

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL COMMAND CENTER
CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
9600 Dyer
El Paso, Texas 79924**

March 11, 2014

Co-Chairman, Brooks Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Brooks led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Committee Members Present:

*Commander Zina Silva
Brooks Dawson – Co-Chairman
Carol J. Mesler - Secretary*

Board Members Present:

<i>Regina Arnold</i>	<i>Jose Rubio</i>
<i>Leslie Canada</i>	<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>
<i>Magnolia Curtis</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Gus Hebrok</i>	<i>Fredrick Shuford</i>
<i>Gloria Rubio</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
	<i>Sgt. Michael Short</i>

Board Members Absent:

<i>George Anton</i>	<i>Pat Baugh (excused)</i>
<i>Inge Anton</i>	<i>Brian Haggerty</i>
<i>Dale Baugh (excused)</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</i>

Moment of silence: *in memory of former CAB member Norman Forest.*

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced Pam Aguirre of the TX Commission on Environmental Quality who briefly told us there will be two free tire disposal sites in April: 4/12/14 in Clint and Canutillo; again on 4/26/14 same locations. El Paso County Water Improvement, Rio Grande Council of Governments, Border Environmental Cooperation Commission and Keep El Paso Beautiful are also sponsors of this project.

He then introduced Laura Christopherson of the El Paso County Attorney's Office, who gave a very informative presentation of the services offered: elder protection, family

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violence, deceptive business, mental health, civil litigation, juvenile unit and University Medical Center. She also explained, recommended, and distributed a Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates form, and a Medical Power of Attorney form be completed by everyone. The APS and CPS hotline number is 800-252-5400. The northeast office is at 4641 Cohen St., Suite D located in the VA office, phone 759-7990, Open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of February 11, 2014 as presented; motion carried.

Commander's Report:

Commander Silva welcomed those in attendance including the many guests. She reported that crime is doing well; auto thefts have increased, especially Honda vehicles. She reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and their homes. As this is school spring break, there are special operations being run to observe parties, underage drinking, etc. She explained that "ice" is a derivative of meth and the negative results it has from using it.

Committee Reports:

Jessie Ruelas said there will be a meeting at headquarters of Neighborhood Watch and Neighborhood Association on 3/5/14. He said the Chief wants ten more NW groups. There will be an election of officers for NW on Saturday, 4/12/14 at the Westside Regional Command Center, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Officer Bell did get ten graffiti proof NW signs and has money for more. Northeast has one Business Neighborhood Watch.

Old Business:

Brooks explained the response from Ted Marquez that TxDOT is repairing some damages to the underground electrical circuits that feed the street lights, and that El Paso Electric will be changing the lamps that burned out due to the electrical damage.

Regarding community mail boxes, the Postal Service won't purposely install, a community has to request and pay for them. Brooks will get more information.

Bill asked if Sean Haggerty will be extended. Plans unknown at this time, however the Fire Dept. is pushing for it so they don't have to go so far around to respond to a call. Bill said he would still like to have the El Paso Street Dept. come to a CAB meeting. Brooks will try to schedule.

New Business:

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Brooks reminded everyone that spring break is on; reviewed some safety factors put out by TxDOT; also a revision of the "Move Over" law. He reminded attendees to call 311 to report graffiti.

Community Concerns:

Regina asked what is going on with the old gas station on Dyer and Sanders. Brooks said the old gas tanks are being removed for environmental purposes.

He said the Castner Heights area is being cleaned for future development.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Recognition of Officer of 1st Quarter 2014
Golden Corral Steakhouse
4610 Trans Mountain Road***

Please call one of the following if you cannot be at the meeting:

Carol Mesler – 755-0209

Or

Isabel Hernandez (the commander's secretary) – 759-2051

"Let everything you do be done as if it makes a difference!"

William James