

**North Las Vegas Police Department
Chief's Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2004**

ATTENDEES

Chief Paresi	Connie Holtmann-Spangler	Ted Johnson
Pamela Phillips	Laura Marscheck	Lauren Vaniski
Santiago Rodriguez	Dana Phillips	Susan Sayegh
Mimi Devore-Rigg	Michael Yarter	Florence Buchanan
John Doody	Dan Morris	Mary Gorts

ABSENT

Rob Aker	Andres Ramirez
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NEW ITEMS

- 1) Connie opened the meeting welcoming everyone and thanking them for being a part of the Council. She went over the ground rules and gave an overview of the manuals. Connie had everyone participate in two exercises. One was to give us an understanding of diversity, showing that we all come from different backgrounds but that we came together for a common cause. The other was to make us realize that listening is a very important part of communication skills which is something we need to be aware of when talking with the community and each other. Connie went over the Mission Statement and explained the purpose of the Council.
- 2) Chief Paresi talked about issues and topics that the Council can discuss. An example was homeland security - how would you like to see this handled and how will it affect the citizens of North Las Vegas? Chief also spoke of the merge between the Police Department and the Detention Center and questioned how it would affect the community. Another issue was dealing with English as a second language and gaining the trust of the community. Chief explained the organizational structure of the Department adding the Detention Center.

The Chief asked if there were any questions about the Council rules and to please bring forth any issues that concern the community. He said there is an issue of non-involvement of the community. Creating ownership is and will be a challenge. Insight and input are extremely important.

The December meeting will be held in the new Washburn facility so that we can see a state of the art police facility and why we have what we have. We will also schedule a future meeting in the new Justice facility.

- 3) Dana asked if we could tour the current building also to compare and contrast the two police facilities. Chief Paresi agreed and said that we will tour the current building at the next meeting.
- 4) Mike asked the Chief to elaborate on the homeland security issues. Chief explained that there were conflicting aspects in the Patriot Act regarding the search warrant review process. There are unfunded mandates such as the radio system and training to qualify for grants. Also he doesn't want to see us as immigration police. Another problem is the lack of up and down intelligence communications.
- 5) Dana spoke of the pitfalls of policing the new vs. the mature areas of the City and the concern that it may be perceived that there are two different police departments. Chief advised that the major part of the Department will stay in the mature section of the City where more of the violent person crimes occur. There will be two new huge parks built which will have trails leading out into both the new and mature neighborhoods. This will be a big issue due to the money and time necessary to police these trails. It will be very labor intensive. The split between the two police facilities specifically focused on this issue.

A 20 year plan for police facilities and staffing has been done, but now with the addition of the Detention Center an addendum will be added.

- 6) Chief Paresi stated that the addition of new area schools pose a problem as we can't keep up with the demand for crossing guards and traffic controls. He is pursuing the red lite camera authorization to cut down on 40% to 60% of accidents. The Traffic Division currently can't concentrate on enforcement due to the number of accidents they handle.

Chief spoke about the Council talking to the community about diversity and hiring practices and educating them about the Police Department. Chief explained that if the Council asked questions that the he didn't know, he would try to find the answers.

- 7) Connie brought up the subject about business cards. Chief Paresi said no at this time as being traditionally unnecessary and a responsibility he would rather avoid at this point.
- 8) Chief advised about the gun turn in program in December which is a program to get guns off the streets. He will provide more information on this subject in future meetings.
- 9) Connie spoke about new brochures about scooters going out in the next water bill.
- 10) Dan asked how to get the information to apartment residents. Connie explained that there are brochures in the lobby, at the Recreation Centers and City Hall. Dana asked if we could also put some in the Library. That will be checked into.
- 11) Connie advised the Council to wear comfortable shoes and dress in layers for the Department tour at the next meeting on November 8th at 5:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned.