

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Wednesday, February 15, 2017

MINUTES

The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 15th day of February, 2017 at 5:37 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. A roll call was accomplished at 1738, 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, Assistant Chief Ruben Saucedo, Heather Riddle, Susan Hillje, Lelani Mercado, Richard Blackmore, Byron Woodworth, and Karen Seiffert. Not present was Kim Crawford, Mark Guerra, Donna Charles, Jesse Barrera, and Councilman David Jordan (excused).

Board Chairperson Marianna Sanchez asked for a review of the meeting minutes. Mrs. Seiffert proposed a motion for the meeting minutes to be accepted. The vote was seconded by Mr. Hawsey. 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: A discussion ensued on starting Neighborhood Watch programs in the City of Leon Valley. Four neighborhoods requested to be the first to begin: Grass Valley, Shadow Mist, The Ridge, and the Hodges/Athena area. The officers for their respective areas continue to work with these four neighborhoods. To date, the Shadow Mist, and Grass Valley have conducted their initial neighborhood watch meetings. Hodges Street has a meeting scheduled for Saturday at 1530 hours. The Ridge Neighborhood has not set a meeting up yet. The neighborhood watch signs are being designed and will be delivered soon. **ACTION:** Officer will continue working with the listed neighborhoods and will order the neighborhood watch signs for them.
- B. Utilization of Social Media- Mrs. Sanchez reported that the City of Leon Valley residents only Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/leonvalley was created and will be disseminated. Chief Salvaggio let everyone know that Police, Fire and City Hall are still utilizing Facebook and Next Door to release information, and that the department has named Officer Andy Griego as the Public Information Officer (PIO). Officer Griego will be responsible for sending out information on social meeting, as well as monitoring and maintaining the social media pages. **ACTION:** Send all newsworthy events to Officer Griego for future publishing.
- C. Citizen Police Academy- The Academy began on February 9, 2017. The Academy will run for six weeks, ending on Thursday, March 16, 2017 The board members whom went to the first class were very pleased with the first class, describing it as amazing, interesting, interactive, and that they learned a lot. **ACTION:** Continue with the class and report back at the next meeting.

- D. Neighborhood Officer Assignments: Chief Salvaggio let the board know that they would be going through a shift bid which could change the neighborhood officer assignments He stated he would let the board know as soon as everything was finalized. **ACTION:** Report any changes in assignments to the board members and neighborhood watch programs.
- E. Traffic Calming Measures on Bandera: A discussion on utilizing traffic calming measures on Bandera Road occurred at the Town Hall meeting. Chief Salvaggio reported he gave a presentation to the residents and city officials on the recommendation from the Board. A vote was taken and 83% of the participants voted to install red cameras. Chief Salvaggio stated the City Manager will want the proposal in front of Council as soon as possible. **ACTION:** Provide a presentation and recommendation to Council.
- F. Town Hall Meeting: Meeting in January went very well. Votes were taken on the Red-Light Cameras and Reduction of Speed Limits City Wide. The Red-Light Camera passed, but the changes of speed limits city wide did not. There was some concern on the verbiage used at the Town Hall, which will be discussed with the organizer. **ACTION:** No action required
- G. Lock It or Lose It Campaign: Looking at different slogans that have been used. Sgt. Gonzales recommended, "If you don't want it stolen, Lock Your Car." The board liked, "Lock It, Hide it, Keep It Safe." More discussion needs to be considered, but everyone agreed we should print stickers, flyers, and signs throughout the City. It was also suggested signs at the entrance to neighborhoods, and that we add videos on FaceBook and Next Door. **ACTION:** Continue to develop program.
- H. Volunteers in Policing: It was proposed to look at the Volunteers in Policing program for Leon Valley. More study will occur on implementing the program in the future. **ACTION:** Bring additional information to the committee for future consideration.
- I. A discussion occurred over last month's neighborhood concerns:
1. Sexual Assaults in the Medical Center Area
 2. Abandoned Cars in Apartment Complex
 3. Blocking of Intersections and Sidewalks
- J. New Citizens Concerns:
1. Parking on Chaparral Street by track blocking roadway. Can we add no parking sign?
 2. Abandoned car in driveway at 7524 Link Meadow.
 3. Lack of sidewalks and sidewalks not ADA compliant
 4. Burglary at 4921 Hodges
 5. Construction on property behind Hodges Street
 6. Hodges Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Saturday at 1530 hours
 7. Look into Use of Group Me App
 8. Can We Register Renters
 9. Wrong Way Drivers on Hodges after 5
 10. Business being run out of house at corner of Hodges and Bandera

Adjournment

Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. The motion was made by Mrs. Hillje, and seconded by Mrs. Riddle

APPROVED:


Marianna Sanchez
Chairperson