

Davis Police Department
Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010

Present: Judi Adelman, Shelly Bailes, Landy Black, Hamza El-Nakhal, Patti Fong, Jodi Liederman, Mel Lewis, Janis Lott, Pam Mari, Carlos Matos, Diane McGee, John Pamperin, Carla Pion, Darren Pytel, Scott Wiekling

Guests: Administrative Services Manager Jim Ivler, Youth Intervention Specialist Trease Petersen, Administrative Aide Pat Snyder

Language Services	<p>Administrative Services Manager Jim Ivler presented an overview of the Language Services policy that is being updated per recent Federal guidelines, which also includes reviewing this topic with a community-based organization such as the CAB. We currently use a combination of telephonic translation services and several police employees who are certified interpreters in specific languages. In a review of the statistics; we have had 275 uses of our telephonic services during 2008 and 2009 (both emergency and non emergency calls), averaging 10 – 12 per month. The breakdown is 80% Spanish, 6% Mandarin, 2.5% Korean, 2.5% Japanese and the rest a variety of languages.</p> <p>The federal intent is to have departments provide a balance that reasonably ensures meaningful access to critical services by limited English speakers, while not imposing undue burdens on departments or their personnel. The PD will be determining what services and documents are considered vital or essential, with the goal of having them available in non-English languages most likely to be requested.</p> <p>Mel Lewis asked what would happen at a traffic stop. Captain Pytel said that we would first call to see if there is an officer on duty with either Davis PD or UCD PD who can translate. Secondly, we would use the telephonic service on speaker phone.</p> <p>Pam Mari noted that the school district put their back to school packet and forms on-line last year. In the process they streamlined their literature using a Davis group called “Plain Language”. DJUSD discovered that their old forms were actually written in advanced language, such as their field trip permission form was written for 16.7 graders. She highly recommended the group for translating and streamlining forms.</p>
Round Table	<p>Islamic Community - Hamza El-Nakhal announced that during Picnic Day on Saturday, April 17, 2010, the International House will serve lunch with music for \$10. On May 23, 2010 there will be a fundraiser for Davis Community Meals at 5:30 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall. Tickets will be \$35 for individuals or \$250 for a table of eight. The food is donated, so all proceeds will go to Davis Community Meals.</p> <p>Latino Community - Carlos Matos said he has heard nothing from the Latino Community. He attended a community meeting where the panhandling issue was discussed. There was a positive discussion about an educational campaign about the alternatives to giving to panhandlers.</p> <p>Marriage Equality - Shelly Bailes reported that Marriage Equality USA will have their annual tax day protest on April 15th in front of the Davis Post Office. She explained the confusion and hardship that arises from the Federal Government not recognizing same sex marriages. Shelly reported that the “Repeal Prop 8” people did not get their million signatures for putting it on the next ballot. The Prop 8 trial has been on hold, final arguments</p>

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have not been made yet. They may hear something by the middle of May.

Jewish Community - Jodi Liederman is the new representative from the Jewish Community. She reported on some upcoming events sponsored by the synagogue and noted that all are welcome.

April 20, 2010 – The Case for Israel film will be shown at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 22, 2010 – AIPAC (American Israeli Public Affairs Committee) at 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 25, 2010 – Barbeque and picnic at 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

April 29, 2010 – Le Bistro Haverim with jazz, dinner and a silent auction – 5:30 – 10:00 p.m.

May 8, 2010 – Deputy consul of Israel, Gidi Lustig will speak at 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Beat 1 - Carla Pion said that there is general concern among her neighbors about downtown businesses closing. She also reported a drinking and trash problem near the dominoes statues in the park by Sycamore and Quail.

Davis Downtown Business Association – In answer to Carla’s concern, Janis Lott said that some of the business closings were planned and some are due to the economy. However, she noted that there are new businesses coming in. Janis said the downtown is not fragile, but there is a delicate balance and they need community support. Some retail businesses are nervous about Picnic Day which usually brings a bit of chaos, shoplifting and drunkenness downtown. Businesses will be well staffed in preparation.

Beat 2 – Diane McGee asked that if we know of organizations that can use Project Linus blankets, please let her know. She said that the stop light at San Ramon and Pena often will not turn green and asked if it is okay to go ahead and go through it. Chief Black said no—the only thing a person can do is make right hand turns to get around it. Diane said the issue has been reported to the City Public Works Department through the online Citizen’s Response Manager.

There was a conversation about publicizing who the Community Advisory Board representatives are and how appropriately there is representation of the constituents. Chief Black said there needs to be a conversation and fleshing out of some of the ideas.

African American Community – Mel Lewis reported on a traffic stop in which the driver, a person of color, said he didn't understand why he had been stopped. (The officer gave the impression that no violation had been committed.) Chief Black said it is important for officers to clearly communicate why someone is stopped so the driver doesn’t speculate as to what the reason was. Pam Mari requested that the May CAB meeting include a report about the training the officers are getting both in the academy and during ongoing professional development.

Davis Joint Unified School District - Pam Mari reported that they are still working on bringing suspensions in-house and are about to pilot the program. She said that in May there will be a Joint School District and City Council meeting to talk about how resources are being joined. The school district and the Police Department are working together on a Mentorship program. We will talk about it next month.

Beat 4 - Judi Adelman said she hasn’t heard of any problem in Beat 4. She will be teaching pressure cooker classes at Davis Ace Hardware on May 2nd at 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

	<p>Human Relations Commission - John Pamperin said that especially in times like these, he believes in the benefits of this advisory group.</p> <p>Christian Community – Scott Wieking said there will be a workshop with pastors and Grace in Action on April 21st to discuss the impact of the City/Davis Community Church/Davis Community Meals MOU on them. The MOU includes a restriction on the number of meals that can be served on a given day.</p>
<p>Youth Mentor- ship Program</p>	<p>This item was postponed until the May 12, 2010 meeting.</p>
<p>Chief's Report</p>	<p>Chief Black kept his report short because we ran out of time. He said our budget is looking good for 2010-11. However, if Measure Q (the sales tax renewal) doesn't pass, police services will be dramatically affected.</p>