



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Thursday September 17, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Vice-Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Catherine Krueger, Nicholas Arzio, Eugene Go, Mollie Hazen, Linda Jolivet

Members not in Attendance: Marty Takimoto, Bruce Yow

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Acting Det-Cpl Leone, Det. Jacala

Guests/Members of the Public: Bill Kuhlman, Dennis Kettler, Christian Thiel

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Arzio) to adopt the July 8, 2015 meeting minutes as amended.

Aye: Krueger, Arzio, Go, Hazen, Jolivet

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Det Jacala shared the following with the committee: a) Mr. Kettler's initial meeting related to neighborhood watch on the 400 block of Clayton; b) The request from Elm Street residents for their Neighborhood Watch Program signage; c) The update related to the residential burglary on Cutting Blvd and the arrest of one of the subjects; d) Reminder related to Tri-City Event on Saturday, 19September15 11:00am to 03:00pm at the El Cerrito Plaza; e) The continuous problems arising from the window smash/auto burglary.

Krueger & Hazen stated that meeting with the coordinators of Neighborhood Watch Program should be handled by CPC as it had been the committee's previous responsibility.

3. Comments from the Public:

Bill Kuhlman: Volunteer planning commissioner-presented its "Restaurant Week" event to be held 01-04October 2015. All-day affair for four days to promote restaurant businesses in El Cerrito and the restaurants on the Richmond side of San Pablo Avenue. It will be publicized through social media & Kuhlman requested "word-of-mouth" advertisement as well. He will also present a draft of an ordinance to discuss massage parlor and vacation rentals in the city; he has asked the committee to be involved in the process of reviewing said ordinance.

Dennis Kettler: Coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch Program on 400 block of Clayton Avenue. He stated his concerns about the decreased lighting during darkness on Central Avenue from Richmond Street to Ashbury Avenue. He also addressed speeding vehicles on Central

Avenue; the liaisons recommended that he contact the traffic division to have the speed monitored on Central Avenue to assist in determining the best way to eliminate the problem.

Christian Thiel: None.

4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- (a) Arzio presented the draft related to the police community clean-up event. It was decided that the event will be on 14NOVEMBER2015 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The locations will be at the Baxter Creek (San Pablo Avenue and Ohio Ave) and north of the Del Norte BART station along Cutting Blvd to San Pablo Avenue.
- (b) Arzio led the discussion related to the BART pylon mural including the potential locations, its benefits to other cities where murals have been done, and its concerns related to the cost to create the murals and its costs to maintain them; it was discussed that the murals will only be maintained for 10 years. Krueger moved to have the mural created at the Potrero "Gateway" location, Go second the motion, and the panel unanimously voted on Potrero "Gateway" location. Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0.
- (c) This event was confirmed 2015 ID theft Seminar will be held 07NOV2015, Saturday, 2:20–2:30 pm (social); 2:30-3:30pm an hour seminar. The event will be held at the Council Chambers. The panel requested for an ECPD officer to be present to discuss Identification Theft prevention.
- (d) CPC's goal is to be the lead in the neighborhood watch program.
- (e) Go showed several photos related to the National Night Out Event; Krueger requested additional magnets.
- (f) The survey status has been postponed to October CPC meeting.

5. Membership:

Membership was offered to both Kettler and Thiel, but both declined at this time. No one else applied to become members.

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

Nothing to report

7. Adjournment:

Moved and carried; adjourned at 8:34 PM. Unanimous.