

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2008

Present: Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Steve Greenfield, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Carol Rosset, Scott Wicking

Guests: Stephanie Ross – Minutes Taker

Chief's Update

Chief Black passed out a police notice about copper thefts and car burglaries. The City of Davis has had an increase in both crimes, with both crimes occurring throughout the city. A large percentage of the vandalized cars belong to students who leave valuables in their cars. Recently, there have been about 8-10 vehicle burglaries per day. Backpacks, computers, sunglasses, wallets, etc. are items being stolen. Many incidents happen at night, but a fair number happen during the day. Davis isn't the only city being hit – other towns in the area are also experiencing this rise in crime. Chief Black advised the board not to leave valuables in their cars and to always lock their doors.

The state budget is \$15-20 billion in the red for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Law enforcement funding will be cut by 10% if the Governor's proposed budget passes. Committee 4 recommends much more drastic cuts: \$550 million to be taken away from a few select areas (rural areas, crime initiative funds, youth crime prevention and camps, mental health initiative, COPS funding, booking funds). Committee 4 also recommends \$7.5 million - \$30 million be cut from CAL METH, a program instituted to reduce the production and consumption of methamphetamine. The Governor will announce his revised budget on Wednesday, May 14.

The city's budget is short \$850,000 for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The city manager has come up with a plan to balance the budget without dipping into reserves and ensure that no department in the city will have to cut programs. The Police Department has come up with ways to cut costs without cutting programs. Overtime hours will be cut, some vendor contracts will be cut due to overlap, and an open but unfilled part-time call-taker position will be eliminated. These measures will trim off about \$130,000 from the budget. Administrative Services Manager Jim Ivler was able to negotiate a better contract with Nestor Red Light Camera and saved an additional \$130,000. The Police Department's total contribution to the city's budget windfall totals \$260,000.

Saturday morning before noon the dispatch center received a call alleging that there were guns and pipe bombs at Davis High. The Police Department coordinated with the high school and got information out to parents and students and took measures to ensure there would be a safe environment for students on Monday morning. Bomb dogs went out Sunday and Monday morning and swept the campus for weapons. It was an anonymous call, and the Police Department

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| <p><i>Chief's Update continued</i></p> | <p>thinks it was a hoax. There was also a threat to Davis High's prom going on in Sacramento Saturday night. The Sacramento Police Department was notified but couldn't provide any extra resources.</p> <p>Carol Rosset commented that as a parent of a Davis High School student she felt like she was notified about events promptly. The school's website had updates on the situation and she received several e-mails. A suggestion for the future would be for the website to be more current as time passes.</p> <p>Chief Black announced a change in crime prevention/neighborhood watch. Currently, Crime Prevention Specialist Debra Doroshov coordinates and leads meetings about neighborhood safety. The future plan calls for Beat Commanders to be present at these meetings so they can get a better understanding from the community about specific needs. This will keep the community better informed, allows officers to act on information they receive, and get the officers more involved with their beats.</p> |
| <p><i>Round Table</i></p> | <p>Carol Rosset reported that her son's truck was broken into and his wallet, backpack, GPS system, and a Nintendo Wii were stolen. She commented that Debra Doroshov is a wonderful employee of the Police Department.</p> <p>Steve Greenfield announced that the Celebrate Davis! 5th annual event will be held at Community Park Thursday May 15. Chief Black will be there, as well as other prominent members of the community. There will be an event on October 12 to celebrate the centennial of UC Davis. They want to close 3rd street from the campus to G street, leaving B street open. Bob Bowen with the City is working with the event coordinators to organize everything.</p> <p>Shelly Bailes announced that an anti-gay marriage initiative will be on the November ballot. It will be one of the most expensive ballot initiatives in California history and will cost upwards of \$20 million. Thursday, May 15 in San Francisco the state Supreme Court will decide whether or not gay marriage is constitutional. There will be a rally tomorrow in Sacramento at the LAMDA center. Shelly will be speaking in Sacramento.</p> <p>John Pamperin reported that the Achievement Gap conference on Saturday was successful. There were over 100 people present, and this was on the same weekend there as the Whole Earth Festival, Mother's Day, and the Dixon May Fair. The Police Department and schools and city were very cooperative. The Chief and Superintendent stayed for the whole event. Students who were there were bright and engaged. If there's a follow-up meeting there's a chance there could be 300 people present.</p> |