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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 4:00 PM
City Council Chambers
200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501**

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Santa Fe, New Mexico

April 17, 2007

A scheduled meeting of the City of Santa Fe Public Safety Committee was called to order by Councilor Karen Heldmeyer on this date at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Roll Call Indicated the Presence of a Quorum as Follows:

Councilor Dr. Karen Heldmeyer, Chair
Mr. Herb Harris, Vice-Chair
Dr. Mike Mier
Dr. Nancy Owen-Lewis
Mr. Michael Bowen
Mr. Frank Stuto
Mr. Pete Mizrahi

Member(s) Excused:

Mr. Henry Valdez

Staff Present:

Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department
Fire Chief Chris Rivera, Santa Fe Fire Department
Michelle Babcock, Santa Fe Police Department
Jeanne Price, Senior Planner

Others Present:

Dr. Carol Ann Horwitz, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator, City of Santa Fe
Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer

Approval of Agenda:

Vice-Chair Harris moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Heldmeyer explained that she was unsure what the protocol is for approving the minutes, since a quorum was not present at the February 20, 2007 meeting. She added that she would check with the City Clerk as to what should be done with the minutes.

Old Business:

A. Annual Statistics Regarding Cellular Phone Violations-Chief Eric Johnson, Santa Fe Police Department

Chief Johnson explained that the total number of cell phone violations in 2006 was 1,385. He added that the number of violations decreased from the previous year.

Chief Johnson explained that the Police Department is continuing to enforce the cell phone ordinance, though it is one of the more difficult ordinances to enforce.

Vice-Chair Harris asked that because there was a visible decrease in violations towards the end of 2006, whether the Police Department had lost interest in enforcing the ordinance. Chief Johnson explained that the decrease in violations occurred towards the end of the year, which is the busiest time of the year for the Police Department. He added that the cell phone ordinance is something the Police Department wants to continue enforcing.

New Business:

A. Introduction of New City of Santa Fe Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coordinator, Dr. Carol Ann Horwitz

Ms. Horwitz explained that she has met with all of the members of the selection committee, and has identified some of the areas that they thought were crucial to address immediately. These areas included finding grants for law enforcement, providing training to enhance provisions for law enforcement specifically in areas of evidence collection, report writing, and full faith and credit. Ms. Horwitz is also arranging a full question and answer session with KC Quirk, from Esperanza Shelter and Barbara Goldman from the Rape Crisis Center.

Ms. Horwitz is developing some type of recognition awards for outstanding victim advocacy coming from law enforcement. She is also working with Esperanza Shelter to get the on call advocate project going as well.

Ms. Horwitz explained that one of her ideas is to provide a summit for the faith community, as well as conducting outreach with the lesbian, gay, transgender, immigrant, and "differently abled" communities. She added that she has also met with Anne Sealey, from the Teen Court to get date and violence cases referred to the Teen Court.

Ms. Horwitz explained that she is also continuing to network with the numerous agencies that she worked with before taking the Coordinator position including Homicide Review, Team, the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women. Her goal is to keep communication open.

Chair Heldmeyer asked Ms. Horwitz what type of data she had regarding the use of restorative justice in a domestic violence situation. Ms. Horwitz explained that she would use restorative justice in a domestic violence situation, adding that she is looking at this in terms of dating violence. Ms. Horwitz added that it might be looked at as a method of

early intervention. She felt that that more should be done on a statewide level with youth and children who witness domestic violence.

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if there is progress being made with these programs. Ms. Horwitz explained that what program evaluations are showing is that there are many people who are stating that batterers re-education programs do work as there are people who say these re-education programs do not work. She added that it is difficult to decide on the efficacy level of these programs. She added that if she does her job well, the numbers of cases would actually increase because “people will feel comfortable about reporting incidents.”

Dr. Owen-Lewis asked if there would be an evaluative component included in this whole process. Ms. Horwitz explained that she would include some evaluation in the process.

Chief Johnson thanked Ms. Horwitz for her work.

B. Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 16-13.6 SFCC 1987 curfew for parks and recreation areas; to make it unlawful to be in a city park or recreational area between one half hour after sunset and one half hour before sunrise except for certain activities- Jeanne Price, Senior Planner

(Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 16-13.6 SFCC 1987 Regarding Curfew for Parks and Recreation Areas incorporated into these minutes as Exhibit “A”)

Ms. Price explained that she worked with the Police Department, the Park Division, and the Recreation Division to solve some of the problems in the parks. She added that any violation of the curfew would result in a petty misdemeanor.

Chief Johnson felt that this proposed ordinance was a good start at addressing some of the problems.

Mr. Mizrahi asked if there would be signage posted indicating the changes of park operation hours. Ms. Price explained that Fabian Chavez considered that option. Chair Heldmeyer explained that general signage for general hours would be posted at all parks. She added that Mr. Chavez was working on a way to post hourly exceptions.

Dr. Mier asked if the recreational areas included trails. Ms. Price explained that the areas did include trails. Dr. Mier asked how the curfew would impact those residents utilizing the trails early in the morning and late at night for running exercise. Ms. Price explained that there would be no exceptions to the proposed ordinance.

Chief Johnson explained that the majority of the calls that the Police Department receives at the parks are for specific situations that include loitering, drinking, playing of loud music, and creating general disturbances after hours.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if citations have been issued to individuals who were at parks at inappropriate hours. Chief Johnson couldn't recall any specific situations where he has

issued a citation, but added that the Police Department has issued citations to individuals who had alcohol at a park and for other issues of that nature.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the signs at the parks would have all the relevant park ordinances listed. She added that it was her understanding that the signs would be in both English and Spanish.

Dr. Mier moved to approve the Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 16-13.6 SFCC 1987. Mr. Mizrahi seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous voice vote.

Matters From Police Chief Johnson:

A. Burglary Issues Within the City of Santa Fe

Chief Johnson that there is specific concern with the rise of residential burglaries within the past three months.

Chief Johnson explained that the Police Department has been running operations in the areas of the city where there have been noticeable crime and burglary problems, in particular the Hopewell and Mann area.

Sergeant Webb has started twelve new neighborhood watch programs in the past several months since taking over that unit. The Police Department will also be starting several narcotics operations as well.

Mr. Bowen asked if there has been either an increase or decrease in the number of narcotics arrests. Chief Johnson explained that the Department backed off on some of their narcotics enforcement, due to some investigations that were going on within the Department. He added that, at this time, he has authorized the Department detectives to continue their investigations.

Dr. Mier asked Chief Johnson where in the city the increase in burglaries primarily is. Chief Johnson explained that auto burglaries are occurring all over town. He added that the residential burglaries vary from different parts of town. He explained that there was one recent arrest, where the individual identified was responsible for approximately 13 burglaries.

Dr. Mier asked if there was a specific time of day when the burglaries were occurring. Chief Johnson explained that a number of the auto burglaries are occurring during the evening hours. Residential burglaries typically occur during the day, while the commercial burglaries most often occur at night. Chief Johnson added that the burglaries are usually a "crime of opportunity," adding that the Police Department has been issue public service announcements warning residents of the burglary issues.

Dr. Mier asked Chief Johnson if there is any correlation that has been identified between the number of homeless individuals in Santa Fe and the number of burglaries occurring

within certain areas of the city. Chief Johnson explained that he hasn't heard anything of that nature, and added that the burglaries are often related to the narcotics use.

Chief Johnson explained that the Police Department would be setting up some operations to deal with some of the driving habits in Santa Fe. He added that there is a possibility as well of working with the Sheriff's Department and the State Police to address the problems of the city's driving habits.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that the intersection of St. Michael's Drive, Osage, and Cerrillos Road is being reconstructed. She added that they are attempting to cut down the number of left turns on red violations.

Vice-Chair Harris asked whether the city was still considering the idea of installing red-light cameras. Chief Johnson explained that Deputy Chief Byford is currently working on that project. Chief Johnson added that they would have to wait and see what happens in Albuquerque.

Mr. Bowen explained that the problem during the Legislative Session was that the perception was that the money was more important than reducing the number of red light violations.

Matters From Fire Chief Rivera:

Chief Rivera explained that the Airport Rescue Vehicle is ready to go.

Six firefighters have been sent to College Station, Texas for Airport Rescue Firefighting School. The target start date is June 9th. The firefighters will hopefully begin their training in mid-May.

The Department will be training 70 to 80 firefighters for wildland firefighting.

Chief Rivera explained that he was hoping to have the Joint Powers Agreement ready for review by the Committee for the RECC. He explained that it isn't quite ready, adding that they would be discussing it at the RECC Board Meeting on Thursday. Chief Rivera explained that their hope is that the RECC stays the way it currently is, as far as who governs it.

Chair Heldmeyer asked if the County would pay all of it, regardless of the amount, or if the County would pay the \$2.3 million. Chief Rivera explained that the County Manager Roman Abeyta has stated that it is his intention to pay the entire amount as it continues to increase. Chief Rivera added that the only thing that the City has agreed to mutually pay are the Capital Outlay requests. He explained that these are in JPA.

Vice-Chair Harris asked where the vehicle would be kept. Chief Rivera explained that the vehicle is currently stored at one of the fire stations. He explained that currently the Fire Department is looking at temporary housing for the firefighters or relocating the airport vehicle at the nearest fire station at Tierra Contenta at night.

Mr. Mizrahi explained that the airport vehicle is impressive. He asked what happened to the proposal that \$2.3 million be earmarked specifically for public safety. Chair Heldmeyer explained that the sponsors put the proposal on hold. She added that the proposal also wouldn't be voted on until after the budget. She explained that when the proposal is introduced it would be presented to the Public Safety Committee.

Dr. Mier hoped that the city would be assured that the expenses would continue to rise in the operations of the RECC. He added that he hoped the City would take seriously any cutbacks in personnel or services in operating that facility in the future. He asked if there were a mechanism in place to make sure these cutbacks don't occur in the future. Chief Rivera explained that the JPA defines who sits on the board. The Board includes Chief Rivera, the City Manager, and Chief Johnson. The Board has an equal say in the budget that the JPA proposes, as well as personnel matters. He added that it is still a concern.

The sixteen firefighters that were hired as part of the property tax initiative, will be graduating on May 18th at the State Police Academy. Chief Rivera invited all of the committee members to the graduation.

The Fire Department is planning a Family Fun Festival in July on the Plaza. The Department is partnering with St. Vincent's Hospital, who has agreed to provide all the food. Coca-Cola has agreed to provide all the beverages. The event is free to the community. Chief Rivera explained that the event would most likely be on July 14th, but added that he would have a firm date for the committee at the next meeting.

Chief Rivera explained that the Wendy Wagner sign has not yet been removed, but he will make sure that it is removed. He added that the Fire Station #7 was named after Wendy Wagner.

Chair Heldmeyer asked what the prospective fire season looked like. Chief Rivera explained that the Fire Department is preparing for a bad wild land fire season.

Matters From the Municipal Court:

None

Matters from Committee Members:

Mr. Stuto discussed the problem of bicyclists riding on the sidewalks, and felt that adult bicyclists should confine themselves to riding in the street. He added that there are also incidents that he has seen of pedestrians disregarding safety measures when utilizing the crosswalks. Chief Johnson explained that it would take enforcement to change these habits.

Chair Heldmeyer explained that submitting PSAs to the community about appropriate behavior for bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists might be possible.

Dr. Mier asked how often checks on motorcyclist's proof of insurance are done by the Police Department. Chief Johnson explained that like with any traffic stop, an officer has to have probable cause to stop a motorcyclist.

Dr. Mier asked if conversations regarding safety in the schools have been occurring between the schools and the Police Department. Chief Johnson explained that the Police Department has been working with the schools for quite some time regarding safety issues at the schools. Since the Columbine incident, the Police Department has stepped up patrols around the schools.

Dr. Mier explained that the tree limb at the intersection of Rodeo and Zia Road has not been cleared yet.

Spring Clean Up Day is on Saturday, April 21st.

Household Hazardous Waste Day is April 22nd.

The Recycling Center will have its grand opening on Friday, April 20th.

Communications From The Floor:

None

Adjournment:

Its business being completed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by



Councilor Karen Heldmeyer, Chair

Submitted by



Gabriel Taylor, Stenographer