

Advisory Commission on Human Relations & Disability Issues

Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

5:30pm – 7:00pm

- I. Call to order @ 5:38
- II. Roll call
 - A. Members present: Jessie Alvarez, Kendall McReynolds, Don Jolley, Valorie Wells-Fenton, Wendy Baker, Cassandra Long, Kim Dominic, Winfred Manning, Thomas Alonzo
 - B. Human Services: Phyllis Wallace
 - C. Visitor: Officer Kevin Sullivan
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting
 - A. Wendy Baker moved, Don Jolley seconded. Minutes approved.
- IV. Review of Robert's Rules of Order
 - A. Jessie reviewed the Robert's Rules and offered her suggested practices
 - 1. We're not going to stand to speak, but if people could raise their hand and wait to be recognized.
 - 2. Each person can speak once.
 - 3. Please don't speak over one another
- V. Presentations & Reports
 - A. Community Policing Representative – Officer Kevin Sullivan
 - 1. Community policing only covers KCK
 - 2. Attend public meetings as invited
 - 3. Four Priorities - Community Meetings, District Officers, High calls for service (ongoing problems, repeated alarms at businesses), Community events
 - 4. Types of activities they participate in: school programs, Traffic enforcement escorts (funerals, etc.), Enforcement actions during business hours (10-6), Recetrack events on flex hours, Crime prevention presentations to businesses & HOAs, Resource officers in Turner, Piper districts and at Bishop Ward High School

5. 17 Officers in a separate unit – Not running calls except as support, 131 different programs involving children.
6. Questions (Officer Sullivan’s responses are in *italics.*) and additional conversation
 - a) Don Jolley: Why is Community Policing not involved in Bonner and Edwardsville? *Their arrest authority is only within KCK city limits. At KU the Security Officers have State authority like State Highway Patrol. They can enforce traffic laws on KU adjoining property like Rainbow Blvd.*
 - b) Valorie Wells-Fenton: What training do Officers receive regarding people with disabilities? *Training through the Police Academy, He received 40 hours specialized training in Community Policing. They have CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training. The rest of the police force is getting it. About 66% have had it at this point.*
 - c) Valorie Wells-Fenton: How does the police department handle allegations of discrimination, harassment, or disability issues with staff? *These issues skip the chain of command and are sent directly to Human Resources department.*
 - d) Valorie Wells-Fenton: How can this Advisory Board help your officers specifically? *Really can’t answer. That needs to go to the person in charge. Discrimination issues are handled through HR*
 - e) How do we know who our CP officer is? *Go to KCKPD.org and look at your area.*
 - f) Kendall McReynolds: Invited them to have them help us when people who have problems.
 - g) S.O.A.R. (Stabilization Occupation and Revitalization) Program – addressing blight issues, code enforcement, Neighborhood Resource center – Offices at 47th & State (old post office)
 - h) Jessie Alvarez: What happens if a member of the community has a complaint about an officer? *This will be referred to the Professional Standards unit (Internal affairs).*
 - i) Jessie Alvarez: Do they keep statistics on complaints? *Reports sent to the chief every month.*
 - j) Jessie Alvarez: Has Community Policing changed since Ferguson and other incidents? *It hasn’t happened here because of good relationships with Community Policing and the public.*
 - k) The community has a lot of influence on how community policing operates.

- l) Don Jolley: What is jurisdiction in Lake Quivira? *They have their own police department. Very little of Lake Quivira is in Wyandotte County, and those houses are no longer there?*
- m) Don Jolley: What about Loring? Officer Sullivan wasn't sure. Kim Dominic suggested that it's covered by Sheriff's Department.
- n) Officer Sullivan invited us to come by and visit at the office.
- o) Wendy Baker: If I had an issue that was not life or death, who would I call? *If it is not life or death, call community policing if it is an ongoing issue. For a traffic accident, property damage where a report is needed, call the police. If a report is needed request it. If he refuses, contact the supervisor. Community policing can follow-up.*
- p) Casandra Long and Kendall McReynolds offered examples of how they have seen community policing in action.
- q) Don Jolley: Talked about a role-playing event about drunk driving. Does the police department do anything like that? *Toyota and State Farm do that out at Providence Amphitheater and they don't want to duplicate effort. They read to kids in elementary schools – Positive contact opportunities*
- r) Don Jolley: Why aren't they in Piper schools? *Piper has their own resource officer. Poorer parts of town get less representation than some of the more affluent areas. That is where crime rates are higher and that's why resources are more focused there. (Officer Sullivan said that was his personal opinion)*

B. Report on Night Out Against Crime – Kendall McReynolds, Jessie Alvarez

1. Kendall Mc Reynolds reported: National organization specifies the first Tuesday in August. Politicians, neighborhood groups, community members. Networking opportunity. Speakers, food (Target sponsored), Giveaways. We were there. May need to get the DA to come talk to us.
2. Jessie Alvarez suggested that organizers might get more students involved. Jessie's daughter was fascinated by the event. Some high school students need community service hours.
3. Don Jolley: Have they considered doing a smaller version of that in each district? The event used to rotate through each of the districts, but heat can be an issue. Kendall McReynolds said that he would ask them to take it under advisement
4. Cassandra Long: Bonner has a Night Out.
5. Kendall McReynolds has applications for the NCCP Citizens' Academy if anyone is interested. Training at Police Academy.
6. Don Jolley: What kind of jurisdiction does NCCP have? Eyes and ears only. Don't even talk about citizen's arrest. They cannot carry weapons...only report. How do you contact? Use

police radio and have a person who can field calls every night. Contact police as necessary. Get involved in community to help out, as well.

VI. Old Business

A. Approval of By-Laws

1. Valorie Wells-Fenton moved for approval, Cassandra Long seconded. Approved.

B. Commission business cards, pamphlet, website link

1. Website

- a) Phyllis Wallace asked that members look at UG website and look at the link to see if it has everything that we need on there.
- b) Where it says "Contact us" citizens can fill out the form and we can be contacted

2. Social Media

- a) Cassandra Long: Can we use FB and Twitter to set up some community input sessions? Phyllis Wallace would like to see if other departments have done this. Approvals will be difficult and time-consuming. Jessie Alvarez asked if Cassandra Long can bring some examples to next meeting.
- b) Don Jolley: Sounds like what Chief Ziegler is doing on Twitter

3. Pamphlet

- a) Jessie Alvarez: Pamphlet needs to be a priority as we attend events. Phyllis Wallace can take care of that and have it in Spanish as well. Valorie Wells-Fenton volunteered to work with Phyllis Wallace on it.
- b) Don Jolley: We also need to start getting involved in functions around town. He passed out a flier on Grinter Place Summer Fest on September 9

4. Business Cards

- a) Phyllis Wallace: Generic Advisory Commission business cards can be printed. Leave room for us to write our contact info.

C. Kendall McReynolds: Did anybody look through comments at Night Out Against Crime? Jessie Alvarez stated that she forgot to bring them. One comment about the UG being discriminatory, but no specifics.

VII. New business

A. Upcoming Event: Mariachi and Folkloric Festival, Saturday, September 2, 2017, 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM, National Guard Armory – We can have a table at the entrance. Jessie Alvarez plans to attend. Other volunteers are welcome, please let Jessie know. She will attend planning meeting on

August 9. Thomas Alonzo will attend. Organizers asked for a donation, but Jessie told them that was not possible. They suggested bringing a dish if you can to help feed the entertainers.

B. Upcoming Event: NAACP PreCentennial Freedom Fund Banquet, Saturday, September 16, 2017, 6:00 PM, Reardon Center – Jessie will attend with her daughter. Valorie Wells-Fenton and her husband will attend, Cassandra Long will let Phyllis Wallace know by Sept. 1 if she can attend.

C. Grinter Place Summer Fest on Saturday, September 9, 11 AM – 4 PM. Kim Dominic can attend. Thomas Alonzo can also attend. We need to furnish our own table.

D. Can we host a meet and greet sometime before the holidays, maybe October? We can invite the community to come meet us. Don Jolley offered to try for the Grinter Barn. Phyllis Wallace suggested the West Branch Library. Look at Tuesday evenings. 6-8 PM. Phyllis Wallace wants to get word out in whatever ways possible.

VIII. Adjournment @ 7:06 PM

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, 5:30-7:00 PM

(First Monday is Labor Day Holiday)