

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

August 13, 2013

Co-Chairman, Brooks Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:05 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>Graciela & Jaime Sanchez</i>
<i>Magnolia Curtis</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Gus Hebrok</i>	<i>Fred Shuford</i>
<i>Gloria & Jose Rubio</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>	<i>Lt. Steven Schmidt</i>

Board Members Absent:

<i>Inge & George Anton</i>	<i>Brian Haggerty</i>
<i>Pat & Dale Baugh</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</i>

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced Charles Stapler visiting from the Chief's Board, Karen Weaver, Billie Parker and Leslie Canada, a Police Department civilian employee who wants to become a member of our NE CAB.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of July 9, 2013 as presented; motion carried.

Commander's Report:

Commander Silva reported crime is at -8%, was at 25% in the beginning. Beer runs are down however that operation will be ending; may be restarted during the holidays. Usually burglaries have been done by teen aged boys, now girls have been caught stealing items from unlocked vehicles. Remember to lock vehicles and homes and call in

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suspicious activities. Crime is now being driven by sexual assaults with married couples. There isn't any way to curb this. Auto thefts are about 1-2 per week.

Par Report:

Commander Silva reported National Night Out was August 6, 2013 and other areas of town had good gatherings with cook outs, etc. She wants NE to do something next year perhaps at Sue Young Park with retired Lt. Molinar.

She spoke of our CAB members working with apartment managers, after September 1, when renters get evicted, we can alert other apartment managers. She will have officers distribute flyers for our Town Hall Meeting/Meet the Commander Day on September 28, 2013; perhaps CAB members can help with the distribution at the smaller apartments. City Council Representatives Carl Robinson and Larry Romero will meet with us on 9/28

Gus spoke of new crime – "sliders" where someone will open the passenger door of a vehicle when the driver is getting gas and steal whatever is quickly available, such as purses, etc. Lock vehicles all the time, even when getting gas.

Bill asked about a poster that Walgreen's has requested. Commander Silva said Chief Feidner is to respond to this issue. Brooks said it may have to be in partnership with the Police Foundation.

Committee Reports:

Jessie Ruelas, as our new Neighborhood Watch representative said he met with Tina Gianes and the NW Bylaws need to be updated. On August 3 he attended the NW Summit and helped Officer Bell. On August 6 he went to City Hall as the Westside Commander was recognized. He went on a ride-along with Officer Bell. On August 14 he attended a NW Council Meeting and spoke about the new brochure, which he distributed to the CAB members. He also went to Franklin Park to observe the lighting needs.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Brooks announced election of CAB officers will be held next month, that this is done every two years. After discussion it was decided to do the election now. Jaime made a motion that Brooks be elected as Chair and Carol as Secretary both by acclamation as no one else volunteered; Gracie seconded; motion passed.

Citizen's Forum:

Gracie asked when the next HEAT drive will be. Commander Silva said Steve Plummer had retired and someone needs to take his place.

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Jessie said he will copy the brochure for 9/28 in color.

Brooks said the Pride Day kick-off will be Friday October 11, 2013 at Memorial Park. NE will not be doing food this year, but will do some clean up on Saturday. Leslie spoke of the possibility of getting a grant for Pride Day.

He spoke of wanting to get enough donations to the Foundation so as to have an annual banquet/recognition; also do Safety Town and other activities; wants to pick up the slack that the police budget isn't able to cover.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.***

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

“Life is an adventure in forgiving.”

Norman Cousins