

Latino Advisory Committee
June 9, 2023
7:30 a.m.

Attendees: Chief Turk, DC Zeller, Sandi Elder, Justin Martinez, Barb Lessman, Tawnya Bowie, Mike Salazar, Adolph Diaz and Andrea Tillinghast

Meeting called to order by Chief Turk at 7:35.

Chief Adam Turk:

- 1) By-Laws/Constitution Vote – These by-laws haven't looked at since inception and it was time. One of our goals last year was to expand membership and mission accomplished, thank you. To touch on the changes, on page one, we changed it from meeting monthly to by monthly. We removed the Secretary from the Executive Officers since it will now be an appointed position by the Chief of Police, that makes the most sense. Page two updated the Secretary information and that's about it. In the Constitution there are no changes there, I encourage you read through this, it's good information. If everyone is good with the updates, we need a motion to accept the amendments to the by-laws. Sandi Elder motioned to accept the changes and Mike Salazar seconded and everyone agreed to the changes.
- 2) Appointment of Chair – Sandi will remain as Chair for the remainder of the year and then a new Chair will be appointed at the annual meeting.
- 3) Election of Vice-Chair – is anyone interested in this position? This is a very minimal time commitment position.
This will wait for word from Justin Martinez.
- 4) Interim Deputy Chief – Jason Edwards – Rafael Gutierrez was hired on as the Chief of Louisville, so we ran a process for an interim Deputy Chief. It wasn't fair for DC Zeller to carry both positions. We had three candidates, the panel consisted of outside assessors and Jason Edwards shined. We appointed Sgt. David Wiles to fill DC Edwards Commander spot. Interim Commander Wiles came from our SRO sergeant position. DC Edwards is going to focus on promotion processes.
- 5) Arcades – Legalized gambling – they call it a game of chance or a game of skill to get around the statutes. These businesses open under the guise of a different business, such as “*we sell vape paraphernalia*” and then they begin building this arcade. These businesses attract a lot of problem people. 5 out of 6 Arcades have shut down after being served with letters to stop doing business. The last one open is the G Spot. This is one of those quality-of-life issues for the neighbors in the area. Our calls for service to these businesses were through the roof.
- 6) Weld County Humane Society (WCHS) – The humane society was just acquired by the Larimer County (LC) Humane Society. We pay have been paying WCHS \$460k a year to use their services. Once we found out they were having issues we started researching other services. The acquisition will happen in early October. LC provides animal control services, so our animal control officers were

very concerned about losing their jobs. We have no plan to get rid of those positions at this time and we have been upfront with them.

Mike Salazar – Are we going to have a local services?

They are going to work out of the current building after some renovations.

Sandi Elder – What happens to the debt?

They started borrowing against their equity, the payment was due, and they needed help. An estate left \$500k, with the acquisition LC will take that estate and use it properly with a better plan.

Justin Martinez – Is that coming from your budget?

Good question, in the past it has come from our budget, I have asked that it be moved to a general budget.

The public will not see any difference in services.

Deputy Chief Michael Zeller:

Staffing – We're doing better, but there are still some challenges.

Special Enforcement Team (SET team) – Their main focus is apprehending career criminals – because of the low staffing they had to go back to patrol. We have now reenacted that team.

My next concern is the Field Training Officers (FTO's) – FTO's always have someone with them and are training all the time. It gets tedious, so we are working on doing something special for them.

Stampede - The City of Evans and UNC are going to help this year, so that will help our organization.

Roundtable –

Sandi Elder – The LINC library is phenomenal, go when you get a chance. Stampede is coming. Downtown has a new shop opened called Makers – it's a really nice idea.

Sheriff Reams spoke at the Optimist club, it was interesting.

Pay attention to the ceremony announcements and try to attend to get to know people.

Barb Lessman – Cold weather shelter closed.

Andrea Tillinghast– We are dropping an ambulance and were fully staffed. We are restructuring as of Sept 4th.

Adolph Diaz – This is the first time we have had to cancel the Fiesta Graduation ceremony due to severe weather. Students did get their scholarship money.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.