

Latino Advisory Committee  
Friday, April 2, 2021

Attendees: Chief Jones, DC Turk, DC Zeller, Chairperson Sandi Elder, Joe Perez, Mike Salazar, Barb Lessman, Justin Martinez,

Meeting called to order at 7:33 a.m.

Chief Jones – Welcomed everyone

The City built a new fire station out west, they included space for the police department/substation. It has been a long process but we are now able to use the space. We don't have people working out of that space full-time, at this point. It can be used as needed for evidence drop or for computer work as needed. There is meeting space for small number of people.

Co-responder program set up through North Range. They work out of our building and Evans PD. It has been functioning very well for the last three years. There has been a big push for this type of services. Before the co-responders we used Squad 1 but that is more medical than mental health. Squad 1 was designed to help figure out what type of services people need, who tend to call 911 multiple times a day. We are discussing what this program will look like if we decide to expand it. Officers request co-responders often when they have a case that fits their services. Officers make sure the situation is safe before a co-responder goes into any situation. One issue is we only have a couple co-responders, so they can only handle so many calls. I see this program being very successful. The co-responders do follow up to make sure people are getting the resources they need.

DC Turk – There are some calls that we don't even go to, and we just send the co-responders. We have five co-responders between Evans and Greeley, Evans has two f/t and Greeley has two f/t and one p/t

Chief Jones – Part of this is to help cover police. We are trying to do all that we can do, so this gives us another support system.

GPD Annual Report – This can be found at [www.greeleypd.com](http://www.greeleypd.com) There is a ton of info on our website.

Chief Jones - Several weeks ago, we had a meeting with Axon, our taser company. Technology is crazy, the new stuff they are coming up with is incredible. So, the tech they are coming up with is going to save manpower and money.

DC Turk – Even though only 2 ½ yrs into our contract, what's changed is unbelievable. We've already updated our body worn cameras from 2 to 3. The new tasers have two different sets of probes in it for short and long distances. The darts are better for loose clothing. We just deployed the new body worn camera 3's – when you activate a taser it activates all cameras within 100 ft area. If an officer had to react quickly this would be a failsafe to activate cameras. They invest \$100 mil a year for research. They showed some impressive training equipment. They have a transcription service, accuracy rate is 80ish%. GPS that can go on the cameras at a cost per camera.

Chief Jones – When you sit and listen and watch this technology, it's incredible. They also have dictation where you can dictate to your camera and the report will show up in records.

Joe Perez – What is the level of acceptance with the officers with the BWC?

Chief Jones – My gut reaction is it's a lot more accepted now with the SB out there.

DC Zeller – I would say close to 100% accept it.

DC Turk – We have a bunch of officers now that know nothing different.

Justin Martinez – Is there anyone we can speak to, to advocate for your budget?

Chief Jones – Right now our council/cm/mayor are very pro Law Enforcement. I don't think there's a need right now

Chairperson Elder - \$19 mil out there to be spent of COVID monies.

Chief Jones – We are already talking about that and there is a pretty good chance we can get some of that money for our needs.

Chief Jones – We're looking at buying another tool to resolve a situation without deadly force. There was an incident, this guy hates cops, he destroyed a CSP car, he's got severe issues. We used every form of less lethal and he never even flinched. He continued to hold a knife and tire iron for 13 minutes. He never advanced so we didn't have to use deadly force. Finally, one of the tasers worked, knocked him over and we were able to take control. This guy did not feel pain, we even sent in the dogs. One of the beanbags broke his hand and that didn't stop him. After watching that I looked into Bola Wrap. It sends out two cords and it wraps the person up. They shoot the Bola Wrap at their ankles, and it wraps around and knocks them over. We are going to buy 6 for supervisors.

Chief Jones - I wanted to mention a couple of the Senate Bills (SB) – the Police Chief's Associations are coming out against. The one against School Resource Officer's. This would leave officers without any ability to do anything unless there is bodily injury. Example if your daughter/son is assaulted at school, officers can't do anything about it. SB 182 the intent is take police out of the school system. Some school boards are realizing what this means, and they are coming out against it as well. These SBs ignore the victims . I've already told the city council and City Manager, if this passes, we won't be able to be in the schools. People need to know about this.

SB 217 and doing away with bail. We won't be able to arrest people and take them to jail. They won't bond on things until you get into bigger felonies. Again, we're forgetting about the victims.

DC Turk – Updates – We feel comfortable with our vaccines and our quarantines, so we have gone back to our regular training. Hiring - we are opening up a new hiring process in April, so let people know. We have two people in the academy, and they are doing well. Teen Academy is running this summer 14-18 yr. There is an application online.

Chairperson Elder– We finished our interviews NCMC to hire 11 positions it went well. Fire station 6 is different looking. Saturday night there will be several vigils going on for easter. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the SBs.

Barb Lessman – United Way is hanging in there – an incident last week with a store owner downtown having a struggle with a guy who threatens him continuously. He said police wont' do anything.

Chief Jones – That is the reality, that's where we're headed, where can't do anything to help people. We can issue a summons, but we can't do much due to the Senate Bill. Our hands are tied. People need to realize this is what they asked for.

DC Turk – Encourage people to call in so we can figure out if there is something we can do.

Joe Perez – We need to have more community conversations on the SBs. We need to balance the conversations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.