

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

MINUTES

The Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 18th day of January, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Leon Valley City Hall located at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas for the purpose of the following business:

Call to Order

Board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.. A roll call was accomplished at 6:14 p.m., with the following in attendance:

The minutes reflect that the following members of the Police Department Citizens Advisory Committee were present: Chairperson Marianna Sanchez, Vice Chairperson Charles Hawsey, Councilman Benny Martinez, Chief Joseph Salvaggio, Lelani Mercado, Richard Blackmore, Karen Seiffert, Susan Hillje, City Manager Kuenstler, and Asst. Chief Saucedo.

Not present for the meeting was Mark Guerra, Byron Woodworth, Amy Augustymiak, Jesse Barrera, David Jordan, Heather Riddle, and Kim Crawford.

Board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez asked for a review of the meeting minutes. Mrs. Mercado proposed a motion for the meeting minutes to be accepted. The vote was seconded by Mrs. Charles. A vote was taken to accept the meeting minutes as written. All board member voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

The board discussed the following programs as listed on the agenda:

- A. Neighborhood Watch: Grass Valley had their first meeting to start their neighborhood watch program. The attendance was low, but there were enough people dedicated to expanding it. Chief Salvaggio advised that the signs have been ordered and will be in soon. Shadow Mist neighborhood stated they are ready to go, and will be having a meeting soon. **ACTION:** Officer will continue to work with their neighborhood leaders to discuss the first neighborhood watch meetings.
- B. Citizen Police Academy- The final date for the first class is February 09, 2017. Most of the members stated they would be attending the class. After this first iteration the course will be opened up to all residents of Leon Valley. **ACTION:** Finalize the class agenda and begin the class.
- C. Traffic Calming Measures on Bandera: The vendor made it to the meeting and discussed the capabilities of the system. Chief Volz from Balcones Heights also spoke at the meeting. He reported that accidents are down from 137 in 2006, to only 42 in 2016. He also discussed there were 24,108 tickets written by the camera system, whereas his officers only had time to write 6000 citations combined. Chief Salvaggio gave a presentation that showed Leon Valley officers gave 4584 citations in 2016. Of those citations, only 317 of them were issued to Leon Valley residents. He also advised the group that there 293 major accidents (injuries) on Bandera Road in 2015 and 2016, but only 5% of them involved Leon Valley residents. The board voted and approved advising the City Council and citizens that they should support

installing the red-light camera system in Leon Valley. **ACTION:** Present the information to the citizens and Council members at the Town Hall Meeting on January 28, 2016.

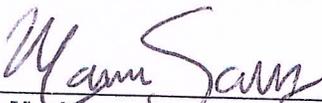
- D. School Outreach Programs: Chief Salvaggio briefed the committee on the departments actions taken in school outreach. He presented information on actions at schools in Leon Valley for Career Day at Leon Valley Elementary, work with the children at Clarity, Big Blue and our efforts working daily with the Police Explorers at John Marshall High School. The officers and firefighters also attended all elementary schools and day cares and handed out candy canes and pencils to the kids while Blue Santa read an anti-bullying story. **ACTION:** Officers will continue to work with schools and neighbor leaders to remain highly visible in the schools.
- E. Blue Santa Program: Chief Salvaggio discussed the actions of the department in regards to Blue Santa. The department held two fundraiser events that raised approximately \$4000. They also placed 10 donations stations throughout Leon Valley, gathering hundreds of toys. Volunteers from Leon Valley Administration, San Antonio Police Department, Leon Valley Fire Department, the Community and Leon Valley Police and Fire Departments helped create the gift bags and helped deliver the toys throughout Leon Valley and the surrounding San Antonio neighborhoods. The volunteers provided toys to over 250 kids, including 85 who attended the Blue Santa Christmas Luncheon at Bandera Bowl. All of the gifts that were wrapped came from a pizza and wrapping party organized with the residents of Leon Valley Senior Center. In addition, monies raised helped two families that had Christmas items stolen over the previous few weeks, as well as the family of a child that tragically died in Leon Valley. **ACTION:** Chief Salvaggio and the officers will continue to raise money and document names for the Blue Santa Program.
- F. A discussion occurred over last month's neighborhood concerns:
1. Helotes Dispatch system: new LVPD administration number (210-684-6557) was installed to reach the police administration. A discussion also occurred on our efforts to get the non-emergency number fixed, as well as problems with the Helotes Dispatch not properly handling calls from citizens
 2. Abandoned vehicles and more code concerns: police explained enforcement efforts
 3. Blocking intersections at lights on Bandera Road: police explained enforcement efforts
 4. Speeders on Seneca: police explained enforcement efforts
 5. Evers/Grass Valley Sign: Chief advised LV Public Works is looking at options for new signs
 6. Rimkus Park overnight: Chief advised the officers only found the Astronomy Club in the park.
 7. Burglary of Habitations and thefts in the Althea/Hodges Neighborhoods: issues discussed
 8. Businesses Operating in Neighborhoods: I explained our efforts to work with the City Attorney to resolve this issue
 9. Town Hall Meeting
 10. Disabled vehicles at Forest Haven in the parking lot of the apartments
- G. New Citizens Concerns:
1. Medical Center Sexual Assaults
 2. Abandoned cars at apartment complex
 3. Blocking the intersections

The Committee agreed to meet February 15, 2017 at 5:30 hours.

Adjournment

Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

APPROVED:



Marianna Sanchez
Chairperson