

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Wednesday, February 21, 2018

MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 21st day of February 2018, at 6:00 p.m. 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 board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez at 6:02 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice-Chairman Chuck Hawsey, Byron Woodworth, Kim Crawford, Jesse Barrera, Linda Lozano, Karen Lowe, Richard Blackmore, Karen Seiffert, Susan Hillje, Heather Riddle, Donna Charles, Matilda Valerio, Ruth Fernandez, Lelani Mercado, Minnie Ruiz, Councilman Benny Martinez, Chief Joseph Salvaggio, Mrs. Florencia Shoquist, and Lieutenant David Anderson.

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Marianna Sanchez asked the committee members to review the minutes from the January meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Heather Riddle and was seconded by Richard Blackmore to accept the minutes.
3. **Chief's Report:** Chief's Salvaggio gave a report on the below subjects to the members:
 - a. **Introduction of New Members:** The Citizens Police Advisory Committee welcomed three new members on this date: Matilda Valerio representing Leon Trace Apartments; Ruth Fernandez representing Leon Valley Ranches; Linda Lozano representing Castle Estates; Karen Lowe representing Canterfield I and Minnie Ruiz representing Seneca II. There are 18 voting members, so a quorum is now nine.
 - b. **Burglary of Vehicle Signs Program:** The Hide It, Take It, and Lock It Burglary Vehicle Campaign continues. The Leon Valley Public Works continues to put up the signs throughout the City. **Action:** Continue to place the signs and push the program.
 - c. **Impound Lot:** There were 81 vehicles towed to the Impound Lot in the month of January. We collected \$11,000.00 in fees from the car pound in January. The auction of abandoned vehicles was on February 15 at 0900 a.m. The auction brought \$30,000 for 52 vehicles sold. We also partnered with Balcones Heights PD and shared the cost of the auctioneer. **Action:** Provide reports in the future on the status of the Impound Lot.
 - d. **On It! Audit Program:** The City continues to do inspections of all businesses in Leon Valley. We are working on another large business with numerous violations at this time. **Action:** Continue to conduct audits and report findings.
 - e. **Neighborhood Officer Assignments:** There were no changes to the neighborhood officer assignments. **Action:** Update committee members as changes when they occur.

- f. **New Ordinances:** The new ordinances regulating massage parlors, fortune telling, graffiti, junked vehicles and the impound lot were unanimously approved at the Feb 20, 2018 City Council meeting. The ordinances will become final once they have been announced in the newspaper of record (Helotes Echo). **Action:** Report on the status of ordinance enforcement at the next meeting.
- g. **Grants Requested/Received:** The Leon Valley Police Department received a grant for a secure drug drop box (safe) from CVS Pharmacy. The box will be located in the foyer between the two-front door at City Hall. Public Works will be installing the drop box soon. **Action:** No other action required.
- h. **Citizen Concerns from Last Meeting:**
 - i. Brush and a junked boat at 5805 El Verde-Removed
 - ii. Feral cats-Relocating some through a program with Castroville Barn Cat initiative
 - iii. Motorhome at 7533 Link Meadow-Vacant
 - iv. Tarp covering a car on Grass Valley was removed
 - v. Box truck on Shadow Mist was removed
 - vi. Burglary Vehicle on Blacksmith- Very good lead on a suspect
 - vii. A car without registration and a fence disarray- Registration updated and fence repaired.
 - viii. Pokemon Stop-Can't stop them from making locations a designated stop in Leon Valley.
 - ix. Chemical release at local industrial sight in the evening

4. Discuss and Consider Possible Action:

- a. **Neighborhood Watch Program:** The Seneca I had a neighborhood watch meeting where LVPD provided a crime prevention presentation on February 27th. Grass Valley is planning a neighborhood meeting at the end of March. Date to be determined. Hodges/Althea notified the group that they are having great success in meeting and notifications using the Group Me app. **Action:** Continue to report on status of the programs.
- b. **Photographic Traffic Safety Enforcement System (Red Light Camera):** All but one of the locations (Bandera at NW Loop 410) are up and running. The warning period ended on 02/21/2018, at which time civil fines will begin being issued. The final location is awaiting power from CPS. The vendor trained the people responsible for managing the program and issuing of the citations. The vendor will soon be training the Municipal Court and Finance staff on their role as well. **Action:** Continue to work with the vendor on getting the last system installed.
- c. **Junior Law Enforcement Competition:** Is scheduled for May 5, 2018. We will be looking for volunteers to assist in all aspects of the competition. **Action:** Continue to plan and prepare for the competition.
- d. **Pre-emption System:** The system is working and we are still in a six-month testing period. **Action:** Continue to monitor the effectiveness of the system.

5. New Items Discussed:

- a. **Adopt-a-Spot Program:** The City of Leon Valley created a new program called Adopt-a-Spot. The program encourages businesses and individuals to adopt a spot within Leon Valley to beautify. Mrs. Ana Federico visited and provided information on the program. **Action:** No further action. Informational purposes only.
- b. **Code Compliance and Animal Control Sub-committee:** Chairperson Marianna Sanchez proposed creating a sub-committee to focus on reviewing and rewriting code and animal control ordinances. Motion to approve made by Heather Riddle and second by Ruth Fernandez. Vote was unanimous in favor of sub-committee establishment. **Action:** select committee members and begin reviewing of codes.

- c. **City Park and Recreational Area Safety Zone Ordinance:** The committee had previously discussed creating an ordinance that would limit areas within the City in which sex offenders may live and frequent. A proposed ordinance was read and discussed in the meeting. The group made corrections and approved moving forward with the ordinance to City Council. **Action:** Bring the updated ordinance to Council for first and second readings.

6. Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments

- a. Panhandlers in the area
- b. Vacant Leon Valley Collision has a person living in the business at night and trash.
- c. Drivers going the wrong way on Hodges at Althea.
- d. Speeding in the mornings at Hodges and Althea Streets.
- e. Speeding vehicles on Thunderbird
- f. Problem resident on Leon Trace
- g. Graffiti on shack near Eckert and Westchase
- h. Wurzbach and Bandera turning problem
- i. Vehicles turning double left at Bandera and Wurzbach Streets
- j. Noise at the Paradise Car Wash on Evers
- k. Arredondo Group rubbish
- l. Problem with 911 on Sunday
- m. Parking on grass on El Verde St.
- n. City workers blowing leaves onto streets
- o. Mike Nesbith/ Rue Francois stop sign and Locker Lane and Rue Francois
- p. Above and beyond certificates issued to LVPD officers
- q. Business park fence down at Hodges

Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6 pm. Committee member Heather Riddle made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Richard Blackmore. Chairwoman Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

APPROVED: _____


Marianna Sanchez