CITY OF DENTON POLICE
DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE ADVISORY BOARD
JUNE 25, 2025
MINUTES

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Police Department Chief of Police Advisory Board convened in a Regular Meeting on June 25, 2025, at 6:02 p.m. in Classroom C of the Public Safety Training Center at 719 E. Hickory Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Donald Thornton, Ronald Johnson, Daniel Clanton, Donna Smith, Kris Johnson, Chante Wallace, Kristi Fogle, Reginald Logan, Ramona Washington, Jessica Robledo, Tony Salas, Paul Willenbrock, Michael Christian, Derek Bradford, Suzanne Kaletta, Lacy Fenn, Michael Cronig, Karisa Richards

ABSENT: Yancy Green, Kari Salyers, Sage Thorne, Nicole Shaw, Samiel Garrison

A. DPD25-025 - Consider approval of the November 13, 2024, Minutes.

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

B. DPD25-026 - Receive nominations and hold an election for Chair and Vice Chair.

Smith nominated Clanton for Chair. Thornton seconded.

Clanton accepted the nomination.

No other nominations for Chair were presented.

All yes. The motion carried.

Thornton nominated himself for Vice Chair. Clanton and Smith seconded.

Thornton accepted the nomination.

No other nominations for Vice Chair were presented.

All yes. The motion carried.

C. DPD25-027 – Receive a presentation from the City Manager's Office regarding Homelessness Initiatives.

Jesse Kent, Director of Community Services and previous Assistant to the City Manager made a

presentation virtually. The presentation was presented to City Council on April 25, 2025.

Clanton – Kiwana's help cleanup areas as well, have helped cleanup Midpark to 288 area behind Target.

Thornton – Are there any other boards helping with cleanup. Kent – No.

Smith – What is the cost of hiring contractors for cleanup? Kent – Around $50 per cubic yard, depending on size. A larger area could be in the thousands.

Clanton – What are we doing to deter encampments? Kent – Property owners are clearing out brush, keeping properties clean.

Johnson – does the Community Services Board do anything to help the issue? Kent – they are not used in that way; they are used more for funding grants for organizations.

Thornton – the City Manager mentioned budget cuts, is funding for homelessness included? Kent – not currently.

Smith – What is the process for helping people to get back home? Kent – street outreach has funding and will reach out to family, they have a checklist of resources that they will try to help with, including housing.

Thornton – Denton County Homeless Coalition said that numbers increased by 33% - has there been an increase? Kent – have seen numbers increase and demand for service has increased.

Smith – is there a number of people? Denton County reporting 900. Kent – would have to look up current.

Clanton – is there a lottery for the shelter? Kent – yes, if someone is there today at 4 pm, they must leave and come back. If more people than beds, will do lottery. Sometimes 8-10 people turned away each night.

Clanton – was shelter capacity reset? Kent – Yes

Thornton – Council was divided on reducing capacity. Kent – Yes.

Thornton – are we working with other cities on sending people here / let them know we have reduced capacity? Kent – yes, we do have a working group – Shelter Ad Hoc, that includes several groups like Denton County Homeless leadership team, MHMR, Our Daily Bread, Giving Grace, etc.

Robledo – we will reach out to other cities to come get their people.

Thornton – is city fully funding Our Daily Bread? – Kent – city is primary funder, around $800,000 per year - $400,000 & $480,000 yr on debt for building. They receive smaller grants

through ARP and United Way funding.

Logan – What is the number of staff dealing with the homeless issues? Kent – Our Daily Bread has 7 case managers; the city is currently in the process of hiring a homeless program manager fully dedicated to that.

Thornton – are there any numbers on how it is impacting the Police Department specifically? Robledo – go out on calls daily. Williamson – calls revolve around criminal trespass, sleeping on sidewalks, private property trespass, loitering in parks / showering in parks. Would need to research exact numbers.

Williamson – have an outreach team with 6 officers, clinicians. Robledo – patrol is pitching in.

Williamson – 629 calls on homeless code. Police will not transport / provide "taxi" services.

Robledo – we do have frequent flyers.

Thornton – what can the board do to help. Robledo – When you see Council, share your experiences on the board, express your concerns.

D. DPD25-028 – Discuss future meeting dates and topics.

The board approved the dates of September 17, 2025, April 22, 2026, and September 16, 2026. Future topics include the 2024 Annual Update, Budget, a homeless follow-up from Jesse Kent.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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VICE CHAIR

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