

CACHE PEAK CIVIC ASSN. MINUTES

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The attendance sheet is attached.

Dee Jay Stanger called the meeting to order. The April minutes were read and approved. The treasurer report was read. The 501c3 has \$3980.00 plus \$1525.00 for playground for a total of \$5505.00. The 501c4 has \$861.65. The report was approved.

Sara Jane introduced Randy Kidd who is running for sheriff in the election on May 27.

Randy Kidd passed out a trifold brochure containing his platform which is also attached.

He was born and raised in Declo. In 1978 he began his management experience on a livestock ranch in Washington. The individual owner gave him a certain amount of money and he was to budget and make that money last for a year and then the next year he needed to present plans for the upcoming budget. He knows how to show a positive return on your money. He has been with the Sheriff's department for 18 years. He graduated from CSI and while attending school there he worked in dispatch, then he was the Declo and Oakley resident deputy, and then transferred to the narcotics division in investigation and is now the lieutenant of the department. This department has a lot of extracurricular activities and Randy is the certified instructor of four of them. Swat, marine patrol, child protocol (meet with health and welfare), dive team (dive master).

Dedication is what keeps him there. He gives up a lot of time that he could be spending with his family to be involved in the extracurricular activities but they are what makes the department work.

When he first entered the narcotics division they told him that he needed to be just like everybody else and carry a full case load and work those cases and then whatever time was left over was to be spent on drug enforcement. He didn't feel that there was enough time being spent on the growing drug problem so he applied for a grant for four officers and was denied so he reapplied the next year for a grant for two officers and got it. It was a grant that brought \$600,000 to the area for drug enforcement. They also just had a big drug bust that they had been working on for six months. They seized 4 lbs. of meth and \$101,000.

Education is where drug enforcement needs to start. There was nothing being done to educate about drugs so eight years ago he put together a drug education program. There are a lot of little kids growing up in homes with drugs. They used to go to homes where they would arrest the parents and ask the parents what to do with the kids and they would tell them to call so and so and so and so would show up and be just like the parents. Now the children go into the custody of health and welfare into foster homes and health and welfare works with the parents to get

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them back on track. Also organized a program called Kickin' with Cops where there are no parents or teachers, just police officers and kids and they have a dinner and sit around and get to know each other. Randy can tell when he goes into a school which of the kids go to this program because they will always come up and talk to him.

When Randy sees a problem he tries to make it better. His plans for the Sheriff Dept. are to become proactive and educate. For instance, there is a gang problem coming to Burley. You can see this by the graffiti throughout the town. We need to get a handle on it now before we turn into Nampa or Caldwell with drive-by shootings. Right now there is no contract with the City of Burley and that needs to be kept together. Right now there is a low performance from the Sheriff's office. The resident deputies do not live in the residence they work in. Malta resident lives in Albion, Declo resident lives in Heyburn, etc. Randy wants to have a roaming resident deputy position where they would work on a three month rotation and would go around to the outlying towns and learn the roads so that they can be better able to find an emergency if they have to.

Randy then opened it to questions from those in attendance.

Stan Lloyd commented about the graffiti and Randy stated that graffiti is more than paint on walls, it can lead to shootings. The problem is that kids do not have a home life and they are looking for family .

Dee Jay wanted to know what steps he was going to take to prevent this.

Randy said that graffiti needs to be painted over ASAP and they are going to involve the juvenile probation people to paint it, they will ask the property owners to supply the paint, if they can't afford to or refuse to then they will use money from the drug seizure fund. If kids paint over the graffiti they most likely will know who is doing the vandalism and will eventually try to convince them to stop so that they don't have to paint over it anymore. A club at the Burley High School called the SEEK club is a multicultural club that is also helping to clean it up. They want to paint a hot target wall just before Friday night and then set out manpower surveillance all night Friday and Saturday and catch them in the act and then make an example out of them through the court systems, etc. Randy wants to target the little things because in NYC they targeted the little things and it got rid of the big problems so he wants to enforce the curfew more. He wants to be very proactive and very aggressive. He also wants to prioritize, once you determine what the number one problem is then you put the most manpower and time into that problem.

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Brent Packer wanted to know if there was enough money in the budget for him to instigate all of his plans. Randy stated that there is enough for this year but he will need next year and if he goes to the city council with a plan and if they see a return on the money that they have all ready invested then they will be willing to give more. Right now they are not seeing any performance with the money that the sheriff's office is being given. He said that 99% of the officers are willing to meet expectations and will most likely do what he is asking them to do, however there will probably be someone that he will have to make an example out of. Also, there is over \$50,000 in vehicles that were seized in drug busts that they can sell to get the cash.

Sara Jane wanted to know if the grant needed to be written every year. Randy said that it was a five year grant and that had just run out. He stated that it costs \$125,000/year and Cassia County's portion is \$65,000 to run the task force. It is a good investment.

Someone wondered about the D.A.R.E. program and Randy stated that it is marginally effective but better than nothing. It targets kids too late. When they took a poll of inmates 60% of them started drugs before age 13.

When Randy took over the narcotics division there was a 33% increase in production the first year and they have maintained a 24% increase since. He likes to show the people who work with him what he wants and lead them. For instance, he tells them that he wants people in jail and convictions and they can get that result however they want, even if they use different strategies than he would. He also encourages them to come to him with new ideas and he is willing to try them.

Steve Ward asked him to give an example of how he would raise the expectations of officers. Randy stated that there are some officers who have issued less than five tickets in a month and and written six or seven offense reports. This is something that officers should be able to do in one day. He is not going to give a quota but wants to see four or five tickets/day. You can decrease the accident rate without using more money or issuing tickets, i.e. park a car with nobody in it, then when people don't slow down for this anymore, put an officer in it and then when this gets people slowing down you can take the officer out again. Changes in performance are so broad, but he wants to create changes in attitude and procedures.

George Darrington wanted to compliment him on the drug issues and wondered who will take his place in enforcement of drug interdiction if he becomes sheriff. Randy said that he has been training people to replace him all along. There are three individuals who can take his place. No one person is expected to do what he has been doing. He will still be there to make sure these different programs are enforced. He feels he would be better at leading thirty than five.

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George also stated that there are two republican candidates running and wanted to know what makes Randy Kidd more qualified than his opponent (without opponent bashing). Randy stated that his outlook is opposite of his opponents. Kerry Bristol is a good follower, doesn't expect to change anything and he has said this himself. So if you are looking for a change then vote for Randy. If you don't want change vote for Kerry.

Dee Jay wanted to know what his top five priorities are. Randy stated crime or dept. and Dee Jay said any five. Randy then said that drug and gang crimes are his number one priority. Drugs drive crime and gangs scare him to death if there isn't any change made. Also he wants to get the dept. headed in the same direction. He will call the guys together the first day that he takes over and tell them that they have a clean record with him minus suspensions from that time on. It is now up to them to impress him. He will provide training and education for the officers. The company Christmas parties have gone from 120 people to 8 people in 8 years time. He wants to make it something that people want to attend. He realizes that these changes are not going to happen overnight, that it will probably take four years to make these changes.

Dee Jay thanked Randy for coming.

Brenda Davis said that there were some people that needed help with their steel to get it to the Reed Springs ranch and Dee Jay said that Spencers could help pick up stuff when they got caught up on their farming.

Marion Ward asked if anyone would be down there to help unload stuff and it was decided that they could contact Mike Udy to help unload and weigh items at scale house.

Stan Lloyd stated that the county commissioners disbanded the backcountry byway committee until it is needed again. He also mentioned that they are wanting to get some people to volunteer to get on tour buses that come through the city of rocks and give tours of the area. Some day they would like to make it a paying job rather than volunteer. Sara Jane told Stan that he needed to write a script for them to follow when giving the tours.

Brenda Davis motioned the meeting adjourn and Stan Lloyd seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.