

Latino Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes August 3, 2018

Attendance: Chief Mark Jones, Capt. Mike Zeller, Inacio Ramos, Adolph Diaz, Mike Salazar, Joana Gomez, Maria Secrest, Art Terrezas and Chairperson Sandi Elder

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Chairperson Elder.

Chief Jones talked about:

- Highlights from the last couple months in the Department
 - 8 promotions – 1 Chief, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants and 3 Sergeants
 - No big changes in the department at this time. We hope to improve/upgrade technology in the department.
 - Top priority is getting the Department fully staffed and staying fully staffed.
 - Is there anything this group would like to see? How can we better reach out to the community? I'm open for suggestions.
 - Chairperson Elder – We should think about not meeting every month and maybe change it every other month.
 - We are looking at Body Worn Cameras again and the City supports this.

Capt. Mike Zeller

- We have six officers in FTO all of them are POST certified and it's a very diverse group.
- The department applied and was awarded a grant for a Co-Responder program. We will be working with Evans PD for two mental health clinicians to help on-scene and with follow-up for people that have been in contact with law enforcement (LE).
- Our Evidence Supervisor is retiring so that position is open and our Crime Analyst is leaving as well.

Maria Secrest

- Working with a Gold Star wife to get the back pay that is owed her. We were able to get her \$160k.
- I'm also helping a family of an individual who died in 1968 who never got his Silver Star. I was able to help his family and get him the Navy Cross.
- We are hosting a 9-11 Memorial Walk/Run.
- I've noticed that the gates to the PD parking lot are always open – doesn't that cause a security problem?
 - Chief Jones – That is a problem that we are dealing with. The gates we have are not meant for the use that we give them. We're working on a solution.

Sandi Elder

- Please pay attention to emails from Teri with regards to what's going on in the Department.
- Officer involved shooting in CO Springs. He is in critical condition but the community has really pulled together to help the family.

Joana Gomez

- Going through many personnel changes at SAVA.
 - S. Elder – how big is the organization and how are you funded?
 - J. Gomez – We're growing, currently we have offices in Greeley and Ft. Collins. We are mainly funded by grants and fund raising.

Adolph Diaz

- We awarded 13 scholarships to migrant graduates who had 3.0 gpa and above. We had one scholarship for a girl going to Columbia; she is receiving \$230k.

Art Terazzas

- Summer semester just ended and the Fall semester starts soon.
- The Math Department is working on more inclusivity in our classrooms – better tools and activities for student success.

Mike Sanchez

- We have seen more families with young children out at the shooting range.

Nacho Ramos

- Jefferson H.S. is having functions – is there a way for the Police to be around during those functions? The kids need to be around LE more to learn to trust officers.
 - Chief Jones – It's always been a problem with people disliking LE. Some people will just never like or trust us.

Sandi Elder

- Lets decide about our meeting times – what does everything think of meeting every other month?
 - Discussion/Decision – We will begin meeting every other month beginning in October.
 - Chief – With the understanding that if something comes up we will hold a meeting in an off month.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2018 at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m. by Chairperson Elder.