

CITY OF LEON VALLEY CITIZEN POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Conference Center 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78240 Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Citizen Police Advisory Committee met on the 16th day of March 2022, at the Leon Valley Conference Center located at 6421 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

6:00 p.m. Call to Order and Announcement of a Quorum

Erick Matta called the Police Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Erick Matta asked that the minutes reflect that the following members of the Citizen Police Advisory Committee were present: Michelle Rawls, Jesus Vasquez, Erick Matta, Philip Campos, Tina Chasan, Tom Nolan, Manuel Rubio, Darby Riley, James Brandenberg, Betty Heyl and John Saenz

City Manager Crystal Caldera, Councilman Stevens, and Orozco were also present.

Approval of the Minutes from February 16, 2022

The minutes were approved.

Citizens to be Heard

Denise Grigwire, came to speak about Nolan Harmon having his property confiscated after an incident involving a dog attack she also passed out some documentation.

Presentation/Discussion: CPAC shift in focus to Training Provider Advisory Board

City Manager, Caldera explained why this component was an important part of the committee, but not the only part of the committee. She further stated that training assists the city in saving money and keeping the police department current with the Current Education hours. The committee agreed to continue to review any possible training provided to them by the staff liaison. The Committee also agreed to have a staff liaison to help with the meeting coordination.

Discussion on Community Concerns About the Lack of Police Presence in our Neighborhoods and it's Effects on Crime Along with Possible Solutions

The committee discussed the accountability of crimes and the confidence of the citizens in their police. The committee would like the police to stop and get to know their community. City Manager Caldera explained that the goal of the police department is to make this happen, due to staff turnover, they are in the process of training new officers and reestablishing the designated neighborhood police officer. There was also some discussion of budgeting for a Police Community Resources Officer similar to the MIH position in the Fire Department.

Committee Member Riley asked about painting police cars to be recognized as police. City Manager Caldera responded by stating the city has 3 vehicles that have logos, but it is costly to redo the vehicles. The plan is to schedule the new cars to have the logo placed on the vehicles, as these are cycled out.

Committee Member Tom Nolan, recommended having some research and statistics done such as call volume and hours. City Manager Caldera explained to them that this information is already on the website under the residence/city-data/City Manager Report.

City Manager Caldera stated that at a future meeting Chief David Gonzalez should have a map illustrating crime that could be presented to the committee.

Discussion on the Pros and Cons Regarding in House Dispatch vs Bexar County Dispatch

City Manager Caldera discussed the cost of owning our own dispatch service. She explained in 2015/2016 the salaries were close to \$279,000 for 6 employees now the cost of employment would be upwards of \$400,000 for 8 employees which would be the minimum needed to run the operation. She continued by stating this does not include equipment and facilities.

Discussion on the Concerns Regarding Visibility at the Evers/Adair Intersection

Committee member Campos expressed his concerns with the traffic on Evers and the safety concern exiting onto Evers road. City Manager, Caldera stated that the City Engineer is doing a traffic analysis to determine what the best solution is, However, a mirror was ruled out due to glare issues.

Discussion and Action Setting Time and Date for Next Meeting with Proposed Dates being April 20, 22; July 2022; and October 19, 2022

The committee agreed to meet on May 18, 2022.

Adjournment

Erick Matta announced the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

These minutes approved by the Leon Valley Police Advisory Committee on the ____ of May, 2022.

APPROVED

Erick Matta CHAIR