



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Nick Arzio called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Chair Nick Arzio, Vice-Chair Marty Takimoto, Eugene Go, Bruce Yow, Linda Jolivet (7:18 PM).

Members not in Attendance: Molly Hazen and Nathan DeClue

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler

3. Approval of Minutes:

Vice-Chair Takimoto made note of a misspelled word in section 4 of the minutes from February.

Chair Arzio noted that in section 6 (subsection e) should reflect his position that he does not agree with the requirement for the DMV driving record for CPC membership but believes that if required, the fingerprint requirement should be equally applied to everyone.

Moved and carried (Takimoto/Yow) to adopt the amended version of the February 8th 2017, meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder presented an anonymous donation in the name of the Crime Prevention Committee in the amount of \$200. Cpl. Elder also presented the committee with an overview of the purchases that have been made (\$1650) so far this year. The committee is encouraged to continue to develop projects and events and make budget requests as needed.

Cpl. Elder cautioned the committee that the change in weather would bring about an increase in crime along the BART path (i.e. robbery) and crime in the commercial areas of the city (i.e. auto burglary). Be cautious of your surroundings and report suspicious individuals and criminal activity.

5. Comments from the Public:

Cordell Hindler provided information about Neighborhood Watch groups meeting at local libraries. Some locations have meeting rooms that can be rented to hold the event. Mr. Hindler also suggested inviting High School aged residents to participate in Neighborhood Watch program and Crime Prevention Committee. Member Jolivet volunteered to look into the idea that a High School student could receive academic credits for their participation in NW or the CPC and will report at the April meeting.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- a) Illegal Dumping Subcommittee (Arzio/ Takimoto)
 - No new topics to discuss within subcommittee and it was decided without objection that the discussion item would be removed from future agendas. The subcommittee created and submitted a recommendation to City Council.
Amendment to minutes made during April CPC meeting
- b) Neighborhood Watch/ NNO Outreach Subcommittee updates (Arzio/ Member Go)
 - The subcommittee met and created an agenda for the event at Vice-Chair Takimoto's home scheduled for April 4th from 6:30-8PM. The subcommittee presented a tentative agenda for the event. Cpl. Elder told the subcommittee that he would send an email to the participants from last year's NNO event inviting them to the subcommittee event.
- c) CPC Seminar Planning Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - Vice-Chair Takimoto talked about the suggested spring seminar topic of cyber bullying and internet safety presentation. The event would be in conjunction with the Harding Elementary PTA. The next step is to identify and schedule a speaker for the event which is tentatively scheduled for sometime in May.
- d) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - This subcommittee has not yet met on this topic. Cpl. Elder delivered a sample version of a crime prevention booklet that can be customized for use by the CPC.
- e) Crime Prevention Committee Membership Requirements (Arzio/Jolivet)
 - The subcommittee will create a recommendation letter to share with the members of the committee in a future meeting. Cpl. Elder noted that the current requirement to participate in a background was set by a City Council resolution in 2009.
- f) Work Plan For CPC To Submit To City Council (Arzio/Hazen)
 - There was no discussion on this agenda item. To be addressed in April meeting.
- g) El Cerrito Police Department Nixle blotter (Jolivet)
 - Member Jolivet pointed out an example of the Nixle blotter inconsistencies that she noted in a prior meeting. Cpl. Elder explained that the blotter typically only lists the ethnicity of a person if there was not an arrest made. In those instances where a person was contacted by law enforcement only the age, gender and city of origin

is listed. Member Jolivet has not yet drafted a recommendation letter to share with the members of the committee in a future meeting.

h) Neighborhood Watch group requirements

- This discussion item was removed as an individual agenda item and will be addressed by the Neighborhood Watch/ NNO Outreach Subcommittee members.

7. Membership:

No new information to discuss.

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

Cpl. Elder indicated that there were no new messages on either the CPC voice mail account or email account.

9. Adjournment:

Moved and carried; adjourned at 8:31 PM. Unanimous.