

# CITY OF LEON VALLEY



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

## MINUTES

1. The Citizens Police Advisory Committee of the City of Leon Valley, Texas met on the 15th day of November 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 6:17 p.m. with the following in attendance: Vice-Chairman Chuck Hawsey, Jesse Barrera, Richard Blackmore, Karen Seiffert, Susan Hillje, Heather Riddle, Donna Charles, Lelani Mercado, Councilman Benny Martinez, Chief Joseph Salvaggio, Mrs. Florencia Shoquist, and Captain Ruben Saucedo. Absent were Byron Woodworth, Amy Augustyniak, Kim Crawford, Mark Guerra, and Oscar Solis.

2. Chief's Salvaggio gave his Chief's Report with the following information provided to the members:
  - a. **Burglary of Vehicle Campaign:** The signs are in and are slowly being installed. **Action:** Continue to report on status until all signs are installed.
  - b. **Citizen Police Academy:** The Citizens Police Academy class started on October 23, 2017. The class will run for nine weeks on Monday's from 6-9 pm. They are currently in their fourth week of class. There are currently 14 people attending the course. All committee members are invited to attend as well. **Action:** Provided update on the courses at next meeting.
  - c. **Impound Lot:** There were 54 vehicles towed to the Impound Lot in the month of October. We are working on opening up an office on site, with the electrical and cameras in the process of being installed. **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. The closed shopping centers have been re-inspected and all serious health and safety concerns have been abated. We are working with the owner to bring him into full compliance with all minor code violations. **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. **Pastoral Council:** The pastoral council will meet for the second time on November 16, 2017. The meeting will be a three-hour training program taught by the Leon Valley Police Department on Crime Prevention at Church. **Action:** Continue to meet and discuss community issues.
  - g. **Veteran's Day Celebration:** The celebration occurred on November 11th was a huge success! There were at least a hundred Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts who attended along with family, friends, and City Officials. There were over 140 U.S. flags that were properly retired at the event. **Action:** Informational purposes only.

- a. **Home Rule Charter:** The Chief advised the committee that now that the Home Rule Charter has passed, he would like their input on what ordinances they would like to see changed. Everyone was in agreement that the following ordinance should be looked at and strengthened or created due to on-going issues in our community:
- i. Fortune Teller establishments
  - ii. Massage Parlors and Spas
  - iii. Public Nuisance structures
  - iv. Extended stay hotels and the Hotel Occupancy Tax
  - v. Strengthening the Non-Chartered Financial Institution Ordinance
  - vi. Developing an ordinance to deal with the hotels popping up in neighborhoods
  - vii. Strengthening the ordinances on group homes in neighborhoods
  - viii. Developing City Ordinances that limits where registered sex offenders may go
- Action:** Begin researching and writing ordinances with the changes as discussed for presentation to City Council. In addition, the Chief should provide a report on the progress at the next meeting.
- b. **Food Bank Drive:** The City of Leon Valley is having a Food Drive to benefit the Food Back. The drive will run until November 20. All members are urged to participate and to spread the word on the event. **Action:** Report on efforts of the Food Drive at the next meeting.
- c. **Junior Law Enforcement Competition:** Once again, the Leon Valley Police Department will be hosting a Junior Law Enforcement Competition. This year's event is on Ma 5, 2018. All committee members are invited to get involved and make the event even better than last year's inaugural competition. **Action:** Report on progress of the planning of the event at the next meeting.
- d. **One Item to Improve Leon Valley in the Short and Long Term:** A discussion occurred to provide feedback to the City Manager and Council on items that could improve Leon Valley in the short and long term. The board approved the following items to present to the City Manager:
- i. Seasonal decorations on poles throughout Leon Valley
  - ii. Trees/shrubs in median along Bandera
  - iii. Uniformed fencing along Evers Road and major streets
  - iv. Keep weeds clear and flowers planted at the monument signs at entrance to city
  - v. Increase and replace the lighting along the major roads (currently yellowish)
  - vi. See about having murals painted by local artists in high graffiti areas

#### 5. Citizen Concerns and Committee Member Comments

- a. Deer problems throughout the city
- b. Large trucks coming down El Verde in violation of the ordinance
- c. Trucks cutting through Seneca Road in violation of the ordinance
- d. Home on Cloverbend and Grass Valley with code violations
- e. Requesting officer presence during lunch time in Linkwood
- f. Bus turning around in the Vallarta Restaurant
- g. Graffiti on the old Renal Building
- h. Gunshots in neighborhoods around 3 am in in alley
- i. Chemical release at local industrial sight in the evening?

#### Adjournment

The next meeting was set for Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6 pm. Committee member Heather Riddle made the motion to adjourn the October meeting, which was seconded by Jesse Barrera. Chairwoman Marianna Sanchez announced the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

APPROVED:

  
 Marianna Sanchez