



REGULAR MEETING OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Chula Vista Police Department, Community Room
315 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

CCAC Members Present: Martin Barros, Norma Cazares, Takisha Corbett, Jose de la Garza, Marla Kingkade, Shante Lampkin, Jesse Navarro, Gerry Sablan

CCAC Members Not Present: Ray Aragon, Gustavo Bidart, Patty Chavez, Henrietta Harb

Staff Present: Chief Roxana Kennedy, ASM Jonathan Alegre, Captain Phil Collum, Captain Miriam Foxx, SAS Cathy Miller, Captain Dan Peak

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Police Department's Community Advisory Committee of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 9:48 a.m. in the Community Room, located at the Chula Vista Police Department, 315 Fourth Ave. Chula Vista, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Miller called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Email Comment from Robert Johnson (Neutral) who submitted a link, however, the IT team evaluated it as potentially dangerous and the Police Department was advised not to open it.

Escribe email from: User Kathleen Morgan entered the following comment(s):
Hello, I live on Jefferson Ave between Naples & Crested Butte. I have ever-growing concerns regarding the safety of this neighborhood. Specific examples include: - Recent break-in attempts - Illicit drug sales/distribution - Disruptive neighbors requiring repeated police intervention - Use/detonation of explosives by a particular neighbor - Excessive automobile speed/noise that results in frequent activation parked car alarms - Reckless speeding that endangers pedestrians and other drivers - Illegal parking over the sidewalk causing pedestrians to leave the sidewalk and walk into the street I have lived at my address since 2007 and have felt safe living here until the last year or so. Many of my neighbors have lived here much, much longer and some are recent and new homeowners but we have witnessed an increase in crime and a decreased feeling of safety. We will be attending the 7/6/2023 Police Department Community Advisory Committee Meeting to voice a call for action in the preservation of our neighborhood. Sincerely, Kathleen L Morgan

For PUBLIC COMMENTS in Police Department Community Advisory Committee-Regular Meeting 7/6/2023 9:30:00 AM - Please log into eSCRIBE to review the submitted comment(s).

Chief Kennedy welcomed the six community members to the meeting.

Community members Kathleen Morgan; Sergio Fernandez; Carlos Ramirez; Frank Mohlbach and Oliver Bascos was there to represent the neighborhood of Jefferson Avenue between Naples and Crested Butte. Illegal activity has escalated and they wanted to express their growing concerns.

Community member Robert Johnson videotaped the meeting for his U-tube channel.

CAC members; Command and Staff introduced themselves to the community members present. The community members were given three minutes to voice their concerns. The five community members representing the Jefferson Avenue area voiced concern over drug distribution; prostitution; trash which included needles; speeding; violence which included stabbings; triple parking which blocks

emergency vehicles; homeless issues and explosives. Members were asked to speak with Lieutenant Pinedo and encouraged to return to the October 5, 2023 CAC meeting for a follow up discussion and resolution.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Member Martin Barros

Seconded by Member Jose de la Garza

Committee to approve January 5, 2023 minutes.

Result:Carried Unanimously

Yes (8): Member Martin Barros, Co-Chair Norma Cazares, Member Takisha Corbett, Member Jose de la Garza, Member Marla Kingkade, Member Shante Lampkin, Jesse Navarro, and Member Gerry Sablan

Result:Carried (8 to 0)

5. CHIEF'S COMMENTS

5.1 Staffing Challenges

5.2 Update on RIPA Data Collection

California has mandated agencies conduct RIPA Data Collection. RIPA stands for "Racial Identity and Profiling Act". Officers are required to collect data on "perceived race" of individuals who are stopped. The first year of data is currently being analyzed internally and they Department expects we should have the first annual report by next year. The stats will be shared with CAC once the report is received.

5.3 Update on AB481 Annual Military Equipment Report

In 2022, AB481 passed which requires annual reports and community meetings for "military equipment" as defined by legislature. The department's Bear Cat is used for SWAT and is used for the safety of the community. Chief Kennedy described an incident that took place approximately a year ago in which someone was murdered. There was a 24 hour "stand off" with the suspect who threatened he was going to kill officers and was not going to be taken alive. This armored rescue vehicle

was driven to the scene to protect the officers and the community. The state has also determined drones are military equipment. All information can be found on the police department's website.

The first reading of the military equipment was sent to Council on 04/25/23. There was a community meeting in which the opportunity was given for questions and on 05/23/23 the final reading went to Council. Council approved the equipment and the department will need to submit a report on an annual basis on equipment purchases. This provides transparency to the community with all the tools necessary to keep the community safe. The next report will be submitted to council May 2024. CAC will be kept apprised of the next report prior to the May presentation so a community forum can be conducted.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Overview of Chula Vista Privacy & Technology Advisory Task Force - AC Collum

Assistant Chief Collum gave an overview of the Privacy & Technology Advisory Task Force and the related City policy. In 2021 and 2022 the City was engaged in dialogue about emerging technology deployed throughout the City. A 12-member task force was created to review issues including technology citywide, transparency and other related privacy concerns. In October 2022 the recommended policy to help guide the use of future technology was created and adopted by the City Council in November 2022 after a public hearing.

This policy classifies any technology into three broad categories:

- 1) Surveillance Technology: Technology that is intended for the purposes of surveillance.
- 2) Sensitive Technology: Technology that collects or retains "sensitive personal information" about persons.
- 3) General Technology: All other types of technology used (i.e., computer and typewriter).

Any future surveillance technology would involve policy review by the commission and require approval by council. There are exceptions in the policy such as criminal investigations and limited emergency exemptions.

Police department has been transparent and has a long history of dialoguing with the community and educating the public on technology used.

Committee member Cazares asked if the Technology Commission will provide an annual report which will be available to the public and they will.

6.2 Overview of CVPD Open Data & Transparency Web Page - AC Collum

CVPD has a long history of being open and transparent. Under the Obama administration, the White House implemented an initiative to have police departments open and transparent. CVPD was one of the first to adopt this initiative, and has a website dedicated to transparency including a variety of data about the police department and police operations. It can be found on City webpage <https://www.chulavistaca.gov/departments/police-department>.

AC Collum went through step-by-step examples on the police department data. Examples included a wealth of data and information about the Department's Drone As First Responder program, data from community input and surveys, data about crime and calls for service, copies of police department policies, etc. The website also shows a wide variety of mandated disclosures such as those required by AB 481 (Military Equipment), SB 1421 (Internal Investigations) and more.

Dispatch receives approximately 330,000 calls for service in a year.

He also showed the online drone map, which shows information about every flight by the Department's Drone as First Responder program including the date it flew and reason it flew. It is updated automatically, so that members of the public can always see when, where, and why one of the Police Department's drones were flying. In the event a member of the public sees a drone in the sky, but not a record of the flight on this website, there's a significant chance that the drone did not belong to the Police Department.

6.3 Update on AB 748 - Chief Kennedy and Assistant Chief Collum

AB748 requires body worn video of Officer Involved Shootings to be made available to the public, upon request within 45 days of the incident (with certain exceptions). Many agencies, including the Chula Vista Police

Department, go even further by proactively posting the videos on its public webpage as soon as possible (generally within 45 days) even if no one has requested it.

Chief Kennedy discussed two 2023 officer involved shootings that were recently posted on the CVPD website. The Chief talked about the importance of being transparent with the community and giving the community the opportunity to see what an officer faces on these types of calls. Chief Kennedy discussed the policies relating to use of force in police departments. In any situation, individuals contacted by the police have a choice to decide how they respond and whether they will comply with lawful orders by police officials, as required by law. But the use of force is sometimes unavoidable depending on the individual's choices. Important questions to consider in any use of force situation are, "Was the use of force reasonable" and "Was it justifiable".

CAC member Corbett asked Chief Kennedy if the county law enforcement agencies agreed to post to their websites within 45 days only if there is a request for the public records (PRA). Chief Kennedy said the agencies have agreed to post to their websites within 45 days without a PRA request, but, technically speaking, the law doesn't require them to. In addition, some situations may take longer to post due to a number of circumstances under the law. CAC member Corbett asked what type of exceptions are included in the law. Chief Kennedy said that there are many exceptions included in PRA laws. She gave one example of an ongoing gang-related homicide investigation which resulted in a second homicide, where the release of the video could have had a significant impact on an ongoing criminal investigation and may also put other witnesses or other people at significant risk of additional murders.

Assistant City Manager McClurg said that one of the major reasons why videos may not be released is to protect the privacy of victims, witnesses and others who are on the video or involved in the investigations.

CAC member Cazares asked if community groups and individuals request public information requests, which they can.

There was one ecomment for this discussion with a "neutral" comment, but IT advised not to open the hyperlink attached.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

In closing, the Chief let the CAC members know she has been working with the FAA UAS counterdrone subcommittee as a co-lead; working on a national level

as a voice in the discussion of making communities safe and how to protect communities from nefarious drones etc. CVPD is one of just a few law enforcement agencies who have been asked to serve on this subcommittee.

CAC member Navarro suggested a yearly community meeting could be held at a high school or public facility so people may come and express their concerns to the police regarding their neighborhoods. He would be happy to assist with any media outlets once a setting, date and time has been selected.

CAC member Barros thanked the community members present and encouraged them to attend the October meeting.

CAC member Sablan addressed to the community members present, for clarity, that the drone program is used only as "first responder" tool and not for surveillance.

CAC member Cazares addressed the community members attending that anyone who has the heart to serve the community can apply to become an officer and a degree is not needed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Minutes prepared by: Cathy Miller, Secretary

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