MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Crime Prevention Committee
April 3, 2023 7:00 PM
Zoom meeting
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7:00 PM CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Gager called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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1. ROLL CALL – Present: Chair George Gager, Vice Chair Cedrick Cobb, Members: Dorothy Herzberg were present. Member James Dolganas had communicated that he was going to absent from this meeting.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bret Guest spoke and reaffirmed his desire to be on the Crime Prevention Committee.

Jon Bashor spoke and reaffirmed his desire to be on the Crime Prevention Committee. He explained that he was the victim of an attempted catalytic converter theft since the last meeting.

3. COUNCIL AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Sergeant Leone updated the CPC on the status of the Flock ALPR camera system. City Council voted to approve the system, but there is an unknown ETA for construction to start.

Sergeant Leone explained that the catalytic converter etching program is up and running and many have been handed out at the police department.

Sergeant Leone gave a staffing update for the police department.

Sergeant Leone explained that there was going to be a Corporal testing process on April 4th.

Sergeant Leone explained to the committee about the fact that the police department releases a crime blotter on that platform so they could learn about the crimes that are occurring in El Cerrito.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and approve minutes from March 6th, 2023, meeting.

• Motion to approve minutes: made by Dorothy Herzberg, seconded by Cedrick Cobb.
• Ayes: Chair Gager, Vice Chair Cobb, and Member Herzberg.
• Noes: None
• Abstentions: None

5. COMMUNITY SCAMS AND CRIME INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

Chair George Gager spoke about online research he did on websites from AARP, CSAAA, and the FBI. He spoke about a mission of the CPC to educate people at the City of El Cerrito Fourth of July event. He shared that CSAAA and AARP have videos that could be used and shared with members of the public.

The committee discussed technology that exists that someone could tap into your signal to open your garage door or vehicle doors.

At the direction of Chair Gager he wanted to form a sub-committee to keep conducting research on common scams in order to plan on how to educate the public. Sergeant Leone explained to the committee that he would reach out to the City Clerk on the rules for a sub-committee and he would get the information to them. A sub-committee was formed with Vice Chair Cobb and Member Herzberg.

6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

There was an email sent by Jon Bashor that about AARP that was forwarded to the Crime Prevention Committee members by Sergeant Leone.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Member Dorothy Herzberg expressed her concern for the safety in the schools in the WCCUSD. She enquired about SRO’s being brought back into the schools. She was informed that the decision to remove the SRO’s from the schools was made by the school district and not the City of El Cerrito or the El Cerrito Police Department.

Chair Gager discussed information he found on line about how people are hacking into the Ring doorbell camera systems.
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Get updates from the sub-committee on the progress of their research.

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

George Gager, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Crime Prevention Committee meeting of 4-3-23 as approved by the Crime Prevention Committee.

Sergeant Aaron Leone, Staff Liaison