MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
February 9th, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Roll Call
Members in Attendance: Chair Randy Calish, Pansy Kwong, Gene Go, Catherine Krueger and John Umemoto. Vice Chair Hazen were absent.
City Council/Staff in Attendance: Councilmember Lyman absent / Sgt. Cliatt present

1. Selection of Committee Officers for 2011
Member Go (Member Krueger seconded) nominated Randy Calish as Chair. There were no other nominations. Member Calish was voted as Chair for 2011 (unanimous.) Member Go (Chair Calish seconded) nominated Catherine Krueger as Vice Chair. Member Krueger was voted as Vice Chair for 2011 (unanimous.)

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports
Sgt Cliatt reported that he was unable to attend last month’s meeting due to a Department Team Building activity funded by P.O.S.T. The Department has crafted a new mission statement and is working on a collaboratively agreed upon set of values. He also reported on recent police department activities.

3. Minutes
Moved and carried (Go / Krueger) to pass the December 9th meeting minutes (Unanimous.)

4. Comments from the Public
There were no members of the public present.

5. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities for 2011
The committee discussed promoting Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out at the City’s July 4th celebration and during another kickoff event around July 16th, 2010.

6. Discussion of Neighborhood Watch Sign Posting
Member Go stated that he liked the idea of posting signs at the City Limits. He would also like to see stickers and signs at local businesses too. Chair Calish suggested that perhaps future signs could say “El Cerrito is a Neighborhood Watch City.” Member Kwong and Member Umemoto said the signs should go to the individual groups. Member Krueger (Umemoto seconded) moved to adopt a policy where each Neighborhood Watch group would receive two signs per group, with the exception of cul-de-sacs and courts. The signs would be posted at locations near the Neighborhood Watch Group’s preference and in adherence to all applicable City rules and guide lines. (4-1/ Member Go opposed.) Member Go will research and report on placing larger Neighborhood Watch signs at the City borders that state “El Cerrito is a Neighborhood Watch City.”
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   Member Umemoto will check into working with PG&E towards a sponsorship for NNO 2011. Staff will check with NATW to see if the NNO 2011 media art is available yet and if the NNO 2011 application is accessible via the NATW webpage. Member Krueger will research the ability for the CPC to promote NNO at CERT and El Cerrito Emergency Preparedness Network functions. Staff will research to see if the CPC can promote National Night Out via a facebook page.

8. Membership
   No new applications.

   No new requests for Neighborhood Watch meetings or Home Security Reports. Member Kwong will monitor the CPC voicemail box.

   The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.