

Community Leader Planning Session Notes -November 14, 2011

Del Paso Union Baptist Church

TRUSD Attendees: Assistant Superintendent Gloria Hernandez, Acting Police Chief Trang To, Director of Family and Community Involvement Kate Bishop-Hazarian, TRPD Public Information Officer William Cho

(Special thanks to community member Christine Jefferson for adding to our collection of notes for this meeting)

Comments about TRPD

- Talked about the history of the Twin Rivers Police department and wanted to know what are their parameters? What are their boundaries? We feel that by the district is having us to wait for two weeks tells us that we don't matter
- Plans will take time..what is the timeline? Are they going to do a nationwide search for a new chief?
- Why do TRUSD officers do parole searches?
- Are TRUSD officers immigration officers? They pull people over to search for immigration
- We have no confidence in the TRUSD police department, talked about Spokesperson Officer Cho's statement 72 hours before to the media, calling a resident that was arrested for a seat belt violation and had his leg and ankle broken when pulled over a fence by Chief Breck declared mentally incompetent, calling the gentleman's claim frivolous and adding insult to injury by paying him a nuisance value settlement to eliminate the case. Greg asked what would constitute a legitimate claim...a coma...dying in a police car. We feel that the police department is the nuisance
- Question about types of stops – primary mission refocused
- We need a police presence, not TRPD
- We pray for the officer
- This meeting is a waste of time if you can't guarantee change
- Need specific plan being developed now that moves forward no matter who is in charge.
- Need Youth input
- Taser of student

Comments on Outreach

- We want superintendent Frank Porter present to hear our concerns
- We want the district to set the a community Town Hall meeting immediately

- We need the people from the district to be here today. Where is the value of the community as the community is concerned?
- Superintendent needs to come out to the community and meet with us
- We will be at the Board meeting tomorrow

Comments from TRPD Leadership (Acting Chief of Police Trang To)

- He wants to change the Twin Rivers Police
- Establish an over site committee advisory committee made up of community members, Union, SPD
- He is going to do a top to bottom assessment of the police department and evaluate the current staffing level
- A website will be created for community concerns
- Set up cultural diversity training
- Recruitment will be evaluated...how do we recruit officers
- Create best practices and policy changes
- Operational Review of Best practices , Members of community included, Vision/Mission
- Vision/Values/Mission
- Embraced by all officers
- Website – conduit to community
- Current staffing/budget
- Officer training
- Cultural diversity
- Improve customer service -Don't be rude, explain our actions
- Recruitment criteria
- Get to know who you're protecting
- Best practices for operating school police department
- This is beginning of dialogue