



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday September 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Catherine Krueger, Marty Takimoto, Nicholas Arzio, Bruce Yow

Members not in Attendance: Eugene Go, Linda Jolivet

City Council/Staff in Attendance: None / CPL Wahrlich, Suzanne Iarla

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Takimoto/Arzio) to adopt the August 13, 2014 meeting minutes. Unanimous

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Suzanne Iarla, Community Outreach for the City of El Cerrito, made a presentation to the CPC about Measure R, a ballot initiative on the upcoming November ballot. The presentation provided an overview of the measure and included an overview of the fiscal state of the City, as well as what impact it would have on the city. She also provided a Frequently Asked Questions sheet.

Member Arzio asked Iarla several questions and expressed concerns over the measure's wording and the appropriateness of a city employee making a presentation about information about a ballot measure not within the purview of the Crime Prevention Committee.

Corporal Wahrlich reported the most recent Citizen's Academy began on Monday, 9/8/14. Three members of the CPC are enrolled in the Citizen's Academy.

Corporal Wahrlich provided an update on staffing and reported three officers graduated the police academy at the end of August and began the FTO program. Two are former ECPD Police Explorers and Cadets and the third is a graduate of the citizen's academy. This brings the total officers in FTO to five.

3. Comments from the Public

Rick Radin, a reporter with the Contra Costa Times, attended the meeting but did not make any comments.

4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities for 2014:

The CPC discussed their Work Plan and presentation to the City Council. They reviewed the format and discussed goals. One goal which was agreed upon was to update the CPC's promotional and educational material.

The CPC inquired about Tri-city safety day, scheduled for 9/20/14. The police department will have a booth which will be staffed by officers and explorers. CPC members may attend.

The online security presentation was brought up. However, Member Jolivet was not in attendance and could not provide an update. There was a concern about a private company presenting at a city venue.

5. Membership:

Members Arzio and Go, both of whom are enrolled in the Citizen's Academy, invited their classmates to attend the CPC meeting but none attended.

The CPC inquired about the status of a recruitment postcard which was submitted for approval. They were informed the status would need to be researched and they would be updated.

6. Communication Report (Including Neighborhood Watch / Home Security Report.)

Nothing

7. Adjournment

Moved and carried to adjourn at 8:09 PM.