

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 16th day of January, in the Leon Valley City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas, for the purpose of the following business:

The meeting was called to order by: Donna Charles at 6:05 p.m. with the following in attendance: Ms. Charles, Chief Salvaggio, Ms. Seiffert, Mr. Barrera, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Hawsey, Susan Hillje, Ms. Riddle, Mrs. Ruiz, Councilwoman Rodriguez, and Asst. Chief Saucedo

2. Chairperson Charles requested a review of the November, 2018 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was proposed by Ms. Hillje and seconded by Mr. Blackmore
3. **Chief's Report is as follows:**
 - a. **Burglary Vehicle Campaign:** All signs have been posted throughout the entrances of all neighborhoods. The officers continue to check the neighborhoods and notify residents of open doors.
 - b. **Impound Lot Update:** In December, 2018 there were 57 vehicles towed and \$14,900 collected in revenue. The impound lot auction on December 13, 2018, brought in \$30,000 for the 35 vehicles that were auctioned.
 - c. **Onlt Audit:** The Onlt Audit team continues to work with the businesses to rectify issues.
 - d. **Neighborhood Officer Assignments:** No changes to the program.
 - e. **Citizens Police Academy:** Still postponed until we get enough students signed up for the class.
 - f. **Blue Santa:** The program was very successful this year, with more than 500 kids in need of Christmas cheer. We received the most donations thus far, with more than \$7000 in cash from the community and local businesses. We also received hundreds of additional toys from three different toy drives held at Walmart, HEB and at Renegade Custom Cycles. We also visited seven different locations in need of Christmas cheer, singing Christmas songs to ill and elderly residents of our community.
 - g. **Annual Report:** Ms. Charles gave the CPAC Annual Report to City Council on December 18th. The report was well received and it showed the great work the committee has been doing.
4. **Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments from November Update:**
 - a. Two houses, one on Grass Hill and the other on Mary Jamison, truck peeking out of garage, neighborhood repair project, Seneca and Pickering tall grass—All locations received notices to clean up.
 - b. Junk Vehicles on El Verde parked in front of homes that do not have recent tags green ford pickup, blue truck already ticketed—Ford pickup has antique plates.

- c. Forest Leaf junk vehicle in backyard—Homeowner received notice to abate.
- d. You Tube and Google Search Warrants on auditors—warrants are still in process
- e. Greenbelt between DPS and carwash, filled with trash—Area cleaned, but other violations found
- f. House with no sidewalk on Linkmeadow—location received notice to install driveway
- g. 7700 Linkwood, car dealers with paper plates—several visits to location and citations written
- h. Hodges/Althea traffic to a dead end. Ask Fire Chief feasibility of removing bollards—not feasible
- i. Dumpsters-wrong dumpster on Rue François & Rue Sophie—dumpster replaced with proper one

5. Consider Possible Action and New Items for Discussion:

- a. **Neighborhood Watch Programs:** Ms. Seiffert stated the Grass Valley Neighborhood Watch met on January 13th at 3 pm. They had 25-30 citizens in attendance. Several members voiced concerns about the proposed rezoning on Evers at Huebner.
- b. **Photographic Traffic Control Program:** Chief Salvaggio gave a rundown on the Photographic Traffic Control Program as of the end of December 2018. There were 69,182 incidents of red light running, and there were 53,921 citations issued over that time frame. There has been a 40% reduction in incidents of red light running, and a 33% reduction in citations issued between March and December 2018.
- c. **Cell Phone Ordinance:** Chief Salvaggio stated the cell phone ordinance was approved unanimously at the City Council meeting in December. There will be a 30-day warning period that may be extended until all signs at the entrances to Leon Valley concerning the Cell Phone Ordinance are installed.
- d. **Proposed Hotel/Motel Ordinance on Check-In Requirements:** The City Council requested some changes be made, but voted it in unanimously after the second reading. All three hotels have been notified of the new ordinance.
- e. **Town Hall Presentation on Red Light Camera:** Chief Salvaggio presented the draft Town Hall Presentation on red light cameras to the members of the committee. The members made recommendations for changes, additions and deletions to the presentation.

6. Citizen Concerns-

- a. Sign Ordinance Committee: Ms. Riddle gave an update on the discussions of the Sign Committee.
- b. There was a discussion concerning computer hacking and identity theft.
- c. Some members reporting scam calls from foreign countries.
- d. A discussion occurred on how the Seneca neighborhood is divided.
- e. A committee member had concerns about one of the day cares that smelled of urine.
- f. A house at 5800 block of El Verde continues to have trash in the yard.
- g. A committee member brought up how to report a smoking vehicle to the state (1-800-453-SMOG)
- h. Trash cans missing at entrance to City Hall.
- i. Feasibility of having a City-Wide Garage sale.
- j. Question was raised as to whether someone can occupy a house before it is finished.
- k. A resident brought up their concerns for traffic and safety if the St. John's Baptist Church is allowed to expand.
- l. A discussion occurred regarding the monies spent thus far from the red-light camera program.
- m. Several members expressed a desire to add lighting in the City Hall parking lot.
- n. A member discussed calling the police about a hit and run accident and was amazed at the promptness of the response by the dispatch and officers. He stated the officers were very professional throughout the encounter.

7. **Discussion and Action Setting Time and Date for Next Meeting-** Next meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 6pm

Adjournment

Committee members Blackmore made the motion to adjourn the January meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Riddle. Chairperson Charles announced the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

APPROVED: Donna J. Charles
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