

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

December 10, 2013

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>Inge Anton</i>	<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>
<i>Regina Arnold</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Magnolia Curtis</i>	<i>Fred Shuford</i>
<i>Gus Hebrok</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
<i>Gloria Rubio</i>	<i>Lt. Eddie Valencia</i>
<i>Jose Rubio</i>	

Board Members Absent:

<i>George Anton (excused)</i>	<i>Brian Haggerty</i>
<i>Dale Baugh (excused)</i>	<i>Graciela Sanchez</i>
<i>Pat Baugh (excused)</i>	<i>Jaime Sanchez</i>
<i>Leslie Canada</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</i>

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced several apartment managers. Carol introduced guest Shirley Harris for her second meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of November 12, 2013 as presented; motion carried.

Commander's Report by Lt. Valencia:

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Lt. Valencia reported of a robbery at a 7-11 in the 4100 block of Hercules; the suspect, a man from Ft. Bliss, was turned over to the military. There was a shooting on Sun Valley – two males were involved – one was hospitalized. Auto thefts have increased – mostly trucks and mostly in the Sean Haggerty area. Apartment laundromats are being taken apart for the coins. He urged the CAB members to report any suspicious activity to PD. Beer runs are driving the stats up – especially 7-11's and in the Triangle area.

The apartment managers asked some questions, to which Commander Silva said she did have a meeting, to which they were invited, in September but no one came. She wants to introduce them to the Justice of the Peace and how they can work together for a better relationship; beer runners are often from the apartments; lower calls increase safety. She is willing to inform the managers of activities on a monthly basis. Jessie explained his Sun City Security Services and could maybe help with security.

Carol asked Shirley Harris to describe the graffiti in her neighborhood which had specific letters. Brooks identified the group. He described the graffiti wipeout program and reminded everyone to call any graffiti in to 311.

The commander said PD checked the parks near schools for underage smokers and none were found.

Notes from Lt. Jaime Velasquez:

PAR report:

12/16/13- Quarterly Neighborhood Watch Association Block Captain Training held at NERCC. Slade Davis conducted a PACT 360 presentation on drug awareness for parents to prevent youth drug abuse.

12/21/13- Tobacco Enforcement Operation conducted city-wide. At NERC teams conducted sweeps at the four N.E. high schools during lunch time to enforce tobacco possession violations by minors under 18. In the evening stings were conducted at several convenience stores using Explorers as decoys to attempt catching store clerks selling tobacco to minors. Stores were checked for compliance with required signage posted that warn it is illegal for minors to attempt buying tobacco. Anti smoking awareness posters and pamphlets were distributed to the four high schools.

12/07/13- Slade participated at Annual Basset Center Safety Fair, with a holiday DWI awareness presentation.

12/07/13- N.E. Traffic and PAR along with city-wide units conducted traffic control at downtown Holiday Lights Parade and Cleveland Square Christmas Tree Lighting.

Committee Reports:

None.

Old Business:

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None.

New Business:

Brooks said TxDOT couldn't make this meeting. There is no new information on the NE constructions but it is somewhat behind schedule. There are two more NE projects called "Butterflies" with the loop and 601. There will be two lanes added to the loop between Dyer and 601. Work is also being done on the west loop and new entrance to the State Park.

Citizen's Forum:

Jose asked about "spice" – the commander said "it's out there".

Bill reported that a vehicle parked across from 4498 Round Rock hasn't been moved. The commander suggested that CAB members e-mail complaints to Carol for the commander to review, rather than take time during the CAB meetings.

Lt. Valencia asked if NE is still getting a Sam's. Brooks said the land is being surveyed and building should begin soon. Brooks will talk to our NE City Rep Carl Robinson about a new NE mall and building on the old North Park Mall area.

PD will accept wrapped/labeled Christmas presents for children.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Recognition of Officer of 4th Quarter 2013
Golden Corral Steakhouse
4610 Trans Mountain Road***

After the meeting, only the CAB members met to discuss whether distribution of items collected for the officer of the quarter program should also be for the commander's officer of the month. A motion was made that the CAB members set up this program for an officer of the quarter solely and for us not to be involved in the commander's program; motion was seconded; motion passed.

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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

“Failure is not defeat...until you stop trying.”

Unknown