

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

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*February 12, 2013*

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

*Brooks led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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***Executive Committee Members Present:***

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

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***Board Members Present:***

<i>Inge Anton</i>	<i>Bill Schultheiss</i>
<i>Regina Arnold</i>	<i>Fred Shuford</i>
<i>Gloria &amp; Jose Rubio</i>	<i>Carmen Torrez</i>
<i>Graciela &amp; Jaime Sanchez</i>	

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***Board Members Absent:***

<i>George Anton</i>	<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>
<i>Pat &amp; Dale Baugh</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</i>
<i>Brian Haggerty</i>	

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***Approval of Minutes:***

*A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of January 8, 2013 as presented; motion carried.*

***Commander's Report:***

*Commander Silva reported that crime is down 6%. There had been a spike in burglary of vehicles and homes, but that is down. The Department met with all the Wal-Mart managers and the district manager. Wal-Mart goals are different from that of the Police Department, but both sides are trying to work together for positive results for the city. They will be opening 11 more stores in various locations. The stores have done away with having uniformed police officers and door greeters, but will still have security vehicles patrolling the parking lots. The Commander said there has been a problem across El Paso of apartment residents putting payment checks in their outgoing mail, only to have them stolen. The Department will be sending notices to the apartment managers to advise their residents to mail payments at the post office. She also advised*

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*the CAB members to never put check payments on your mail box, but take to a post office. The Commander reported that there have been more copper wire thefts across the city, so the Department is trying to beef up patrol of those vulnerable areas. She asked if the 6:00 p.m. CAB meeting time is okay. After discussion of the CAB members having changed it a few times, the last from 7:00 to 6:00, it was agreed to leave it as is. She reviewed the CAB procedures from the manual; said this is our community group and wants us to bring her projects we're interested in doing.*

***Committee Reports:***

*Fred Shuford did not have anything to report.*

***Old Business:***

*Previously we had discussed having a "Meet the Commander Day" for the NE community with the hope of increasing the CAB membership. Commander Silva said she doesn't want this to be about the commander and suggested it be named in recognition of the CAB. We decided to do a safety/health fair on April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We discussed having Neighborhood Watch, K-9, SWAT, Explorers, the DWI fatal vision goggles, a health group to do screenings, a blood mobile, McGruff, the fire truck with the big flag and Sparky and our CAB needs to have a booth to explain our group. The Commander asked that we provide drinks, pizzas, balloons, face painting, etc. Several CAB members volunteered to contact a pizza business for donations, the Fire Department and the instructor for the CERT program to participate.*

***New Business:***

*Brooks explained various committees formed within the Department:*

*Education Enrichment Committee  
Property Damage & Vandalism Committee  
Traffic Fatalities Due to Driver Distractions*

***Citizen's Forum:***

*Bill asked if we can have TxDOT back to explain the progress of the Loop 375 construction. Brooks said he will contact the engineer Tim Twomey to make another presentation. Carol asked the commander how the corner vagrant situation is doing. She said it's not too bad right now; the city withdrew enforcement for more study and will reintroduce it soon.*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*

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*Respectfully submitted,*

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*Carol J. Mesler, Secretary*

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
Tuesday, March 12, 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***

***“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had  
nowhere else to go.”***

***Abraham Lincoln***