



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, August 9, 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 7:07 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Chair Mollie Hazen, Member Arzio, and Member Takimoto

Members not in Attendance: Vice Chair DeClue, Member Go, Member Yow, and Member Jolivet

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler, Jim Dolgonas Susi Leach, Manuel Baglanis, and Donna Davis.

3. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the July 12th meeting of the Crime Prevention Committee were reviewed by the member in attendance. There were not enough members present at the meeting to approve the minutes.

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder told the committee that the El Cerrito Police Department and the Richmond Police Department were conducting a 2 week joint operation at the 3 local BART stations. The operation will consist of directed enforcement for fare evasion, open containers, and similar quality of life violations observed in and around the station and BART property.

5. Comments from the Public:

Jim Dolgonas asked the committee if they had considered recommending to City Council that they designate a safe space for internet purchases, child exchanges, and similar incidents. Cpl. Elder told the committee that the space had already been identified and signage and surveillance cameras were currently being installed.

Cordell Hindler provided the committee with a sample agenda and email chain format for their review. Mr. Hindler also let the committee know that he has set a date to meet with Vice-Chair DeClue about increasing the participation of youth in the CPC and NW programs.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- a) Neighborhood Watch/ NNO Outreach Subcommittee updates (Arzio/Go/Takimoto/Hazen)
 - Subcommittee has not recently met and will set a date for a future meeting.
- Member Arzio indicated that the NW groups from Terrace Drive, Gelston Place, and

Bay Tree Lane were interested in having a NW sign installed for their streets. Cpl. Elder reminded the committee that they have previously indicated that they wanted to create sample guidelines for the placement of signage. Cpl. Elder recognized that the three NW groups listed above are very active and organized and he would work with them individually to see if signs could be obtained. Cpl. Elder also indicated that the Department was creating a new position which would be responsible for interacting with the community. This officer appointed to this position would more than likely have some input on the criteria and placement of NW signs in the future.

- b) NNO Outreach Subcommittee (Arzio/Go/Hazen/Takimoto)
 - Chair Hazen talked about the NNO event and reported that there were 40 individual block parties. Chair Hazen spoke about her experience at the event which was enjoyable. The CPC members were able to hand out tote bags, whistles, and pencils branded with the CPC name and City logo. Member Takimoto hosted a NNO party (60-65 people) and noted how much his neighborhood had changed in the time since he hosted his last party.
- c) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - No new items to be presented to committee by subcommittee members
- d) El Cerrito Police Department Nixle blotter (Jolivet)
 - Member Jolivet was not present at the meeting.
- e) National Night Out event Tuesday, August 1st 2017 Subcommittee (Go/DeClue/Hazen)
 - Item addressed during discussion item “b”
- f) Terrace/Gelston/Bay Tree Neighborhood Watch group roster and organization (Arzio)
 - Item addressed during discussion item “a”
- g) Process and Procedures for Requesting Neighborhood Watch Signs (Arzio)
 - Item addressed during discussion item “a”

7. Membership:

Community Member Rosa Esquivel CPC membership application has been submitted to the City Clerk along with a letter of endorsement from Cpl. Elder for review at the next City Council meeting.

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

Cpl. Elder indicated that there were no email or voice mail messages for the committee. Cpl. Elder indicated that the contact information and list of committee members has been updated on the City website to reflect to current membership.

9. Adjournment:

Moved and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

