

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF DELANO  
COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT LIAISON BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Stephens called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Board Member Lane

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members present were Stephens, Lane, Villaruz, Moore, Flores, Hylton, Morrison, Gutierrez and Perigo.

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Chief Mark DeRosia, Community Service Officer Eddie Aguil, and Community Service Officer Michael Fowler.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of September 16, 2010 and cancellation of Special Meeting of November 10, 2010. Motion was made by Board Member Hylton and seconded by Flores. 9 Ayes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstentions.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

Sergeant Jerry Nicholson, President of the Delano Police Officers Association thanked the DPOAs representative for the Community Law Enforcement Liaison Board. He states that there are some things that concern him as the association president. He would like the board to become bridge to connect the community with the police department in a positive way rather than just in a negative way. He would like to board to provide a positive police-community relationship. He also said that he would like the board to not only accept negative complaints from the public but positive comments as well.

Corporal Mario Nunez, Secretary of the Delano Police Officers Association asked the board if they knew how many officers from the Delano Police Department had earned the Officer of the Year award in Kern County, or that the Delano Police Department has the first AFIS Ace award for crime scene investigators. He also wanted the board to focus on the positive work that the police department has done for the community. He also urged the board to go on a ride along with the officers of the Delano Police Department to see the hard work that the officers do.

City Council Member Ricardo Chavez states that he is glad that he has been following the board. As a citizen of this community he also agrees that the officers should be recognized for their good work rather than the bad. He told the board that they should attend the Police Department's Holiday Safety Fair and food drive. He also praises the Chief of Police for making the Citizen Complaint/Comment forms in three languages.

(City Council Member Elect) Joe Aguirre stated that he is very impressed by this board and that this committee has the power to change the direction of this department. He also thanks Board Member Flores for accepting the position on the Board.

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

Chief DeRosia presented a PowerPoint presentation on goal setting for the board. The Board would like to work on the goals that were developed in 2008 because they feel that they have not been completed. The Chief would like the board to work on how the board can accomplish their goals for the next meeting. The Chief suggested that the Board attend more of the events that the Police Department participates in.

### **REPORTS BY STAFF**

Chief DeRosia tells the board that the new police department is on track and that building will begin in June of 2011 and it will take approximately 18 months to complete. The Chief informed the board about the Shop with a Cop program on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Chief stated that at the next meeting he would like to nominate several people for awards to be given by the Liaison Board. The Chief tells the board that there have not been any homicides in Delano for a since August 2009.

CSO Fowler spoke about the next Crime Prevention event on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. He also told the Board about the different activities and the organizations who will be attending.

CSO Aguil invites the board to the Police Department holiday tree decorating pizza party.

### **REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Board Member Hylton told the Board that she thinks the Police Department is doing a wonderful job to include the K-9 officers as well.

Board Member Flores thanked the officers who came to the meeting. She thinks that the Board is on the right track and through the years the complaints for the Board has gone significantly down.

Board Member Villaruz stated that this was the fastest goal setting meeting ever.

Board Member Gutierrez stated that he had an incident report from one of his coworkers thanking the Police Department for their work.

Board Member Stephens stated that she believes that the board has done a great job at this meeting. She also thanked the Officers who came to the meeting to speak. She also welcomes the new members.

### **ADJOURNMENT**