

Minutes - Citizens Advisory Commission  
Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
City Manager Conference Room, City Hall

**Call to Order**

Liz York called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

**Members present:**

Liz York  
Sandra Kenny  
Ken Cecil  
Jeff Anselmi  
Greg Thomas (arrived late, after elections)  
LaVerne Jenkins  
Clyne Namuo

**Other people present:**

Mary Jacobs, Assistant City Manager  
Pam Weir, City of Sierra Vista Staff Liaison  
David Felix, Finance Manager  
Tom Alinen, Police Chief  
Adam Thrasher, Deputy Police Chief

**CAC Officer Elections**

Ms. Kenny nominated Liz York for the chairperson position. Mr. Cecil seconded the motion. No other nominations were received. Ms. Kenny moved to close nominations for chairperson. Ms. Jenkins seconded the motion. Ms. York elected to chairperson position 6-0.

Ms. Jenkins nominated Jeff Anselmi for the vice chairperson position. Mr. Namuo seconded the motion. No other nominations were received. Ms. Jenkins moved to close nominations for vice chairperson. Mr. Cecil seconded the motion. Mr. Anselmi elected to vice chairperson position 6-0.

Mr. Cecil nominated himself for the secretary position. Ms. Jenkins seconded the motion. No other nominations were received. Mr. Anselmi moved to close nominations for secretary. Mr. Namuo seconded the motion. Mr. Cecil elected to secretary position 6-0.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Cecil moved to approve the 2/3/15 CAC meeting minutes. Ms. Kenny seconded the motion. The 2/3/15 meeting minutes were approved with no changes 7-0.

Ms. Kenny moved to approve the 2/11/15 meeting minutes. Mr. Namuo seconded the motion. The 2/11/15 meeting minutes were approved with no changes 7-0.

**Police Department Staff Presentation**

Chief Alinen and Deputy Chief Thrasher presented an overview of the current state of affairs and challenges facing the Police Department (attached). Topics included staffing levels, shift scheduling, crime rates, prevalent types of crimes in Sierra Vista, competitive salaries, hiring procedures, employee turnover, and vehicles and equipment.

**Questions and Discussion of Presentations**

Ms. York appreciated the way that the presentation included a great deal of data and statistics to review. Mr. Namuo discussed the importance of School Resource Officers and the assurance they provide to parents in the community. CAC Members asked about the challenges and benefits to recruiting and hiring new police officers given the rigorous standards and screening processes that the SVPD has for new recruits. Mr. Cecil noted that the Sierra Vista Police Department serves not only residents but also the daytime population that works, shops, and dines within city limits, bringing the total population served to over 100 thousand people. Mr. Anselmi asked about the cost to move police employees to a step pay plan and make salaries more competitive; staff will follow up with more detailed information regarding compensation in a later presentation.

**Call to the Public**

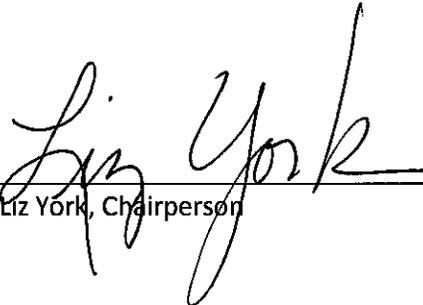
Andre Newcomb shared his belief that a food tax would bring in needed City revenue.

**Next Meeting**

Scheduled for Wednesday, February 25 at 1:00 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor City Hall Conference Room. Topics will include a presentation by the Fire Department and staff presentation of a draft citizen engagement strategy.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. York adjourned the meeting at 2:59 pm



Liz York, Chairperson



Ken Cecil, Secretary