

Latino Advisory Committee
Agenda
August 9, 2024 @ 0730

Attendees: Chief Turk, Chairperson Elder, Mike Salazar, Justin Martinez, Barb Lessman, Tawyna Bowie, Steve Moreno, Adolph Diaz, DC Zeller, DC Edwards, and Esmeralda Betancourt

Meeting called to order at 0733 by Chief Turk

Chief Turk:

- ❖ Welcome and Introductions of Esmeralda Betancourt, Owner of Coco's Café in St. Michaels, (Andrea Lopez, Owner of Vale Snacks and Carlos Abundiz (Andrea's husband and owner of a Tortilleria – were invited but were unable to attend)
- ❖ AP Triton Assessment – We finally received the final report for the organizational assessment (this started August of 2023). They gave recommendations for changes, 36 High Priority, Medium and Average priority changes. Some of the high priority items are, to develop a Real Time Crime Center, update/upgrade fleet, we are in the process and almost done, update training needs with regards to civil and mental health calls, look at resource deployment with our sectors in the city (how we divide our sectors), buy the gym from GPOA, which we've done. Do a leadership retreat off site, increase communication with the commander and sergeant level, expand the number of commanders so all shifts are covered 24/7, that is out of budget reach at this point. We need a substation out west as that's where Greeley is growing.
 - DC Zeller – We have on call commanders to cover when there is no commander on shift.
 - Chairperson Elder – Gave the new members a bit of overview of the committee.
- ❖ Budget – We're looking at a significant upgrade in our body camera program.
- ❖ Ballot Issues (Public Safety & Others) – There was four different ballot issues which includes the Public Safety tax increase. Counsel is voting not to put the Public Safety tax on the ballot due to many issues and it wasn't polling well. This will come up again next year.

- ❖ Edwards FBINA and Interim Assignments – DC Edwards will be attending the school in Quantico, VA. Cmdr. Meyer will be the Interim DC and we'll have an interim Commander as well.

DC Zeller:

- ❖ Real Time Crime Center (RTIC) Update – Long term goal is to house the RTIC next door. For now, they will be housed out at Fire Station 6 out west in Promontory. We hope to have things up and running in October.
- ❖ Hiring Update – Eight cadets started this month – Three community service officers started this month. We have seven laterals we're looking at. There are 34 cadets we will interview for the academy starting in January 2025. We're also hiring four community service officers, and we have a good candidate pool for those positions. We're at 159 officers – one overhire. This is the highest we've been for some time now.
 - Chief Turk – When I was a DC we were at 9% female, now we're at 15% female.

DC Edwards:

- ❖ K9 Update – The newest dog we have is a bomb/tracker (people, shell casings from guns, and explosives are some examples) dog. She is not a bite dog, she's a black lab Onyx.
- ❖ Patrol has been very busy and they're doing a great job and catching some bad guys.
- ❖ SWAT School – Our SWAT team is hosting a SWAT school for 20 officers for all over Colorado. They do a good job with this training.
 - Steve Moreno – Is the SWAT team with WC. Greeley has their own SWAT team.

Round Table

- ❖ Tanya Bowie – I've heard good things about what you've done for this community. People are excited about the path the city is taking.
 - Chief Turk – It's the workers doing the good work.
- ❖ Chairperson Sandi – I plan to meet with the City Manager soon. In September Our Lady of Peace will be having a big event that maybe noisy, I'll get you the date.
- ❖ Justin Martinez – Do the police dogs do presentations?

- DC Edwards – They do, just contact the department to set something up.
- ❖ Tanya Bowie – The space next to Beso has been rented, finally. It will be a cookie shop.
- ❖ Barb Lessman – I work downtown again; Precision Security came when I called regarding a couple incidents. They come into the store every day to check on us.
 - Chief Turk – With the shelter closing the parks are very busy at night, Farr and Lincoln. People have to go somewhere.
 - DC Edwards – We're trying to push our Neighborhood Action Team (NAT) unit back to more of community outreach and leave homeless to the new Homeless division within the city **Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). 970-351-5005**
 - Chief Turk - We have a new Assistant City Manager that is in charge of Housing and Homeless. She has a unit of case workers that are out in the community working with homeless. Weld Village will be a huge campus of step-up housing.
- ❖ Mike Salazar – I would like to thank Sandi for all you do for the community.
- ❖ Steve Moreno – Schools starting soon, and the school flashing lights are already on, so be aware.
 - When a presidential visit comes who's in charge?
 - Chief Turk – The Secret Service is in charge with us being there to assist as needed. When we've had visits, there has always been good communication.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 0838.