

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2010

Present: Judi Adelman, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Clara Elias, Janis Lott, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Scott Wieking

Guests: Michael Lamb for Mel Lewis, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

**Round
Table**

Davis Joint Unified School District—Pam Mari said that School Climate Coordinator Mel Lewis will talk at the April CAB meeting about the proposed mentorship program which will be designed to help kids on the peripheral.

Pam Mari announced that DJUSD will implement a pilot program after spring break where suspended secondary students will be kept at school spending time with makeup work and meeting with counselors. They are also reevaluating who is getting suspended and why.

Beat 2 - Clara Elias reported that in order to improve safety, they are passing out whistles in her neighborhood so that people can make noise if they hear anything going on that sounds like a fight. Such an incident happened a few years ago.

Beat 3 - Diane McGee reported that the library book sale will take place on April 9, 10 & 11th. Over 200 blankets were donated to Project Linus for Haiti relief. She will be distributing blankets to the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Shelters and other non-profit groups. Diane also noted there are places around Davis where New Path had started preparing the foundations for their cell towers and those are left unfinished.

Islamic Community - Hamza El-Nakhal reported that someone keeps knocking down the planters at the Islamic center. Images have been obtained from their security camera, but so far nobody recognizes the person(s). He noted that we all have to work out for each other.

Hamza announced that there will be a fundraiser for Davis Community Meals on May 23, 2010 in the Odd fellows building and another fundraiser for the International House on March 20, 2010.

Human Relations Commission - John Pamperin said that he is glad we have a diverse group like this coming together to communicate with the police and that this is key to crisis problem solving in these troubling times.

Christian Community – Scott Wieking said that the Rotating Winter Shelter is in the final week for 2009-10. It has been well used and at capacity each night this winter. Capacity is 25 according to the MOU set by the City and by Fire regulations. Scott said that the organizations involved in this program are learning how to be more effective.

Hispanic Community – Carlos Matos is serving on the Davis Community Meals board now. He said that he believes there are some Hispanics who don't lodge complaints because they are afraid of deportment. Chief Black noted that law enforcement officers do not ask questions about documentation and are looking for ways to help people work and live peacefully.

Davis Downtown Business Association - Janis Lott said that DDBA merchants are interested in knowing when the school articulation (no school) days are so they can have more staff on

site. Pam Mari will add the DDBA to the listservs so this information can get out to merchants.

DDBA has also been talking about a strategy and outreach regarding transient issues. They want to create ways people can give to organizations helping homeless (such as Davis Community Meals) without giving to panhandlers.

Janis said that merchants are concerned about the downtown drinking issues on Picnic Day. The agreement they hoped to come to with the bar owners has not happened. She wants groups to get together right after Picnic Day this year to talk about what went well and what did not so they can start planning and create open communication.

Chief's Report

Chief Black reported on the March 4th UCD Protests. There were a number of protesters involved who were not from UCD. One arrest was made, which is pending. The protests turned violent because of the violence the students themselves presented. It was our hope to allow protests to go unimpeded throughout the city, but when they students decided to go onto Interstate 80, it became a safety issue and we could not allow that to happen. Three lines of police tried to hold them back. Students used their bikes as battering rams against the officers and at the third line, officers used pepper balls. There were about 10 different law enforcement agencies involved in lending mutual aid. Chief Black said that he is personally proud of our response. We allowed protesters to get their message out and exercise their First Amendment Rights. He believes the lowest level of force used on protesters was reasonable use of force under the circumstances and that it is unfortunate that students made bad guys out of officers who often have same feelings about fee hikes, gay/lesbian rights, etc.

Chief Black said that the budget process is continuing and that it does not look like the PD will be hit hard right now. We are planning reorganization in the PD to be able to absorb cuts, if they happen. This may help improve efficiency as well.

We are looking at how we can become more involved in improving the blighted areas around Davis. And we are expanding the bike patrol area covered with a third officer riding now. Michael Lamb suggested the skateboard park be patrolled.