiday patrols going on. The PD is currently down two positions. One Detective position and one patrol position. Animal Control Supervisor Tina Dorado is moving from her Animal Control position to Patrol. It will be official in December. Once this transition takes place the patrol position will be filled. The Detective's position is currently internal. It wasn't able to be filled by a lateral position. The police department is doing well on personnel. It's been a very long time since the PD has been fully staffed. There's also one telecommunicator position open. Chief Fierro said once the department is fully staffed and it remains fully staffed, he will request more positions.

The department is in the process of ordering eight more vehicles which were allotted in the budget. Once we get the new vehicles, we will start to weed out the old ones. Crimestopper's wanted to put their bumper sticker on the new police units. The Chief came up with a new logo, that looks better than the basic crimestoppers logo to be placed on the units.

The department is still experiencing problems with the new computer program. Nothing to date has been resolved with Sleuth. The department is currently looking into other options, possibly a whole new system called CAPERS, which is being used by the County. Janell asked if there was any way for the City to recover the money that has already been spent on the Sleuth program. Chief Fierro said there is no way to recover anything because what we've already paid for are services already rendered to date. Chief Fierro said the City had already paid out around \$40,000.00. Janell asked if Sam Plumlee, the new IT Tech for the City, could work on the system to get it going. Chief Fierro stated it was a contractual job so that isn't possible.

OTHER COMMENTS AND/OR QUESTIONS

Louie Methola asked if the manpower of officers was enough for the growth going on in Carlsbad. Chief Fierro stated it currently isn't enough. This was determined by three different studies that were done on our department. It will be great when we are fully staffed. The transient population is also growing. A lot of crimes are being committed by them and people just coming through town.

Jason Shirley mentioned that there are a lot of oil field workers in town and there's also a lot of drug activity along with them, which leads to more crimes.

Chief stated the Copperstone apartments are nice apartments, but there has been a lot of calls for service for disturbances. He stated it was due to the oilfield workers renting blocks of rooms at a time and they're taking over. He said the calls for service at Copperstone are comparable to the calls for service at the Fifth Street apartments. The Avolone apartment hasn't had too many calls for service, but it's probably due to the officers that live there in the apartment complex, and the presence of police units.

Jason Shirley asked about the removal of the traffic light at Halagueno and Mermod. Chief said it's not a police department issue, and originally it was supposed to be a four-way stop and so it's going to be made a four-way stop.

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Walls moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bob Scholl.

(roll call vote taken)

YES – Jim Walls

YES – Louie Methola

YES – Greg Brown

YES - Bob Scholl

YES – Jason Shirley

*Motion passed

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.



Approved Date