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CITIZEN OUTREACH GROUP

Citizen Outreach Group - June 21, 2021

**Members Present
In Person and Via
Virtual/Teleconference
Meeting:**

Stephanie Adams, Sarah Brittain Jack, Rafael Chanza,
CheyAnne Clemons, Kelvin Dean, Arthur Glynn, Jim Godfrey,
Lauren Hug, Roland Rainey

County Staff Present: Deanna Ruschioni, Nikki Simmons

Commissioners Present:

Guest Speakers: Sheriff Bill Elder, Undersheriff Pete Carey
Administrative Bureau Chief Joseph Roybal
Patrol Division Bureau Chief Andy James
Fiscal and Compliance Manager Jane Fromme

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Absent at the June 21, 2021 COG Meeting

A motion was made to accept the absence of CheyAnne Clemons as an unexcused absence; it was seconded, and all members present were in favor (8-0) with one member absent and two openings to be filled. CheyAnne joined the meeting shortly after the vote, and therefore will be recorded as present.

Administrative Items

- 1) A motion was made to approve the May 17, 2021 meeting minutes as written; it was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously by all members present (9-0) with two openings to be filled.

Commissioner Liaison Comments

Commissioner Chair, Stan VanderWerf and Commissioner Vice-Chair, Cami Bremer were absent due to an engagement to participate in the Day of Action community service project.

Public Safety Tax Presentation

Sheriff Bill Elder presented the yearly Public Safety Tax (PST) to the COG, and answered questions presented to him from the participants. The Sheriff mentioned that he would like to create more community conversation opportunities, and that their office holds several town halls each year but have not had a good turnout over the past five months possibly due to the impact of COVID-19. The Sheriff's office also runs a Citizens Academy each year.

The Public Safety Tax presentation to the COG can be viewed on the Sheriff's website page at: <https://www.epcsheriffsoffice.com/public-safety-tax-report>;

2021 El Paso County Citizens College Next Steps Discussion

Stephanie Adams led the discussion on the next steps in the coordination of the El Paso County Citizens College Fall 2021 program. Stephanie mentioned she met with Ryan Parsell, Public Information Officer who recommended holding the Citizens College towards the end of September and the first of October this year. Several members signed up for certain proposed sessions, and Stephanie is to speak with Ryan to get the dates locked in. The Citizens College sub-committee will meet again to put together a master plan and will get back with the COG members sometime in July.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.