

**Davis Police Department**  
**Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
*February 10, 2010*

**Present:** Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Clara Elias, Patti Fong, Mel Lewis, Janis Lott, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Scott Wiekling

**Guests:** Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

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**Chief's Update**

Chief Black reported on identity crime cases and a local multi-million check fraud victimization in which the US Attorney's Office and Justice Department are involved. He noted that Sacramento County is cutting back on their High Tech Investigations unit and the Yolo County District Attorney's office is creating a High Tech Task Force.

Mel Lewis asked about the appropriateness of cutting High Tech while cyber bullying and threats are so prevalent. Chief Black noted the difference between criminal and socially unacceptable activity and what can be prosecuted. Patti Fong suggested that if you come across cyber bullying or a threat, print it out and bring it to the attention of the District Attorney's Office.

Chief Black said that the Police Department will be sending a preliminary budget for 2010-11 to City Hall within the week. There was a political battle over COPPS funding last year and it was transferred into vehicle license tax with part going to Law Enforcement. However, fewer people are buying cars and we are getting less anyway. There are impending issues with lab fees charged by the Department of Justice and Prop 172 funds (a sales tax affecting public safety) are on the line. The City of Davis sales tax initiative, which should be on the ballot in June, will be important to us. If that does not pass, it may reduce the City revenue by about three million dollars. Each department would have to bear a share of the cutback which could cost us a loss of officers, civilian employees and special programs.

Chief Black spoke at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to support maintaining the funding for the 24-hour suicide hotline. He has also spoken at City Council to object to the Carlton Senior Living Center development because he wanted to be on the record stating up front that the PD makes noise which could be incompatible with housing.

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**Round Table**

**African American Community** - Mel Lewis gave Chief Black information to have investigated regarding an incident he brought up during the January 2010 CAB meeting.

**Davis Downtown Business Association** - Janis Lott said that the downtown merchants are proactively dealing with issues arising from the transient population. Some young ladies working at a downtown eatery have been followed to their cars in the evening. Buddy systems and at the door pick-ups are being arranged. Customers are also uncomfortable after dark. Chief Black said people should call the police, preferably while an incident is occurring, but not to hesitate to call about it at any time. He noted that the spring bar patrol will start up soon, so there will be extra officers downtown.

Janis reported on a concept talked about at DDBA of establishing a Community Covenant among downtown business to promote responsible behavior on the UCD Picnic Day. Concern was expressed regarding the atmosphere downtown in past years and loosing the family day aspect. Bars are opening at 6:00 a.m. and promoting specials. Police have been dealing with drunks and disorderly conduct downtown before the parade even begins. Other businesses have to clean up from trash and bodily fluids left by the drunks.

**Gay/Lesbian Community** – Shelly Bailes announced that Cathy Speck, who is promoting ALS awareness, is currently in first place in the Hero Next Door contest. February 12, 2010 is Freedom to Marry Day. Couples will go to the County Recorder’s office to request marriage licenses.

Shelly thanked the Police Department for their proactive response to the threat of protests in front of the Hillel House and Chabad on February 5 & 6. The group who planned the protest was snowed in at Kansas and did not make it to Davis. The Prop 8 trial is on hold while the Judge is looking over the information. Closing arguments should take place in March.

Shelly talked about problems with a party house on her street. Chief Black will refer this to the night Sergeant to look into.

**Beat 2** – Clara Elias reported on an incident in her neighborhood with a mentally ill woman having psychotic episodes. She asked for a briefing on how police are trained for dealing with mentally ill and how we educate the public on how to help them. Carla suggested having a central website for resources. Chief Black explained that in the past we have been able to contact the Mental Health Mobile Crisis Unit and they would respond to a scene. Due to severe cutback in Mental Health funding, that is no longer available. In order to fill this gap, we are currently training officers in Crisis Intervention Training as it becomes available.

**Beat 3** - Diane McGee reported seeing a police car sitting and running on Monarch for hours on more than one occasion. Chief Black said that this is not unusual and could be due to several reasons. Diane thanked our staff member doing vehicle abatement for having a boat moved off the street in her neighborhood. Project Linus is collecting blankets for Haiti.

**Asian Community** - Patti Fong expressed the need for communicating with people that they need to protect themselves by locking cars and taking the keys and valuables out. As a Deputy DA she has to charge kids who were tempted by the open doors.

**Human Relations Council** - John Pamperin reported on the success of the Concilio fundraiser. He said that CAB members need to get information out about how budget cuts are and will affect services. John also noted that there are no more bad cops in Davis. There is a consciousness in the community and active effort to improve services. John reported that the HRC Discrimination questionnaire results are out and will be available to the community soon.

**Christian Community** – Scott Wieking reported that the Korean Church commissioned their new building. The pastoral group he meets with have been talking with Captain Pytel and Sergeant Tenedora about ways to partner with the Police Department and help. He has not heard of any problems with the Rotating Winter Shelter.