

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2006**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Dwayne Miller	Dan Morris
Lauren Vaniski	Laura Marscheck	Ted Johnson
Chelsi Cheatom	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	Susan Sayegh
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Santiago Rodriguez	John O'Carroll
Pamela Phillips	Dana Phillips	Al Greer

ABSENT

Kamal Asnani	Florence Buchanan	Guido Mantilla
John Baker		

GUEST SPEAKERS

Maryann Ustick **Kenny Young**

- 1) Maryann Ustick, the new Assistant City Manager in charge of Neighborhood Development, opened the meeting speaking about what Neighborhood Development does. She explained about the three major tenets of development: preservation of stable neighborhoods, stabilization of transitional neighborhoods, and revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods. Ms. Ustick advised us of many creative ways in dealing with the unique problems of neighborhoods such as developing partnerships with businesses, developing neighborhood self-reliance, and creating neighborhood based problem solving teams. She asks that Council members contact her with problems in neighborhoods and with ideas to solve problems. Ms. Ustick is very open to suggestions to help make the community a better place to live.
- 2) Kenny Young, the new Senior Executive to the City Manager, spoke of the Neighborhood Services Division, which he heads. Kenny gave a PowerPoint presentation on the variety of services the Division offers; including the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program, the Emergency Repair Grant Program, the Community Development Block Grants, and the Neighborhood Beautification Program.
- 3) Connie opened the floor for the round robin.
 - John O'Carroll asked Chief Paresi his thoughts on rap music and the correlation to violence against police. One of his neighbor's was wondering about the repercussions of her children listening to rap music. Chief Paresi felt that the music and videos were more derogatory toward women than police. The music by itself is not the problem, but rather the culture that evolves around the music which is against the police and society in general. The Chief explained that the parents should define parameters and regulate what their children listen to in music, as well as on television and even in video games.

- Santiago asked about the increase in gun shows. He was concerned because he saw ammo being thrown away into garbage cans, as well as the selling of large weapons. Chief Paresi advised that this is a Convention Authority issue and it is very closely monitored. He explained also that it is against the law to throw away ammo. We don't hold gun shows in North Las Vegas so that is not much of an issue here. We are, however, planning on having another gun turn-in program later on in the year.
 - Al brought up that parents should be held responsible and accountable for their children. They need to keep their kids active and busy so that they don't get bored and into trouble. Parents should also share with other parents information regarding the activities available in the community for the kids.
 - Susan spoke of HOA's and traffic control, specifically regarding go carts, A.T.V.'s, and such. Kids are riding recklessly in the streets and on the trails and she is afraid of what might happen. Chief explained that since a lot of the HOA's are private streets, the police can't do anything unless the HOA calls. He advised contacting Capt. Tony Scott to have him come out and speak with the HOA about possible solutions.
 - Lauren had the same concerns and was directed to also get with Capt. Scott. Chief explained that we don't have the capability at this time to patrol the trails yet. There should be signs posted with the NRS to enforce the code.
 - Dwayne advised that the response time to calls has a significance to the priority level of the call.
 - Dan asked about enforcement at the Craig Ranch City Park. Chief stated that Capt. Scott is in charge of getting together a plan along with other City entities such as the Fire Department. There is 132 acres to cover in this park alone and another 132 acres in McCool Park. It will be very labor intensive. The trails will have bridges or tunnels for crossing major streets. Dan also asked about the illegal u-turns being made on Camino Al Norte. Chief Paresi said that enforcement action is being taken and also the amount of congestion should help to alleviate this issue as traffic slows down.
 - Mimi questioned who polices what goes on at gun shows. The ATF monitors behavior. Mimi also asked if there was any repercussion to the Stop Snitching broadcast she heard on the news. She explained that it was designed to intimidate witnesses and such to stop talking to the police. Chief Paresi said that there was not much of an impact. Dwayne added that even if the witness doesn't talk at first, they usually come around especially when the heat of the situation has died down.
- 4) Chief Paresi advised that we are working on putting together an alarm ordinance for residential and commercial alarms. We are also working on a CPTED ordinance which puts prevention up front and into the building plans.

There are 17 recruits graduating from the academy next week. We will be putting 25 more in the March academy and another 25 in the September academy. The next round of budget supplementals is being worked on and we should be getting 50 more officers next year. It's a very critical time and Chief Paresi feels upbeat about getting the needed civilian support.

Chief met with the developers from Olympia regarding the proposed usage for the 2300 acres. They are asking to build 19,000 homes compared to the 7,500 homes built in Aliante. The high density will bring in about 55,000 residents. This will cause a major impact on policing.

The Station Casinos is going to build a casino on Aliante and Elkhorn. They are also looking to create another "District".

There is money to build a new South Area Command. The new City Hall Complex will cost about \$114 million.

The enforcement action on the 215 resulted in almost 1,000 tickets. Even with people starting to slow down, we still had another fatality at Losee and the 215 last week. This is a very dangerous intersection.

The bicycle grant was approved. The grant is for \$30,000 and will go for safety instruction and equipment such as helmets. It will kick off at Wilhelm Elementary School.

The promotional exams will be underway for sergeants and lieutenants. Susan asked about the requirements for sergeants to have a degree. Chief advised that this was waived until 2009 to give the Detention personnel time to catch up. Dwayne stated that from the POA perspective, the POA was all for education but this gives the commissioned members time to work on getting their degrees in a fair manner.

Chief Paresi said that at the next meeting he will discuss the future of the Council as a group and your role is in helping the Department.

- 5) Ted advised the CERT training will be starting in March by the Fire Department.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON MARCH 13th AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE
NORTHWEST AREA COMMAND ON WASHBURN & ALLEN.**