

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF LAFAYETTE Special Meeting Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee & Lafayette Police Department August 14, 2012

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Call to Order/Roll Call

Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Member Jasjit Mangat called the August 14 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Lafayette Police Station, 451 North 111th Street, Lafayette, Colorado. The following individuals were present: Committee Members Madison Cowan, Faun Gulland, Steven Jordan (pending Council appointment), Jessica Lawson, JD Mangat, Tai Pham (pending Council appointment), Emma Piller, Abby Schmid, Megan Schmid, Alex Solheim, and Gabi Weldon. Also present were Police Chief Rick Bashor, Commander Gene McCausey, Commander Brian Rosipajla, Officer Wendy Stogner, and Sergeant Peter Voris. Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee Advisor Elaina Verveer, parent Missy Cowan, and intern Marv Coughenour were also present.

Scheduled Items

Committee Member Jessica Lawson provided a brief overview of the Committee's history and goals. She also reviewed best practices in building police-teen relations, citing case studies from Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Lynchburg, Virginia; Huntington Park, California; New York City; and neighboring Colorado communities.

Committee Member Jasjit Mangat reviewed potential opportunities to build community between the Lafayette police and local teens, including jointly facilitated classroom presentations; national service and Lafayette events, including Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the Lafayette Quest; community service projects and special initiatives, including a possible campaign to raise awareness about the dangers associated with texting and driving; community dialogues; and special events, including obstacle courses, dodge ball or basketball tournaments, and ice cream eating contests. Committee members also expressed interest in re-establishing a teen internship program and teen police academy, as a means introduce local youth to careers in public safety and law enforcement. Shared recommendations emerged from conversations with local youth.

Chief Bashor and Commander McCausey invited Committee Members to support existing police initiatives, including Public Safety Day, Santa Cops, and the annual Halloween event. Chief Bashor and Commander McCausey also expressed interest in possibly re-establishing the Explorer Program, as well as an *Every 15 Minutes* simulation in local high schools. (Every 15 Minutes examines the effects of drinking and driving; it was historically offered in high schools in the spring prior to prom.)

To maintain the dialogue, Officer Stogner will serve as a liaison to the Lafayette Youth Advisory Committee, and attend Committee meetings the third Wednesday of each month. In addition to identifying collaborative projects and strategies, Officer Stogner will work with the Committee to possibly develop a project on teen domestic violence and dating abuse. She also has requested support to identify opportunities to meet with high school students outside of health classes.

JD Mangat will serve as the Committee's liaison to the police department, and work closely with Officer Stogner to prepare for identified police-teen collaborations. The Committee will also work with the Centaurus administration and PTA to determine whether Every 15 Minutes, which has proven to be effective, may be reintroduced at Centaurus High School in the spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.