

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

July 9, 2013

Co-Chairman, Brooks Dawson called the meeting to order at 6:15 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 & George Anton</i>	<i>Dave Scepanski</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 & Jose Rubio</i>	<i>Lt. Steven Schmidt</i>
<i>Jessie Ruelas</i>	

Board Members Absent:

<i>Pat & Dale Baugh (excused)</i>	<i>Graciela & Jaime Sanchez (excused)</i>
<i>Brian Haggerty</i>	

Introduction of Guests:

Brooks introduced the Officer of the 2nd Quarter 2013 Jose Gomez, who had several family members and other guests. Also Assistant Chief Robert Feidner, Lt. Jaime Velasquez, Lt. Tony Jimenez and some other officers were in attendance.

Recognition of Officer of 2nd Quarter 2013:

Lt. Schmidt read Sgt. Olague's letter to nominate Officer Gomez Officer of the Quarter. Brooks then presented Officer Gomez with the CAB certificate along with sponsorships from: Albertson's – Kenworthy, Arby's, AutoZone, Carino's Italian Grill, Carmike Cinema, Cascade Car Wash, Casita Linda Mexican Restaurant, Chili's, Cici's Pizza, Dairy Queen, Denny's Restaurants-Trans. Mt. & Dyer, Destiny Family Christian Center, EP Fitness, Firestone Tire & Service Ctr; Golden Corral Steakhouse, Co., Howah Restaurant, Jerry's Automotive, Long John Silver's, Lowe's Home Improvement, 'N Dulge Day Spa, Papa John's Pizza, Peter Piper Pizza, Roca Fitness Center, Sam's China

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Bistro, State Farm Insurance-Rick Altheide, Sun City Security-Jessie Ruelas, Touch Day Spa, Village Inn-Airway and Hondo Pass, Walgreen's-Kenworthy, Wing Daddy's and Wal-Mart.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of June 11, 2013 as presented; motion carried.

Chief's Report:

Chief Feidner spoke of the dedication of our El Paso police officers. El Paso has been the safest city for three years with a population of over 500,000, which is due to the work of our officers and their work ethic to do their best to succeed. They impress on the young officers that to prevent crime is most effective. Next to the chief, the sergeants have the toughest jobs. He thanked the officers for their outstanding work.

Commander's Report:

Commander Silva reported she gave division commendations to all the NE lieutenants and sergeants. Crime is down 5% - has turned around 30% in a year. All crime is down - there was only one assault at Cohen on 7/4. There are burglary issues with new construction of homes and businesses in that appliances are being stolen. Auto thefts are down. There was a shooting incident on Norton Street. She reminded everyone to keep vehicles and homes locked.

Par Report:

PAR report for 7/9/13 CAB meeting by Lt. Jaime Velasquez:

6/22/13- Slade Davis participated in the Annual Bassett Center Safety Fair, in which officers from all regions conducted multiple presentations in all areas of safety.

6/24/13- 6/28/13- Slade Davis instructed elementary age kids about traffic safety at Annual Safety Town at Bassett Center entire week.

7/03/13- Rep. Robinson and his staff graciously held their annual 4th of July Luncheon for all NERCC officers at NERCC.

7/12/13- Ft Bliss is conducting a Motorcycle Safety Rally in which several hundred motorcyclists ride in procession from Ft Bliss to Alamogordo and White Sands Missile Range, and return back. The purpose is to promote motorcycle safety. NERC Traffic conducts traffic control.

7/12/13- 116th Class Academy Police Recruits are conducting ride alongs with field officers from all regions, to include NERCC Evening Shift officers.

Music Under The Stars al fresco concert series has continued at Chamizal Park (every week June 16- August 11).

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Midnight Basketball taking place at City Rec centers city-wide to give youths fun activities to conduct. Taking place Saturday nights during summer. N.E. Region locations are Veteran's Park, Nolan Richardson Center (Maxwell Street), and Nations-Tobin Park.

National Night Out will be 8/6/13 from 6-9:00 p.m. – about crime awareness. Turn on your porch lights. Several areas do block parties.

Committee Reports:

Brooks said that the Northeast Neighborhood Watch has a new board – they still need more members. Jessie Ruelas has volunteered to be the new leader. There is a new NW group in Mesquite Hills. Lt. Velasquez thanked Fred Shuford for his past participation in NW.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Brooks discussed having a town hall meeting/meet the commander day. Commander Silva suggested it be Saturday, September 28, 2013 from 9-11:00 a.m. for businesses and apartment managers; to have a question/answer period, a tour of NERC, coffee/donuts, etc. PD will make some fliers to be distributed. Schools can be done on a weekday.

Jessie distributed a security magazine in which there is a nice article about Dan Haggerty and the accomplishments he did for El Paso, especially as a county commissioner.

Citizen's Forum:

Brooks met with a group Lions for Vision that wants to partner with our CAB to accept eye glass donations. Fred made a motion, Regina seconded to do this; motion passed. This will be announced at the NE meetings, Carl Robinson's, etc. A container can be put in the reception area for these donations.

Bill, once again, said that Walgreen's would like a poster so people could donate for our officer of the quarter program – could be from our CAB and the Police Foundation. The commander said this would be given some thought.

Brooks said Fred Pacheco received an award in Austin for his work with Graffiti Wipe-Out; to keep calling graffiti spots in.

Brooks said Pride Day is coming 10/12/13; this will be scaled down; probably last year it will be done due to changes in the city.

Dave thanked the CAB for all the support we give to our NE community.

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Bill said he called Code Enforcement regarding too much water being wasted at a park on Kenworthy. He also told of an instant hot water recirculating system he put in his home that may be a money saver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Mesler, Secretary

***NEXT MONTH'S MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
Tuesday, August 13, 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

“Do what you can with what you have where you are.”

Teddy Roosevelt