



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room – second floor  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

**1. Call to Order:**

Committee Chair Mollie Hazen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**2. Roll Call:**

Members in Attendance: Chair Hazen, Member Yow, Member Go, Member Takimoto, Member Arzio

Members not in Attendance: Vice Chair DeClue, Member Jolivet, Member Esquivel, Member Dolgonas

City Council/Staff in Attendance: El Cerrito CC Member Greg Lyman, Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: None

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

The Crime Prevention Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Moved and carried (Yow/Go) to adopt the meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Hazen, Yow, Go, Takimoto

Nay: None

Abstentions: Arzio

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

City Council Member Greg Lyman updated the committee on several topics; marijuana dispensaries, El Cerrito exploring the idea of becoming a Charter City to fund building/renovation of City buildings, and a new mayor will be selected December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cpl. Elder told the committee about the El Cerrito Community Police Academy which is being offered in early 2018. Cpl. Elder also spoke about the issues regarding package thefts from the porch of residential homes and talked about some ways to avoid being a victim. The ECPD held a DUI check point in the area of San Pablo Avenue/Cutting Boulevard which was successful. Cpl. Elder showed the newly designed Neighborhood Watch signs which had recently arrived. Finally, Cpl. Elder spoke about the City Council's recognition of Brett Guest for his actions earlier in the year.

**5. Comments from the Public:**

El Cerrito resident and member of the Economic Redevelopment Committee Bill Kuelman arrived at the beginning of the meeting and left a written comment which was read for the committee by Member Arzio. Mr. Kuelman wanted to be put in contact with anyone who had experience installing license plate readers. Cpl. Elder provided a brief overview of what a license plate reader is and its use in law enforcement. No one was identified as having any personal or professional knowledge on how the devices are installed.

**6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:**

- a) Neighborhood Watch Goals and Objectives (Arzio/Go/Takimoto/Hazen)
  - Subcommittee has not recently met and there is no update.
  
- b) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
  - Subcommittee has not recently met and there is no update.
  
- c) NW Program Development Subcommittee (Hazen/Takimoto/Esquivel/Dolgonas)
  - Member Takimoto provided the committee with an update from the subcommittee meeting that occurred on November 26<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee examined updating educational material for the committee and NW brochure. The subcommittee identified some goals; update existing information, add relevant missing information, streamline text heavy brochure, create checklist for starting a new NW group, and ensure printed material is consistent with information available online.
  - The other members in attendance were asked to join the newly formed NW Program Development Subcommittee but there were no volunteers.
  - Due to the lack of participation/redundancy in the above listed subcommittees, the decision was made to consolidate the topics and focus of the above listed subcommittees into the new NW Program Development Subcommittee.
  - Member Arzio asked that the record reflect that Member Jolivet was not consulted before the subcommittee that she is a member of was consolidated into the new subcommittee. Member Jolivet has not attended a CPC meeting since July.
  
- d) Commercial Security Cameras (Dolgonas)
  - Member Dolgonas was not present at the meeting

**7. Membership:**

There are no prospective members who have attended meetings or expressed interest in joining the committee.

Member Arzio told the committee that he does not wish to continue his involvement with the Crime Prevention Committee and will leave the committee when his 4 year tenure ends.

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

Cpl. Elder reported that there were no email or voice mail messages for the committee.

**9. Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

No future agenda items were proposed.

**11. Adjournment:**

Moved and carried (Takimoto/Yow) unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.