



Northwest
Community Policing Council
Zoom meeting: February 17, 2021

Approximately 41 members of the public attended, including APD Civilian and Sworn NW Councilmembers attending; Jackson, Padilla, Ralph, Borst, Miller Greene

NWCPC Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – 17 February 2021

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Eric Jackson, Chair of the NWCPC.
2. Election of officers
 - a. The NWCPC officers for 2021 are:
 - i. Chair: Eric Jackson
 - ii. Vice-Chair: Isaac Padilla
 - iii. Secretary: Jill Greene
3. Update on NW Area Command
 - a. Crime numbers appear good compared to previous years
 - b. Property crime issues continue to be a serious concern
 - c. Increase in road rage incidents – threats and shots fired
 - i. Try to not respond to aggravation
 - ii. Do not follow or confront individuals
 - iii. Do not do anything like “brake checking,” etc.
 - iv. Report to 911 if it’s a serious situation
 - d. Compliance is going well
 - i. Working to increase community engagement
 - e. POP – Problem Oriented Policing: New process being implemented
 - i. Will provide data on changes and engagement with community partners including businesses and neighborhoods
 - ii. Focusing on property crime concentrations
 1. Apartment complexes are frequent targets for auto burglaries
 2. Working with gyms to reduce crime in their parking areas
 - iii. Using Nextdoor, Facebook, and Area Command websites to disseminate information

- iv. Conducting field briefings in problem areas
- f. Mariposa Park attention seems to have paid off
 - i. Camera system and increased police presence has helped
 - ii. Also received assistance from Impact and investigators
- g. Mobile camera trailers are run by the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC)
 - i. They're assigned as needed
 - ii. NW currently has three stationed around the area
- h. Shot Spotter gunshot detection is working well in the areas it has been deployed
 - i. NW is not a high priority for the existing system
 - ii. Placement is based on ongoing violent crime problems
 - iii. As the system is built-out, it will come to the NW
- i. COVID Vaccinations
 - i. Process is going well
 - ii. DC Olvera will get an update on numbers
- j. Vehicles
 - i. Blue is the new color scheme
 - ii. Cars are being replaced as necessary
- k. Community engagement
 - i. Increasing contact with the community has been complicated by COVID
 - ii. Problem Response Team units are continuing to reach out to businesses and individuals to address problems
 - iii. Hope to increase contacts as community infection rates go down
 - iv. Working to connect individuals and family members with resources to address problems
 - v. Council and officers would like to increase positive interactions for community and police officers
 - 1. Ongoing programs at schools and community meetings are happening despite COVID
 - a. School Resource Officers have changed place in the org chart and have been unable to participate in virtual schooling.
 - b. Imprint programs are geared to elementary. Plan to increase Imprint to middle schools.
 - c. There are ongoing programs for high school students.
 - 2. APD needs to increase awareness of programs
 - 3. Pete Gelabert continues to work with neighborhoods and apartment complexes to get information out to their managers, to work with businesses to get them information, and to work with neighborhood watch programs.
 - vi. Staffing in the Area Command
 - 1. Northwest always needs more officers
 - 2. Chief Medina and DC Olvera continue to work on balancing needs and availability for the Area Commands
 - 3. Having more prevention needs more officers
- vii. 242-COPS and 911 call delays

1. Provide information about date and time and the Communications Center manager will investigate
 2. Same with issues about response times and follow-up with officers
 - a. Commanders and the Crime Prevention Specialist will investigate and can provide more information
- viii. Recruiting – Dets. Rahimi and Wolfbrandt
1. Increased interest from candidates
 2. Working to increase testing opportunities
 3. Social media is being used to reach out
 4. There will be another Police Service Aide academy
 5. 32 cadets graduating next month
 6. Next academy class (March) will be about 70
 7. Lateral academy is scheduled for fall – aiming for 30 participants
 8. Please follow APD Recruiting online – Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube...
 9. Peacekeeper/Guardian ads are from an outside group helping with commercials
 - a. Social media is constantly tested to determine what is working and engaging the community
- I. Investigative Services Division and Special Investigations Division
- i. Acting Lt. Jeff Barnard
 - ii. Field officers respond to calls
 - iii. Any potential felony charge report gets sent to the investigative unit
 - iv. Any immediate need for warrants or other investigative support will be sent to the scene
 - v. Investigations are based on priority system:
 1. Violent crimes
 2. Property crimes based on severity and active leads, evidence, etc.
 - vi. Field investigators often conduct their own investigations
 - vii. Crime Scene Investigators are civilians – leaves officers to handle law enforcement priorities
 - viii. Field Service officers can request CSI if they believe evidence can be collected
 - ix. Investigator manpower has increased over the last year
 1. Some areas remain short-handed
 2. Area Commanders and other units will work together to provide assistance for particular programs
 - x. Investigators are often introduced through temporary assignments
 1. Learn about processes and procedures through on-the-job training
 2. Specific training is offered through local and national programs
 - xi. APD is working on developing a detective academy
 - xii. Detective is equivalent to Patrolman 1st Class
- m. CPC Liaison Kelly Mensah
- i. Provided an overview of the Liaison position
 - ii. Assisting with maintaining Council diversity

- iii. How to become a CPC council member
 - iv. Goal is to have disparate membership representing the entire community
 - v. CPCs are seeking other ways for community members to engage in the CPC process
 - 1. What non-traditional methods can we use to increase engagement
 - vi. CPCs continue to seek engagement with all members of the community
 - vii. Anyone interested in becoming a Council Member can contact Kelly Mensah at kmensah@cabq.gov
 - viii. Anyone who wants to be added to the mailing list for the NWCPC can send a message to jackson.nwcpc@gmail.com and Eric Jackson will make sure you get updates and agendas
 - ix. Pete Gelabert will work with Eric Jackson and Kelly Mensah to increase awareness of the CPCs at apartment complexes in the NW Area Command.
 - x. The commitment to CPCs can vary from a few hours per month to several hours per week depending on an individuals level of interest and engagement.
 - xi. The CPCs will be seeking task- and project-specific assistance from the community to reach Strategic Plan goals. Community members will be encouraged to participate in committees and working groups.
4. The next NWCPC meeting is scheduled for March 17 and will be conducted via Zoom.
 5. Future presentations will likely include an update on the Court-Approved Settlement Agreement (CASA), the Violence Intervention Program, and the APD Communications Center (911 and 242-COPS).
 - a. The NWCPC welcomes community input and suggestions of presentations of interest.
 6. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.