

November 4, 2021

MINUTES OF EL GHEKO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING AT HUDLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6:15 P.M.

11 persons in attendance. Dyann Miller has sign in sheet.

Guest speaker was Sgt. Jeremy Williams from TPD said he collected data from the following area, Speedway to Broadway and Wilmot to Kolb. This exceeds our boundaries but Stats from him were:

There were 1118 calls, not all are criminal in nature.

60 welfare checks

50 advice, general calls- no police sent

25 suspicious activity calls

20 stolen vehicles, up substantially from previous report. He reminded us to lock our cars.

63 traffic stops

47 traffic hazards

76 collisions

13 property crimes / burglaries

59 thefts

He requests we be vigilant about package deliveries with the holidays coming.

Concern was made about homeless encampments in the wash. He told us that TPD now has a Homeless Outreach Team who works with this population and helps to find them services. They are allowed food and warmth fires. If we call TPD they will ask the Outreach Team to put them on their watch list. The Outreach team is a small number of sworn officers so response may not be immediate.

The number of officers in TPD is down but there are more Community Services officers that can handle reports, collision reports etc. Community Service Workers are not used for dangerous situations. They do not carry firearms.

Someone inquired about speed bumps. Officer Williams said they are not paid for by the city and need to be coordinated with the Dept. of Transportation. Average cost he believes is in the neighborhood of \$10,000. Our Ward 2 office may have grants or opportunities to explore in this matter.

Phone scams have ticked backup and he cautioned if it requires gift cards, hang up.

Crime prevention pamphlets were left.

The rumor of KMART becoming a center for homeless or migrants came up and he deferred to MS Miller who said she had information about this matter