



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Call to Order:

Committee Chair Marty Takimoto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Marty Takimoto, Bruce Yow, Gene Go, and Jim Dolgonas

Members not in Attendance: Mollie Hazen and Rosa Esquivel

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Detective Sergeant Ian Wong

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

3. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Dolgonas/Go) to adopt the January 9th, 2019 meeting minutes.

Aye: Takimoto, Dolgonas, and Go

Nay: None

Abstentions: Yow

Moved and carried (Yow/Go) to adopt the March 13th, 2019 meeting minutes.

Aye: Takimoto, Go, and Yow

No: None

Abstentions: Dolgonas

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Sgt. Wong touched upon the upcoming plans for the city to add more housing along San Pablo Avenue. Additionally, Sgt. Wong informed the committee that the department is fully staffed and has since established a waiting list of potential candidates. Officer Michael Popke was honored as the MADD award recipient for 2018. Sgt. Wong also discussed some of the upcoming events to include the July 4th festival and National Night Out.

5. Comments from the Public:

Christian Thiel provided a brief update from a recent city council meeting regarding the ECPD's 2018 annual report. The update included the ECPD's 2018 goals, department achievements, and staffing update. Lastly, Thiel discussed the upcoming National Night Out campaign and street closures.

Cordell Hindler spoke with the committee about involving high school students with the Crime Prevention Committee. Hindler added that CPC meetings should have refreshments, food and

guest speakers. Hindler informed the CPC that it may be beneficial for the committee to meet prior to the monthly meetings.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

a) Neighborhood Watch Program Development Subcommittee (Hazen/Takimoto (Chair)/Esquivel/Dolgonas/Yow)

-Chair Takimoto provided an update on the expansion committee which included the following:

- Begin drafting eligibility requirements for El Cerrito Neighborhood Watch group creation.
- Research best practices in cities similar in size to El Cerrito
- Contact current NNO leaders via existing email addresses and a NextDoor posting to begin rebuilding NW leadership database.

b) Membership Recruitment (Takimoto/Dolgonas/Go (Chair)/Hazen)

-Chair Takimoto also provided an update on the CPC's recruitment subcommittee which is as follows:

- Contact City Clerk to find out who is responsible for Commission/Committee recruitment and what guidelines and resources exist for additional recruitment.
- Continue developing community organizations list for possible recruitment including groups such as WWCUSD PTA's, local churches, places of worship, and business associations.

Motion to approve each subcommittee's proposal listed in items 6 (a) and (b):

Motion: Dolgonas/Yow

Aye: Takimoto, Dolgonas, Yow, and Go.

Abstentions: None

c) Upcoming CPC Events (July 4th and National Night Out)

- Chair Takimoto requested an inventory of current CPC swag to handout at the upcoming events.
- Go will attend the morning portion of the July 4th festival.
- At this time, Go will be visiting NNO parties with city staff.

d) ECPD's involvement with fire evacuation routes

- Sgt. Wong provided the committee with a brief overview of the ECPD's involvement with fire evacuation routes. Additionally, Sgt. Wong informed the CPC about the Community Warning System for emergencies.

e) CPC's response to UPS driver teamsters for uptick in crime in the Plaza

- Chair Takimoto advised that he mailed a response on behalf of the committee.

7. Membership:

Walter Williams has applied for a position with the CPC.

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

No updates.

9. Announcements:

Cordell Hindler announced that the Contra Costa County Mayor's Conference will be held at the Contra Costa Golf Club on July 11th.

10. Future Agenda Items:

- Presentation regarding the ECPD's annual report.
- Presentation from BC Grupalo or Susan from EC Fire Safe.
- CPC Elections

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM