

Fresno Police Department Chief's Advisory Board Minutes

May 31, 2007

Present: Sylvia Chavez (for Anthony Alaniz) Ed Bailey, Judy Guardadd (for Roz Clark), Frank Franco, Harry Gill, Jesse McDonald, Jim Poptanich, Morgan Doizaki and Kathy Omachi, Gordon Donoho, , Luke Raughley, Paulina Mendoza (for Enrique Reade) Jan Sangster.

Absent: Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, Cary Catalano, Lawrence Garcia, Floyd Harris, Lorena Martinez, Jim Newman, Deep Sethi, H. Spees, David Tittle, and Darrell Tuckness, Paul Farris, Robert Harris, Rebeca Rangel, Michael Roth, Tom Gentile (military leave)

Guests: Deputy Chief Roger Enmark (for Chief Dyer who was ill)
Sgt. Brian Rogers

The meeting was held in the City Hall Annex Training Room and called to order at 5:35 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes from April 26, 2007 were approved.

Agenda Items:

Round Table Deputy Chief Enmark, representing Chief Dyer who was ill with bronchitis, opened the round table discussions with information regarding the budget hearings to be held this coming Tuesday at around 4:00 pm in council chambers. Most important issues would be funding of the Mayors Gang Prevention Initiative (MGPI), BMW Motorcycle upgrades, Graffiti labor increases, Adding two FAX officers, three additional investigators assigned to Financial Crimes to assist with ID Theft and replacement of 238 bullet proof vests that are expiring this year.

Chief Enmark also stated that Governor Schwarzenegger has patterned a state gang initiative after our MGPI program, called CAL-GRIP. This will provide funding statewide for gang problems. This could add some state funding to our MGPI program as well.

Kathy Omachi inquired as to what the actual budget increase will be over last year? D.C. Enmark stated that the PD budget will increase from approximately 122 million in 2007 to 135 million in 2008. With grant monies the overall budget will be approximately

145 million. The increase is approximately 12% over last year. Enmark explained that some of these increases are due to MOU salary increases. Last year the department lost several officers to other agencies, largely due to salary and compensation. This year the department's officer staffing is full. This is mainly due to our ability to retain officers as salary and benefits are now more competitive with other agencies.

20 million of the PD budget goes directly to other City of Fresno departments to support Fleet, Personnel, Risk Management etc... This system of Inter Departmental billing applies to all city departments and is how funding is accomplished. Since PD employs about one third of the city staff we pay a larger percentage.

About 80% of the PD budget goes to personnel costs. We will also be receiving grant monies for "data interoperability" and methamphetamine enforcement, as well as additional funding for "cold cases". This money helped us to hire one full time criminalist who is assigned to the DOJ lab working only Fresno PD DNA cases. This has helped us solve 5 sex assault cases. 2 additional detectives were assigned to solve cold cases.

Jesse McDonald inquired as to the City and PD efforts to clean up the homeless problem. DC Enmark stated that there are no easy solutions to the problem. DC Nevarez and Chief Dyer are working with the community. There may be a new homeless shelter established in a neighborhood away from the downtown area. The Mayors budget has money set aside to deal with the homeless.

Gordon Donaho stated he is on the homeless committee working with public agencies to find solutions to the homeless problem. The City is looking for property to establish a location as a long term solution. The committee is looking for temporary shelter in a three sided fenced area with toilets and trash bins and possibly some medical services. One x-homeless person sits on the committee. The goal is to offer programs to assist people to get off the streets. This won't help those that refuse to participate and a plan needs to be developed to deal with them.

Kathy Omachi stated that the China Town association has been talking for years about the homeless problem. There is currently a big problem with homeless along the freeway that are near family dwellings, urinating etc.. A security guard has been hired for night time watches, but has been found sleeping in the car and will not get involved in criminal activity. Kerr Rug has a huge problem and may be selling the business.

Frank Franco suggested that we need to have residents from the China Town area on the homeless committee.

Jim Poptanich asked what happens to school resource officers in the summer time when school is out? DC Enmark stated that some of the schools have summer classes and the officers stay on campus. Those schools without summer programs allow the officers to return to their districts and assist in patrol. Clovis Unified Schools pay for 12 month of officer's time and use the officers all 12 months.

Sylvia Chavez requested more officer assistance with Cruise Control on weekends. DC Enmark will pass the request on to DC Nevarez.

Morgan Doizaki would like to see the Police Department and China Town Association work more closely together to achieve revitalization goals. Kathy Omachi added that there are no clear signs on the streets for freeways directing people to China Town. A new restaurant recently opened in China Town called "Sompin to eat" and invited members to try it.

Announcements:

D.C. Enmark welcomed a James Poptanich to the group representing Council Member Calhoun. Harry Gill was awarded the KSEE Channel 24 Leader Of The Year award.

Closing Remarks:

None.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.