

El Camino College
Police Advisory Committee Meeting
February 20, 2019

Present: Mike Trevis, Josh Casper, Francisco Esqueda, Jorge Gutierrez, Erick Mendoza, Michael Pascual, Gary Robertson, Christina Kato

Meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.

The minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

NEW BUSINESS

Coyotes

On the first day of school, a student called to report a coyote or dog sighting near the library. This created a story with the Union newspaper. A reporter visited Chief to discuss the issue and was interested in knowing if the devices on campus were working and if more will be added. There is a plan to add more but seems they may not be working.

Cameras

There's always been a financial concern about whether there is enough money to maintain and replace cameras as they break. The bond has paid for the cost of cameras and servers but when something breaks, the cost has to come from the general fund. There used to be an emergency replacement account but it boils down to money and the cost to replace these items is very expensive.

We currently have 274 cameras which cover 125 acres. The President has asked for the number of cameras at other community colleges and the square footage of each campus. Chief distributed a handout of the findings. Per Brian, the bottom line is we don't have the money. With the new gyms, Chief has been instructed to scale down and determine where cameras are absolutely needed. As they break, we'll assess if the camera is really necessary and either fix or remove it.

Michael said safety credits are not available as they are earmarked for other projects. He also asked if the cameras are being maintained to prolong their life. Erick said they are being maintained regularly and have lasted nine years. The real problem is that the servers are dying and no longer under warranty. We have four and it will cost \$300,000 to replace all of them. Michael suggested using the cloud but it will slow the internet down for the entire campus.

First Week of School Calls

Gary reported that our calls for service were mainly minor crimes & disputes, medical aid calls and mental health welfare checks. Parking has been better than most semesters. Prime traffic time is from approximately 8:45 am until 1:00 pm. The north side of Lot B is a continuous problem. We are not citing this week but will starting Monday. No disturbances or fighting in lines. Bookstore detail went well.

Francisco reported that at night, the population is even lower so traffic is rarely an issue. Custodial personnel are really good about calling if they see anything. There are

occasional coyote sightings. When it's cold, we see an uptick of transients but they understand they can't be here and are good about moving on.

ROUND TABLE

Erick Mendoza

Camera system is still up and running. Updates were done last week to help keep it alive for a couple more months.

Josh Casper

Thanked the police on behalf of faculty for trying to help the past couple of weeks.

Josh noticed people being picked up and dropped off in carpool and reserved spots. Is there any way signage can be put up to deter this? Chief will revisit a plan to put up signs for Uber pick up/drop offs.

Gary Robertson

Erick, Francisco and Gary just met with Greg Toya regarding commencement and plans are working out well. Certain issues still need to be discussed.

Uber/Lyft is becoming a progressive problem. Students have told him that it's not worth driving your own car because Uber/Lyft rates are so affordable when used at the right time. We need to designate pick up/drop off spots and educate the drivers. They are very belligerent with our officers.

Francisco Esqueda

Night shift has been pretty quiet. We've been working with facilities particularly with lighting. They've been really good about responding to work orders by the next day.

The biggest problem was when all the lights went out in an elevator in Natural Science. Michael added that we're having challenges with Fujitec. Chief shared that according to Rob Brobst, the elevators have earthquake devices so when they shake, they're supposed to go to the ground floor and let people out. It happens frequently in Lot H because the cars shake the structure causing the devices to activate.

Chief Trevis

The Shelter in Place drill is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th, at 9:40 am and 7:10 pm. Marketing will send out a notice asking people to view the "Run, Hide, Fight" video by Ohio State University. This video is officially sanctioned by our administration as the least violent.

In addition to Nixle, marketing has another option called Regroup. It's used to blast information out to everyone on campus as a marketing tool but can also be used for emergency information. Clery Act likes campuses to have alternate means of getting information out. Ann O'Brien would like it to be mandatory for students.

Michael Pascual

A demo is being scheduled for WeTip but no date has been set yet.

Meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm