

CITY OF LEON VALLEY



Citizens Police Advisory Committee Meeting
Leon Valley City Council Chambers
6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas 78238
Thursday, July 19, 2017

MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 19th day of July 2017, 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 6:07 p.m. with the following in attendance: Marianna Sanchez, Charles (Chuck) Hawsey, Richard Blackmore, Jesse Barrera, Susan Hillje, Lelani Mercado, Oscar Solis, Heather Riddle, Dorothy Humphrey, Mark Hernandez, Byron Woodworth, Donna Charles, Karen Seiffert, Florencia Shoquist, and Captain Ruben Saucedo.

2. Marianna Sanchez requested a review of the June 15, 2017, meeting minutes. A correction to the names on adjournment were recommended and approved. A motion to approve the meeting minutes with changes was proposed and seconded. The motion carried.
3. Chief's Report is as follows:
 - a. **Burglary of Vehicle Campaign:** The signs are in. **Action:** Signs will be installed.
 - b. **Child Swap & Internet Sale Campaign:** The call box came in and was damaged. The damage box was sent back and we are waiting on a replacement **Action:** Waiting on new call box from vendor.
 - c. **Impound Lot:** The Impound Lot is up and running. There were 32 cars towed in the month of June. The City grossed over \$5000 in June. **Action:** Provide reports in the future on the status of the Impound Lot.
 - d. **On It! Audit Program:** The City is doing inspections of all businesses in Leon Valley. We are working closely with the business owners to fix violations as they are discovered. Fourteen businesses have been closed due to major health and safety violations or no certificate of occupancy. More than 30 businesses have been found to not have the proper tax identification for the City of Leon Valley. Most of the businesses have reopened once their violations have been fixed. **Action:** Continue to conduct audits and report back with findings.
 - e. **Independence Day Celebration:** The July 4th Celebration was held without any calls for police services and no arrests. **Action:** No action required.
 - f. **Citizen Concerns from Last Meeting:**
 - i. Concern for tall grass is still a concern- Sweeps of neighborhoods and notices have been handed out. Cleaned up Silo Park with all tall grass abated.

- ii. Business vehicles being parked at the corner of Pepperwood and Clover Bend. This is a residential area and the trucks are a hazard to other vehicles, bikers and pedestrians who come around the corner unaware of the truck's presence.
 - iii. 6311 Rue Sophie home owner moved to nursing care. No one is taking care of the lot. This is a possible fire hazard.
 - iv. A 7103 Tealeaf the home-owner passed away. Concern that no one is caring for the place, yet there are cars in the driveway and lights on.
 - v. On Shadow Mist commercial trucks are parking at night on the street.
4. **Neighborhood Watch Program:** The following neighborhoods now have active Neighborhood Watch Programs in place. Shadow Mist (4 Captains), Seneca I (1st meeting), Grass Valley (3rd meeting in the park with 30+ in attendance). Linkwood had first meeting and will continue to try and get support. El Verde signs have been ordered. **Action:** Neighborhood watch programs continue to meet and share information to keep residents informed. As Neighborhood Watch programs are organized in each subdivision signs will be purchased to place in those subdivisions.
5. **Traffic Safety Enforcement System (Red Light Camera):** The Texas Legislature ended their session without enacting any changes to the Traffic Safety Enforcement Systems. The vendor is still conducting the engineering study on the proposed locations. Once engineering studies are complete, the locations will be brought to the committee for selection. **Action:** Continue to work with vendor on conducting the mechanical studies of the proposed locations and report back to the committee with findings.
6. **Boots & Badges:** The next Boots and Badges event will be on September 27, 2017. Everyone was invited to attend. **Action:** Continue preparation and report back on progress at the next meeting.
7. New items discussed were:
- a. **Security for Independence Day Celebration:** The Independence Day Celebration was a huge success. The security plan was enacted to provide security in and around the event location. A perimeter fence was installed around the event with three (3) entrances for foot traffic. The parking lot was restricted to personnel with proper parking passes. Only diaper and medical bags were allowed into the event. There was no outside food or drink, no pets (except service animals) and no firearms allowed. Evers Road and Poss Road were closed for safety and security of the patrons. Extra patrols were put in the adjoining neighborhoods. Committee members were asked what they thought of the security measures. Every one of them who attended said they felt safer, and thought it was good. One member said she did have a family member who brought bags that had to return them to their car. She stated we should have more signs along the route. Another comment was we should allow one bottle of water, or give away water inside. Everyone felt that the security measures should be continued in the future. **Action:** No action required.
 - b. **On It! Program:** Chief Salvaggio detailed the bi-weekly *On It!* Meeting. All City Leadership (City Manager, City Attorney, Police Department, Fire Department, Code Compliance and Development and Planning) review complaints from the citizens and update the members on the status of the complaints. All committee members were urged to use the online or phone system for the *On It!* program to get issues in the community addressed. **Action:** No action required, for informational purposes only.
8. Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments
- 1. Old Wendy's Train on Bandera in San Antonio- Can we get with the City of San Antonio to discuss purchasing the property and redevelop it?
 - 2. Concerned with the school buses who cut through Monte Robles during the school year.
 - 3. Mr. Barrera had concerns for fire fighters and police officers who can't get through the light at El Verde and Bandera in an emergency.
 - 4. Tree trimmers driving through town with uncovered loads of branches.

5. Arredondo Group has trash and building material behind their business again.
6. Concern for the soil piled up around the fire station.
7. Safety concerns for the emissions from a business inside the loop causing health concerns.
8. Wagon Spoke and Blacksmith illegally working on cars again.
9. Dispatch continues to mess up calls for service.
10. Need to ensure we are reaching the citizens in all actions taken so we don't play a game of "gotcha". I explained the City's efforts on social media and the laws concerning notice.
11. Would like to see us add the crime reports we give bi-monthly on the website.
12. Concerns for maps being right for our officers as there are issues with the drawing of maps and neighborhoods.
13. Would like to see us add information from *On It!* and Neighborhood Watch info on the website.

Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6 pm. Committee member Heather Riddle made the motion to adjourn the July meeting, which was seconded by Donna Charles. Chairperson Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: 
Marianna Sanchez