Devonshire Area Community Police Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

By R. Caplette May 23, 2012

CPAB Attendees

Captain Pitcher	Ron Howell	John Manning	Larry Stearn
Erica DeSmith	Erik Ingerbrigtsen	Lorraine New	Jerry Volkenant
Shirley Ellis	Ira Kaplan	Donna Smith	

Absentees

Beverly Adler	Mike Dobry	Josh Jordahl	Carlos Sandoval
Feiman Ayelet	Carol Jensen	Laura Kelly	Frejeanne Scott
Greg Baker	Howard Jensen	Tony Pasano	Tom Williams
Helen Davis	Richard "rj" Jones	Yolanda Petroski	Sylvie Wimont

Guest

Officer Ryan Caplette

Rod De Smith Bill Larsen

Meeting called to order at 1910 hrs by Larry Stearn Previous minutes were approved by Larry Stearn and seconded John Manning

Introductions:

Constitutional policing □ by Captain Kris Pitcher

Captain Pitcher advised we follow the constitution of the United States when it comes to policing, detention and arrests. Officer Caplette verified what was said from a patrol standpoint.

New Business:

CERT Training - Larry Stearn polled all C-PAB members present to confirm that each of the members had completed their CERT training course.

Crime update – The area is still facing an issue with the foreclosed homes and the crimes that they host. It was discussed how to track the homes and engage the community in reporting said homes. An effort will be made to identify the homes via the County Recorder. Captain Pitcher advised we are starting a pilot program in Devonshire that starts with A95 basic car, and hopefully will spread throughout the division. The City attorney stated that the Department of Building and Safety is rather hands off unless there is an evident "break □in".

Secondarily he advised to get copies of crime reports so he could immediately evict the residents.

Captain Pitcher was pleased with the proposal and encouraged the CPAB board to develop and implement a plan, even if it was at a grass roots level.

Larry Stearn asked for input from each board member present regarding what they felt were the top items addressed throughout the past year to be included in the annual presentation to the LAPD Police Commission on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. The vast majority concurred that crime prevention at vacant-foreclosed homes was a top priority.

As a highly seasoned administrator at the LAUSD, and former school Principal of the same, Donna Smith presented a preliminary plan to the board to have round table meetings with school administrators and Principals to share input for crime prevention among the student body. The board was in favor of her vision and Erica De Smith volunteered to assist in developing this plan. A completed plan will be presented for the board's input when ready at a future meeting.

Captain Pitcher addressed the board and asked for a true advisory board, and not a volunteer working crew. He encouraged using everyone's talent to better Devonshire area from both the Police and Community standpoint.

With all business concluded, Larry Stearn made a motion to adjourn at 20:35; and was seconded by John Manning.