



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 14th, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Conference Room -second floor

10890 San Pablo Avenue

Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Catherine Krueger, Eugene Go, and Nicholas Arzio.

Members not in Attendance: Linda Jolivet, Marty Takimoto

City Council/Staff in Attendance: None / Lt. De La Campa

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Arzio/Go) to adopt the April 9, 2014 meeting minutes (Unanimous).

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Lt. De La Campa spoke about recent crime. Questions came up about a shooting at KHS. Bruce Yao spoke about a lockdown at ECHS though no incidents occurred at ECHS.

Member Arzio spoke briefly about why it is that a Council Member no longer attends the meetings.

Lt. De La Campa spoke about the Community Warning System; and generally recommended members of the public to sign up for the free alerts.

3. Comments from the Public

See above regarding Bruce Yao; who spoke regarding an ECHS lockdown.

4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities for 2014 :

a) The CPC members talked about meeting with NNO hosts in late July as they did last year.

Member Arzio asked for an agenda item next month about making a new CPC banner for public display. There was discussion about a July 4th presence. Member Arzio talked about getting neighborhoods more involved with reporting dangerous situations, not only crimes and for having a summit with groups before NNO on July 22nd.

b) No actions were taken regarding an ID Theft Seminar as Member Jolivet was not present.

c) Lt. De La Campa talked about the PD using the www.nextdoor.com social media platform for public outreach. Member Arzio discussed his experiences using it and its definition of neighborhood boundaries. The program may be used for future CPC Outreach and recruitment as well.

- d) Member Arzio discussed making the duties of the committee clearer and narrower in focus to solidify the mission of the committee and reduce confusion. He also asked for an agenda item to further discuss possibly having the City Council amend their charter and remove home security inspections from the committees purview as Members are not actually doing the inspections any longer. He expressed a desire to have the charter more accurately reflect their current charges.
- e) Lt. De La Campa reported that the approval for the expenditure by the PD to pay for a portion of the whistles was communicated. Member Takimoto via his email asked for an action item to go to a postcard type of document instead of a brochure for recruiting. Members present agreed with the concept and to explore the idea further.
- f) The decision was made not to pay for a location at the event, as CPC members are welcome to be present at the PD location. Lt. De La Campa was assigned making that notification to City Staff. Members Go and Krueger will be there for part of the day. As will Bruce Yao.

5. Membership:

Bruce Yao said that he has now attended 3 meetings and wants to officially join the committee. The Members voted unanimously to accept him.

6. Communication Report (Including Neighborhood Watch / Home Security Report.)

Member Go reported no voice mails. Lt. De La Campa reported no emails received. A short discussion ensued, wondering if anything prevents the CPC from holding meetings in alternate venues as they may increase public awareness/participation, for example, at publicly accessible coffee shops or the like. Member Arzio asked for attachments to be included with this writing as other documents were discussed during the meeting (emails etc).

7. Adjournment

Moved and carried to adjourn at 8:50 PM.