



**MINUTES**  
**OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**El Cerrito City Hall**  
Hillside Conference Room –second floor  
10890 San Pablo Avenue

**1. Call to Order:**

Acting Committee Chair Eugene Go called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Roll Call:**

Members in Attendance: Acting Chair Eugene Go, Rosa Esquivel, Bruce Yow, and Jim Dolgonas.  
Members not in Attendance: Mollie Hazen, Linda Jolivet, Nick Arzio, and Marty Takimoto.  
City Council/Staff in Attendance: City Council Member Janet Abelson and Cpl. Brian Elder  
Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Moved and carried (Esquivel/Yow) to adopt the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Go, Yow, Esquivel, and Dolgonas

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

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

City Council Member Janet Abelson addressed the committee and introduced herself as their new City staff liaison person. Council Member Abelson also spoke about the change to council personnel, specifically the new mayor/mayor pro tem. The City Council is working to find suitable candidates to fill opening in the commissions and committees. Council Member Abelson also mentioned the work towards becoming a charter city and what that designation would mean for the city.

Cpl. Elder spoke about new personnel changes within the police department to include several promotions in the rank of Captain, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. Cpl. Elder also identified Community Liaison Officer Sarah Perez as the point of contact for questions about the El Cerrito Community Police Academy. Cpl. Elder also indicated that the committee would need to select a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the year. The committee chose to place the item on the agenda for the March meeting.

**5. Comments from the Public:**

Cordell Hindler spoke with the committee about involving new people in Neighborhood Watch, providing refreshments at meetings, and identifying guest speakers for meetings.

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

- a) Neighborhood Watch Program Development Subcommittee (Hazen/Takimoto/Esquivel/Dolgonas)
  - Member Dolgonas reported that the recent focus of the subcommittee has been updating the written materials. The subcommittee is working towards completing a draft to submit for review but nothing has been finished as of yet. One issue which is being considered is the lowering of the requirements to form a NW group. Cpl. Elder encouraged the subcommittee to prepare a written proposal for any pamphlets, documents, or other educational material for review. The subcommittee has also considered holding a regional and/or large gathering of several NW groups to improve attendance and participation. Cpl. Elder asked that the subcommittee prepare a written proposal which would include the proposed location (city club house or other similar location) along with any other ancillary purchase requests (i.e. refreshments) and submit the proposal for review.
  
- b) Commercial Security Cameras (Dolgonas)
  - Member Dolgonas wanted to develop a way for the City to install and set up security cameras in homes and businesses. Cpl. Elder suggested that information pertaining to the selection, installation, and maintenance of a security camera would be an excellent topic for the Neighborhood Watch Program Development Subcommittee to address. Cpl. Elder suggested to Member Dolgonas that he create an informational pamphlet to inform prospective security camera buyers as to the best practices of selecting and maintaining a security camera.

**7. Membership:**

None

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

Cpl. Elder indicated that there were no new messages or email for the Crime Prevention Committee.

**9. Announcements:**

Council Member Abelson told the committee about the upcoming Earth Day event on April 21<sup>st</sup>. She encouraged the committee to select a work party project and participate in the event. The committee chose to place the item on the agenda for the March meeting.

Member Esquivel told the committee about a treasure hunt hosted by the El Cerrito Economic Development Committee on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**10. Future Agenda Items:**

The CPC will address the following issues during the March meeting: Identify and vote on a new committee Chair and Vice-Chair, Earth Day Work Party ideas.

**11. Adjournment:**

Moved and carried (unanimous); adjourned at 8:21 PM.