

# 2017 Adopt-a-Spot Parkway-Cherry Point Community Engagement Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 7:30pm – 8:30pm – George Woods

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The North & East Lubbock CDC connected the Parkway-Cherry Point neighborhoods residents with the City of Lubbock Police Department to host the second of several neighborhood meetings featuring different city departments and action planning sessions.



## NELCDC Introduction and Housekeeping Items

Lewis Vega, NELCDC Program Manager, provided the following opening comments:

- Lewis started the meeting with questions posted on the wall. He asked that residents write their answers on post-it notes provided at the table and stick the answers to the wall.
  - Q: What do you like about your neighborhood?
    - i. A: *"Peaceful neighborhood"*
    - ii. A: *"People"*
    - iii. A: *"The quietness"*
    - iv. A: *"People looking out for each other"*
    - v. A: *"There are lots of active things to do"*
    - vi. A: *"How well the yards are kept on my street"*
    - vii. A: *"The quietness of my street"*
    - viii. A: *"Smallness: know all my neighbors and have family in the community"*
  - Q: What do you dislike about your neighborhood?
    - i. A: *"Lack of city fairness with development"*
    - ii. A: *"Speeding"*
    - iii. A: *"The number of tenant houses on my street"*
    - iv. A: *"Lack of maintenance"*
    - v. A: *"No restaurants, gas stations, shopping, or activities for kids"*
    - vi. A: *"Fast driving, loud music, and people not watching out for our children"*

- vii. A: *“Construction on Parkway Drive*
- viii. A: *“Hatred, killings, and drug dealing in my neighborhood”*
- Q: What neighborhood association committees would I like to see formed?
  - i. A: *“More active street neighborhood watch committees”*
  - ii. A: *“To upgrade the apartments”*
  - iii. A: *“Security”*
  - iv. A: *“Substation on Parkway Dr.”*
- Lewis thanked all the residents for coming out tonight and provided housing keeping rules and agenda information.

Following these opening statements, Lewis introduced Captain Nathan White, Sergeant Joseph Rosendo, and Officer McCloud and transitioned the conversation to the City of Lubbock Police Department. The following topics below were discussed.

### **LPD**

- Captain White started out by stating that Chief Stevens wants the police department to be more visible in the community
- Resident posed a question about the zoning Sergeant for the East side and how police officers should be at the 7-11 convenient store to take care of any issues that may arise
  - Captain White stated that LPD cannot be parked in parking lots for long periods of time, however he will speak with the Zone Sargent for this area to try and get issue taken care of
- Captain White stated he is aware of some issues in this area and if it would be alright with some of the residents, LPD can park in residents’ driveways to keep the peace in some areas
- Resident wanted clarification about Sargent Rosendo not being the only police officer on night duty
  - Captain White stated police officers cover beats. One beat = several square blocks which add up to one zone. Small beats make up a larger zone which is called the “East City Limits.”
- Resident asked if there is a shortage of officers Lubbock.
  - Captain White stated that LPD does not have a shortage of officers and there are more officers in training currently.

- Resident requested that police officers socialize more with the community get to know community. Resident went on to say that they had a bad experience with a police officer being hostile with them when the resident was the one that called the police.
  - Captain White stated that once LPD's numbers increase they will be able to be more visible in the community.
- Resident brought up an issue with loitering at 7-11 convenient store and asked if police department could be more visible to keep the activity down there.
  - Captain White advised residents to call the police department when something happens. He stated that it may take some time for police officer to arrive but they will get there.
- Resident expressed that since 2014 the issue with 7-11 convenient store has been ongoing and suggested that more police drive around more frequently to have people more around
- Resident wanted to know the number one problem in the community and see what could be done to fix it.
  - Captain White explained that property crimes are the highest crimes in Lubbock and that Chief Stevens has started a program to get habitual burglars.
- Resident posed a question about sub-divisions.
  - Captain White stated that they are looking at 2 maybe 3 sub-divisions in Lubbock and working to house the detectives in that precinct. No idea of estimated time of resolution.
- Resident stated that when it comes to fruition maybe have police stationed at the fire stations.
- Captain White stated that LPD recruits from as far as Detroit MI and all over the United States, but prefer to stay within Lubbock county.
- Captain White also stressed the issue about noise ordinances and how citations are based on police officers' opinions and many times won't stick in court.
- Resident concerned about the glass being thrown in the streets and how other people are driving really fast down Parkway Drive which normally happens on the weekends, mornings, and afternoons.
  - Captain White stated LPD is considering expanding traffic units. He also stated that new officers are almost ready to graduate from the police academy. Once new officers are out in the field they will be partnered up with a senior officer, and this can be a long process.

- Resident requested police officers invest in surveillance systems at every red-light station.
- Captain White stated that they are currently working on this and the capability can be way toward the future.
- Captain White stated that bike patrol is a great technique to use once police officers get out of the academy.
- Resident had a question about traffic accidents and civil matters when no one gets hurt and the vehicles are moveable.
  - Captain White stated that people can fill out self-reports themselves on <http://www.lubbockpolice.com> and do not need police officers there at an accident if no one is hurt and vehicles are still moveable.
- Captain White discussed the curfew for adolescents which is weekdays @ 11:00 PM and weekends @ midnight and during the day cannot be out of school unless it is a holiday.
- Captain White provided website with a form if residents need to report anything: <http://www.lubbockpolice.com>

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please contact the NELCDC office at 806-747-5937. Bring a neighbor to the next meeting!

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