

Minutes of the Community Police Advisory Committee Meeting
December 6, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Law Enforcement Center 501 Faraon St.

	Name	Members' Term Attendance (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	End of current Term of Office
Members Present:	Pat Jones	(11-06)	12/10/21
	Dennis Dornhoffer	(15-02)	11/26/24
	Dennis Adams	(15-01)	03/26/25
	Carol Barksdale	(03-00)	06/16/25
	Mike Cazal	(03-01)	10/12/24
	Keren Petree	(15-02)	10/12/24
	Carole Dunn	(04-07)	03/17/23
Members Absent:	Dr. Charles Hayes	(07-07)	03/17/23
	Charles Davis	(08-07)	03/11/25

Staff Present: Commander Eric Protzman
 Commander Jennifer Protzman
 Captain Dan Sweiger
 Sgt. Matt Kneib
 Officer Dillon Powell (K9)

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Mike Cazal called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes (Sept 2022)

Motion to approve minutes: Dennis Dornhoffer

Second to motion: Dennis Adams

3. Discussion on community concerns:

- The board inquired from staff members as to the morale of the Department and if pay raises were in effect: They were informed line and staff pay raises have been in effect since October and morale has started to improve. They were informed SJPD's primary objective is to hire additional personnel and were told of the recruiter position that is about to be filled to help facilitate this. The board was informed the administration has not been given raises at the time of this meeting.
- The board inquired about the process for the new Chief and timelines: They were informed that it was anticipated that a firm would be formally hired in January after readings and approval from the city council. After this, the timeline is 90 to 120 days with an estimated range of March to May 2023
- The board requested a presentation at our next meeting in March 2023 regarding our Department's work with businesses and cooperation with them and their video surveillance and linking with the Department. (Electronic Crimes Unit)

4. Interaction with Police Department

- Sgt. Kneib – representing Support Services gave a presentation on his role as the Department’s Crime Prevention Officer. In this, he helps coordinate events such as the Citizen’s Academy, the Jr. Academy, assists with Youth Camps, and provides information to media as it relates to community events. Additionally, he conducts site visits for security analysis for businesses or homes and has been involved with the Department’s social media information through Facebook and Twitter. It was brought up that our new recruiter position would take on a larger role with social media. Sgt. Kneib also spoke of initiatives with community surveys and passed out information to the board to help raise public awareness.
- Officer Powell brought his K-9 Thazer into the room and discussed with the committee his role as a K9 officer, his training, and the ongoing training that he and Thazer do. He talked about what Thazer is trained to do and their certifications. Some additional conversation was had regarding K9 use, dog working life, and his work in conjunction with the County’s K9 officers where they work together to better serve the community.

5. Old business

- The board had a discussion regarding fencing around Lucas Park by the Bartlett Center
- The board was given an update regarding new recruits in the academy and prospects on the potential return of officers who had resigned
- Additional discussion was held on the recruiter position

6. Unfinished Business

- Commander J. Protzman provided an update regarding the communications center and staffing issues that continue to be challenging with information regarding potential new hired individuals ready for interviews as well as the prospect of additional resignations
- Commander J. Protzman provided an update on future training trends for the Department regarding virtual learning to meet POST hours as well as a change with our Defensive Tactics methods and transition to new techniques that are becoming more popular for law enforcement
- Commander Protzman gave an update regarding online reporting and how Phase I has been implemented (allows for online reporting but requires an Officer to complete before merging) and the anticipation of Phase II implementation in the next few months (takes the officer out of the loop and the report can go directly to records for merging).

7. Public comment

- the “old business, new business, and public comment” forum all seemed to run together.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Pat Jones
Second to motion: Dennis Dornhoffer

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.