



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, November 8, 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 7:04 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Chair Mollie Hazen, Member Yow, Member Go, Member Takimoto, Member Esquivel, and Member Dolgonas.

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

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler and Christian Thiel

3. Approval of Minutes:

The Crime Prevention Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on September 13th, 2017. Moved and carried (Esquivel/Go) to adopt the meeting minutes as written.

Aye: All voting members in attendance

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

The Crime Prevention Committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on August 9th, 2017. Moved and carried (Takimoto/Dolgonas) to adopt the meeting minutes as written.

Aye: All voting members in attendance

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder told the committee that the El Cerrito Police Department was represented during the mutual aid request during the Santa Rosa wildfires. Cpl. Elder spoke about several recent high profile events: Atlas Liquor robbery/shooting, suspect identified from 2005 sexual assault investigation, follow-up BART operation in the near future, and staged home burglaries. Cpl. Elder also cautioned the members of the committee that with the hours of darkness moving earlier in the evening will potentially cause a rise in robberies, burglaries, and automobile accidents. Finally, Cpl. Elder confirmed that Brett Guest will be recognized by City Council on November 21st for his crime prevention efforts in a recent attempted sexual assault.

5. Comments from the Public:

Cordell Hindler provided the committee with a sample HOA board of director's agenda. Mr. Hindler also let the committee know that it is important to sometimes have guest speakers at meetings (such as City Manager/Asst. City Manager) or using locations such as local schools.

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 date for a future meeting. Chair Hazen and Member Arzio attended a recent local Neighborhood Watch meeting and spoke about the reluctance of the attendees to create a more formal connection. The subcommittee will examine alternative means of sharing the NW message to a new generation (i.e. email, social media, etc). Cpl. Elder shared a proof drawing with the committee of the newly designed NW signs.

b) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)

- Subcommittee has not recently met and there is no date for a future meeting.

c) Tri-City Safety Day Event

- Member Go and Member Hazen staffed the CPC booth at the event on September 23rd in the El Cerrito Plaza. The booth had a draft informational pamphlet and give-a-way items for those residents who visited the booth. The event was successful and hopefully next year a completed and approved pamphlet will be available to pass out.

7. Membership:

Member Rosa Esquivel and Jim Dolgonas were recognized as the newest two members of the committee. There are no prospective members who have attended meetings or expressed interest in joining the committee.

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:

Chair Hazen shared an upcoming event with the committee. ECPD Chief Keith along with the Richmond PD and Berkeley PD Chief will be speaking on November 19th 3-4:30PM at the Albany Community Center.

10. Future Agenda Items:

Member Dolgonas would like an agenda items added for the December 13th, 2017 meeting examining commercial security cameras.

11. Adjournment:

Moved and carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.