

Latino Advisory Committee 12-2-22

Adolph Diaz, Justin Martinez, Barb Lessman, Sandi Elder, Mike Salazar, Chief Turk and DC Zeller

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Chief Turk

Chief Turk – The last meeting was not well attended, only two people were able to attend. Joe Perez has resigned from the committee so we are looking for new members.

DC Gutierrez is graduating from the FBI National Academy next Wednesday some of us are flying out there to attend.

Let's talk about ABLE

DC Zeller – Submitted the application/letters and we were approved. Training is in February Active ByStandership (if you see something say something). Empowering our officer's despite title/rank. They have a bunch of standards we must follow. They have decals for cars to recognize us as an employer that is involved in in this program.

Justin – is that something they train you and you train the officers?

Chief Turk – They will come in and Train the Trainer then we'll train our officers. We're also large enough to get our own trainers for the future.

Chief Turk - Officer involved shooting – there are couple things I'm concerned about. The officer involved was working his last day with the department so it makes things difficult. We released the video to our officers as there were questions. BWC does not tell the whole story so it's difficult.

Sandi – Because he's no longer employed, is the City liable or is it civil?

Chief Turk – The City is still liable

Chief Turk - We had two homicides over the last week, one was domestic violence (the girl shot her boyfriend) the other one is still under investigations possible gang involvement.

We are still working on the downtown homelessness problem. They have moved South but they're still around. They moved closer to cold weather shelter. We are going to hire a private security company to help monitor and move people along in the downtown area.

Justin – When the cold weather shelter opens, do we see more homeless?

Chief Turk – Yes people do come from other communities, but they move south, that's where the shelter is.

Well into our project providing all of our officers having access to all the schools in district 6. They are working to get access to all the rooms in the buildings with a central place to house, keys or key fobs, whatever it takes.

Barb officers need their key fobs updated to access the United Way building. Sending a list of officers so this can be updated.

We are hiring a new liquor license person who will monitor bars more closely.

10 cadets ready to graduate the academy. We continue to search for POST officers and cadets. We are just getting fewer and fewer applicants applying.

Massive transition to a new Records/dispatch system. It's been a big deal. The last time we did this change was in 2012 and it was the end of the world until it wasn't.

DC Zeller – We changed our Performance Measures to a more applicable number. To measure ourselves against benchmark cities instead of National. Part One Crimes below the Benchmark Cities average. Some that we compare to: Lawrence, OK, Lincoln, NE, Norman, Oklahoma and in Colorado Fort Collins, Boulder and Lakewood, to name a few. Part One crimes are going up and we continue to work on, to reduce those numbers. We're on the smaller end of the cities in our benchmark metrics. It's measured per 1000 people.

Chief Turk – When you build housing out west, at 4:00 in the afternoon, it's a 25-minute time to travel out there, so that changes the way we need to look at things and how we police.

Mike Salazar – is it true that Greeley is going to build an overpass at 34 and 35th Ave?

Chief Turk – Yes that is in the plans there will also be transit station there.

Round Table

Sandi – Thank you DC – he's normally off on Friday's, so thank you.

Banner has a great donor wall, it's interactive and very nice.

Barb, so sorry you lost your father.

We need to recruit for this group.

Barb – Cold weather shelter opened but 3 days late. We're working on showers which will be good. They are open 24/7 and it's very crowded.

I appreciated Officer Shannon coming out to talk about downtown security. He mentioned getting cameras on the front and back of the building. We got a bid from Dictoguard that we are going with.

Chief Turk – DDA has camera's down there as well. We're still working on that. We are looking at gating some alley ways, like the Art walk.

Mike Salazar – Are shooting incidents on the rise? It seems like they are.

Chief Turk – Yes, Colorado is 1 in the nation for car theft. Shootings are up, they're out of control.

Adolph Diaz – Tomorrow we have our first Christmas fiesta of the year at North Ridge, so we're busy.

Barb – Toys for Tots – who does that?

Chief Turk - We do Santa Cops – most of our referrals come from the school district. Most of the toys come from donations, whether it's monetary or people buy and give us the toys.

Adjourned at 8:32