



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, June 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room –second floor  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Committee Chair Nick Arzio called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Roll Call**

Members in Attendance: Nick Arzio, Eugene Go, Linda Jolivet and Bruce Yow;

Member not in Attendance: Mollie Hazen, Marty Takimoto

Moved and carried (Go/Jolivet) to excuse Committee member Hazen and Takimoto's absence

Aye: Arzio, Go, Jolivet, Yow

Nay: None

Abstention: None

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Sgt. Wong, Cpl. Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Nathan "Spike" DeClue

**1. Approval of Minutes:**

Moved and carried (Go/Jolivet) to adopt the April 13, 2016, meeting minutes as amended. There was no CPC meeting for the month of May.

Aye: Arzio, Go, Jolivet, Yow

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

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

Sgt. Wong advised the committee of the following incidents/events:

- The committee was advised of the recent sexual assault which occurred at the BART path/Kearny Street and the proactive patrol that has been occurring as a result
- Barks and Bells event will be occurring on 06-25 as a crime education/prevention and pet adoption opportunity from 10-3PM. Member Go may attend event as an opportunity to conduct outreach for CPC
- Bike the Bridges event in Martinez and Loving Day are both approaching and will be attended by ECPD staff
- The youth explorer academy is currently underway and will last 1 week

**3. Comments from the Public:**

Citizen Nathan DeClue, who wishes to be addressed as "Spike" spoke to the committee regarding some of the issues he is seeing in his neighborhood (Liberty St near Central Ave):

- Armed robbery around the corner from his home
- Shopping carts being left from businesses at E.C. Plaza

Sgt. Wong suggested that a good way to address the shopping carts was to contact the store directly and tell them. The suggestion was also made that contact could be made with specific people who routinely leave the carts behind. Member Arzio is going to look into locating a contact number for the third party company who collects carts for commercial businesses.

#### **4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:**

- A note from Member Takimoto was read by Chair Arzio regarding the CPC’s involvement with the Human Relations Commission & NAACP’s diversity event. This Discussion Item was continued from the April meeting (No meeting in May). No Comment
- A note from Member Takimoto was read by Chair Arzio regarding the CPC’s survey publication. Sgt. Wong advised that Member Takimoto and LT. De La Campa had not yet spoken about the item. The City survey has already been sent out to residents. No Comment
- Illegal Dumping subcommittee (Arzio/Takimoto) has not yet met. Chair Arzio highlighted some current problem areas (Central/Belmont and old Guitar Center building). Public Works was identified as the department in the city responsible for cleaning up dumped material. Sgt. Wong recommended the city web site as the proper way of reporting dumped material and graffiti. City web site information does not appear to be current and Chair Arzio volunteered to test the process and report back at a later date with his experience/suggestions for improvement
- Update on June 25, 2016 CPC/Burglary Prevention Forum on how community will be informed of event. Sgt. Wong suggested Nixle/Twitter, the El Cerrito Patch and the new digital sign board at the PD.
- The “Cops and Kids” basketball event subcommittee (Chair-Arzio) was suspended due to the presence of numerous community/kid outreach activities already present within the ECPD. There was no objection to Chair Arzio revisiting a Police and Community clean-up event which had been held in the past. No objection to suspending subcommittee
- The Neighborhood Watch (NW) outreach subcommittee (Chair-Arzio) is still actively looking for ways to improve NW participation (i.e. going out and finding new participants). There was some question as to how frequently the CPC voice mail box was being checked and who would be checking it. Chair Arzio asked about the possibility of creating a city email address that could be used to correspond with current/prospective NW members. Arzio/Go to form a subcommittee to examine new ways of promoting NW participation. No objection
- CPC annual work plan is due to City Council and was discussed. Member Jolivet asked that the work plan from 2015 be revisited. CPC reviewed 2015 plan and suggested following 3 work plan topics:
  - Proactively organize neighborhood watch groups for every neighborhood in El Cerrito (Inventory CPC literature/develop new CPC literature)
  - Through the police distribute CPC email address
  - Distribute information to neighborhood watch captains to increase awareness of CPC and events
- Chair Arzio addressed CPC members as to the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (Sturgis Code) which governs CPC. Per Code, new Chair assumes immediate power following voting. Code text not available online or in house, found at Oakland Library.

Member Jolivet would also like refresher information on Brown Act. Sgt. Wong to ask Cheryl Morse about Brown Act information.

**5. Membership:**

Citizen Nathan "Spike" DeClue was asked if he was interested in joining the CPC and he indicated he was. Citizen DeClue was provided with information as to what was needed to apply.

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

Chair Arzio attended Schmidt Lane NW group meeting. AT&T representative was in attendance. Continuing issues related to AT&T property (noise/nuisance). Friday at Trinity Church is a movie/refreshments event.

**7. Adjournment:**

Moved and carried (Arzio/Go); adjourned at 8:14 PM. Unanimous.