City of Denton Police Department
Chief of Police Advisory Board
July 24, 2024
Minutes

City Hall
215 E. McKinney Street
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Wednesday, July 24, 2024	6:00 PM	Public Safety Training Center 719 E. Hickory Street Denton, Texas 76205

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Police Department Chief of Police Advisory Board of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at 6:05 p.m. in Classroom C of the Public Safety Training Center at 719 E. Hickory Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

PRESENT: Rhonda Buckley, Daniel Clanton, Kristi Fogle, Kristen Johnson, Sage Thorne, Donald Thornton, Chante Wallace.
Samuel Garrison, Nicole Shaw, Ramona Washington

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Chief Robledo and Board members introduced herself Introductions were made

A. DPD24-007 Consider approval of the March 27, 2024 minutes.

Thornton moved to approve the minutes. Buckley seconded. The motion carried.

B. DPD24-008 Receive a Legal update on SB4 (Immigration), Proposition B (marijuana lawsuit against the City by the Attorney General), and HB3 (Armed Security Officer Required at School Campuses). 6:12 – 7:19

Mike Cronig gave updates on the following:

Marijuana Enforcement ordinance. We can't decriminalize marijuana; only the federal government can do that. Problem with the ordinance says a city can't pass an ordinance like this; Texas constitution says city ordinance cant conflict with state law;

AG wants us to repeal the ordinance

Sage – is the sniff law prohibiting officers from doing their job?

Mike - The ordinance is trying to take away that tool. Which can keep officer from enforcing the law.

Rhonda - How is this not in conflict with state law? It is in conflict.

Safe - Case law says you can't use the smell

The problem with this ordinance is that people now think marijuana is legal. That they can't search my car; that it is not illegal to have marijuana

Daniel – unt, twu police don't have to follow this ordinance

SB4 – allows officers to arrest illegal aliens.

HB3 - Armed Security Officer

Chief – a lot of school districts are moving to creating their own police departments. That chief answers to the school board. Don't think DISD has the financial means to stand up their own.
DISD has their own security _____.
We're entering into an agreement

Donald - Do we have data that we're keeping on arrests? Amy – yes. Go to City of Denton.com/Dpddata –

Donald – main issues that people talk to me about. How do we address it?
Rhonda – what are other cities doing? Salas – they are bringing them to Denton. We're the only city in Denton county that has a shelter.
Daniel - If you feed them, they will come.
Daniel - Public safety should be the priority.
Chief - Denton's shelter is low risk; so anyone can come in. we need to raise the levels and determine who can come in.
Salas - We also have mental health facilities
What is the tiny home community coming here – accept people that have been living on the street; give them work to do; grow their own vegetables. But those are for people who want help.
Rhonda – a lot of people choose to stay on the streets
Sage – some of the shelters are dangerous. Banning homeless people makes them worse. Getting a lot of push back on the tiny home community. Barriers are not having cars to get to

C. DPD24-009 Discuss the Board's purpose, vision, and goals.

The purpose – Some people wanted to reimagine the police, and defund police.
To be the voice of the community. We've gotten away from our purpose. Some people wanted to demonize the police dept. and couldn't find anything. I am pleased that we didn't' have any recommendations for Council. I have the highest respect for what you do. want to continue to be the conduit for the community. Met w/the chief and like her idea about the town hall meetings. Make sure we're addressing any issues that we might see.

Police moral; training;
I've only heard good things. Need to understand and focus why we're here, and being on the same page.

Chief vision for town hall meetings – going to slice the city in fours; going to listen and look; combine forces with school district and other – bridge the gaps (language barriers)

Will have a chief's run on September 13. It's about fellowship; about community. Recruits graduate on September 12.

D. DPD24-010 Discuss Board Member Ride Along Experiences.

Thornton – was actually boring the first two hours; issued a couple of citations. Had a robbery at a guitar store. The professionalism the three officers displayed and calmness and composure was outstanding. The guy had a gun and it could have gone wrong. The two had felony warrants. Walked away with more respect.

E. DPD24-011 Discuss future meeting dates and topics.

Thornton suggested a future presentation from the Mental Health Division.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Pursuant to City of Denton Ordinance 20-2085, the Chief of Police Advisory Board is not subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act. Therefore, this meeting is not open to the public, there will be no public testimony, the meeting will not be televised or recorded, and there will be no record of the minutes created. Despite not being subject to the Open Meetings Act, Ordinance 20-2085 provides that the City shall post this Agenda at least 72 hours prior to date and time of the Board's meeting.

Members of the public that would like to submit inquiries or comments for the Board's consideration may send those communications to the attention of the Chief of Police, Denton Police Department, 601 E. Hickory Street, Denton, Texas 76205, or the Police Department's Public Information Office e-mail at dentonpolice@cityofdenton.com. The Chief of Police will review and determine which communications, if any, will be presented to the Board.

CERTIFICATE

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