



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 12, 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 7:06 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Chair Nick Arzio, Spike DeClue, Eugene Go and Bruce Yow
Members not in Attendance: Vice-Chair Marty Takimoto, Mollie Hazen and Linda Jolivet
City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder
Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler, Sue Hansen and Miguel Espino

3. Approval of Minutes:

Chair Arzio noted that section 6 (subsection a) should reflect the fact that the Illegal Dumping Subcommittee was dissolved because a recommendation was submitted to the City Council.

Moved and carried (Go/DeClue) to adopt the amended version of the March 8th 2017, meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder spoke about the homicide that occurred on Park Vista earlier in the month. Cpl. Elder explained that the suspect and victim knew each other and the incident was not a random act of violence. The victim in this incident was targeted by the suspect and there are no additional suspects and/or threat to the public.

Cpl. Elder also spoke about the change to nice weather will typically bring an increase in crime. Please be vigilant and call the police if you see suspicious persons and criminal activity.

5. Comments from the Public:

Cordell Hindler indicated he would bring a sample job description for the position of Treasurer either during the May or June meeting. Mr. Hindler is also interested in working with Member Jolivet to identify opportunities to involve youth in the Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Committee activities.

Sue Hansen introduced herself as a resident of El Cerrito and a member of a group called People Power. People Power is a group of 25-30 people who are championing the Freedom City Initiative which identifies 9 model Law Enforcement policies which are in line with the Sanctuary City initiative recently taken by the City Council. The group is also asking the CPC and HRC to participate in discussing the model policies with the group.

Miguel Espino joined the meeting later and identified himself as a member of the People Power group. Mr. Espino had no additional public comment to add.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- a) Neighborhood Watch/ NNO Outreach Subcommittee updates (Arzio/Go/Takimoto/Hazen)
 - Member Yow reported that the event was well attended with good discussion between the attendees. Vice-Chair Takimoto can give a more complete overview of the event during the May meeting. There was no discussion on the review and recommendation of requirements for Neighborhood Watch.
- b) CPC Seminar Planning Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - Item tabled for the May meeting due to attendance.
- c) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - Item tabled for the May meeting due to attendance.
- d) Crime Prevention Committee Membership Requirements Subcommittee (Arzio/Jolivet)
 - Item tabled for the May meeting due to attendance.
- e) Work Plan for CPC to Submit To City Council (Arzio/Hazen)
 - Chair Arzio completed a draft work plan and presented the draft to the committee. Members of the committee who were present provided input which was incorporated into the draft to complete a final version. Chair Arzio will add photographs to the final version of the work plan.

Moved and carried (Go/DeClue) to adopt the final version of the CPC Work Plan.

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

- f) El Cerrito Police Department Nixle blotter (Jolivet)
 - Item tabled for the May meeting due to attendance.
- g) Selection of new CPC leadership for upcoming fiscal year
 - Committee needs to select a Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2017-2018 year. No one expressed any interest in the position of Chair. Member DeClue indicated that he would be interested in the position of Vice-Chair.

Moved and carried (Go/Yow) to table the leadership selection process until the May meeting.

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

7. Membership:

Chair Arzio noted that City Council had received an application from Suzy Leach to join the Crime Prevention Committee. Mrs. Leach will need to attend 3 regular meetings before she can be recommended for membership.

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

Cpl. Elder provided Chair Arzio with a communication that was received via the crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us email address. There were no voice mail messages. Cpl. Elder asked for members of the CPC to RSVP for the Commissioner Recognition Dinner on April 28th. Member Yow (+1) and Member DeClue (+1) asked Cpl. Elder to RSVP on their behalf. Cpl. Elder asked the committee to reach out to the members who were not present at the meeting to remind them of the event.

9. Adjournment:

Moved and carried (DeClue/Go) Unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.