



## **MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, April 9th, 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 7:00 PM.

### **Roll Call**

Members in Attendance: Catherine Krueger, Marty Takimoto, Linda Jolivet, Eugene Go, and Nicholas Arzio.

Members not in Attendance: None

City Council/Staff in Attendance: None / Cpl. J.T. Wahrlich and Lt. De La Campa

### **1. Approval of Minutes:**

Moved and carried (Go/Takimoto) to adopt the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes (Unanimous).

### **2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:**

Corporal Wahrlich discussed the Commuter Safety Campaign which is scheduled for Friday, 4/11/14 and Monday, 4/14/14. The Commuter Safety Campaign is an opportunity for the police department and members of the CPC to provide information to citizens about ways to stay safe and protect themselves as they walk to and from BART.

Corporal Wahrlich informed the CPC that an anonymous person donated \$100 to the CPC.

Corporal Wahrlich informed the CPC he contacted the Neighborhood Watch block captains and they were receptive to receiving correspondence from the CPC through the staff liaison.

The ECPEA's Crab Feed which benefits the K9 program was held the 3/21/14 and a huge success with over 300 persons in attendance.

Corporal Wahrlich referred the CPC to crimereports.com for crime statistics.

### **3. Comments from the Public**

A citizen, who refused to provide her name or city or residence, expressed her concerns over crime in the city and what the police department was doing to curtail it.

Scott Tipping, an El Cerrito resident, reported teenagers and young adults were starting to have camp fires again in the Hill Side open area below the Kerr Estate.

Molly Hazen, an El Cerrito resident and former CPC member, attended the meeting and shared her memories of John Umemoto, a former CPC member who recently passed away. She also expressed how impressed she was with the ECPD's response to crimes.

**4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities for 2014:**

The CPC members shared their memories of John Umemoto, a former CPC member who recently passed away. Mr. Umemoto served as a member of the CPC for over 32 years. His contributions were recognized and photos of him shared.

The Neighborhood Watch program was discussed. It was suggested the individual block captains be invited to future CPC meetings and the CPC work with the block captains to establish neighborhood watch best practices.

The CPC discussed other ways of reaching out to Neighborhood Watch groups and ways to form new groups. One suggestion was to organize a Neighborhood Watch informational fair and presentation, informally named the Neighborhood Watch Summit. A sub-committee was established consisting of Chair Krueger and Member Arzio.

Member Jolivet reported the Bank of the West Manager did not respond about the Identity Theft Seminar. She planned to check with Wells Fargo about providing the instruction.

Vice-Chair Takimoto of the Brochure Sub-Committee reported what he found regarding CPC membership requirements. The requirements were discussed and final brochure draft will be submitted for approval.

Vice-Chair Takimoto will finalize the proposal for give away items and submit it for approval.

**5. Membership:**

Corporal Wahrlich reported the City Council approved Nicholas Arzio for membership on the CPC. Mr. Arzio will need to complete the background investigation phase.

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

Nothing

**7. Adjournment**

Moved and carried (Jolivet / Go) to adjourn at 8:26 PM.