

MEETING MINUTES
VALLEY AREA COMMUNITY POLICING COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2016
LOS DURANES COMMUNITY DENTER
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Souter

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM.

II. COUNCILOR ROLL CALL: Chair Jim Souter

Present:

Officer Jerome Armijo
Officer John Burley
Officer Carmelita Michaud
Maxine Cowton
Richard Deichsel
Edwina Kiro
Kathleen O'Malley11
Jennifer Rhea
James Souter
Paul Watson

Absent

Consultant Sgt. Terysa Bowie
Joan Wierzba

Also Present:

Consultant:
Lt. Art Sanchez

Resource Director:

Celina Espinoza, APD, Communications and Community Outreach Director

Community members:

There were 12 community members present - see attached sign in sheet

III. APPROVAL OF January 20, 2016 MINUTES

A Motion to approve the January 20, 2016 Minutes was made, Seconded, and approved by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

V. OFFICIAL BUSINESS – Councilor, Consultant & Recourse Director Reports

A. Councilors Neighborhood Associations Updates

1. North Valley – Chair Jim Souter
 2. Broadway – Paul Watson
 3. Rio Grande – Kathleen O’Malley/Edwina Kiro
 4. Downtown – Richard Deichsel
 5. Historic – Maxine Cowton
 6. Near North Valley – Joan Wierzba
 7. Directions Committee – Jennifer Rhea
- B. Crime Statistics – Officer John Burley**
1. Check website – valleyareacommand.com
- C. Consultant – Lt. Art Sanchez**
1. 16 hours of Community Policing training of all officers almost completed
 2. 77 officers have completed mandatory 40 hours of Use of Force training
- D. Resource Director – Celina Espinosa**
1. DOJ requires all officers complete 40 hours of Use of Force training by June 2nd.
 2. Passed out updated Procedural Order 2-52 on APD Use of Force Policy

VI. NEW BUSINESS – Chair Jim Souter

- A. Starting time and location recommendations surveys determined possible improved citizen attendance for evening meetings.**

1. Chair Souter recommended Thursday evenings – 6:00-8:00 PM

Note: There was discussion that it might be better to continue daytime meetings as all other five CPCs were evenings, and one was on Thursday. In addition, Councilor O’Malley stated she had arranged for the Settlement Agreement Monitor, Mr. Rickman, to attend the next VACCPC Meeting on Thursday, March 16th, between 6:00-8:00 PM. Councilor Rhea made a motion, and was seconded by Councilor Kiro to conduct the next meeting on March 16th, plus continue the discussion and make a decision to change meeting date and times at the next Directors Meeting. Motion was passed with a voice vote.

2. Councilor Watson - talk about New Scientist Magazine Article re - Evidence based/Hot Spot based policing

- a. <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22830464-400-police-forces-turn-to-science-to-put-their-tactics-on-trial/>
- b. <https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22530073-200-why-violent-crime-is-plummeting-in-the-rich-world/>

3. Establishing Executive Committee – Chair Jim Souter

Note: A Motion was floored by Councilor Cowton to table the Establishment of an Executive Committee, seconded by Councilor Rhea, and approved by a voice vote.

4. Set Directors meeting time and date for future agenda topics and speakers.
 - a. Thursday, March 25th – 6:00om at Los Duranes Community Center
5. Guest Speakers and presentation on changes on Use of Force at APD
 - a. APD Lt. Glen St. Onge – Crisis Intervention Unit
 - b. Retired UNM Statistics Prof., Peter Wintergrad – APD Crisis Intervention Statistics
 - c. Results between Aug. 2015 – Jan. 2016
(out of 87 incidents responded, only 4 arrests)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS - were made in process of the meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – Non discussed for lack of time

IX: ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:55 AM by Councilor Rhea seconded by Officer Michaud, and approved by voice vote

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Richard Deichsel - Secretary