



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday April 08, 2015 – 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 7:04 PM.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Catherine Krueger, Nicholas Arzio, Bruce Yow, Linda Jolivet

Members not in Attendance: Eugene Go, Marty Takimoto

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Corporal Wahrlich

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Arzio/Yow) to adopt the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes as amended.

Aye: Krueger, Arzio, Yow, Jolivet

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Corporal Wahrlich provided a brief update on the shooting which occurred across from ECHS and informed the CPC there were arrests in the case.

Corporal Wahrlich provided the CPC with a Police Department staffing update.

Corporal Wahrlich reported Bike the Bridges is scheduled for 6/14/15. Bike the Bridges is a fundraiser for Special Olympics which is sponsored by several police departments including El Cerrito P.D. The CPC was invited to participate in the event and join the ECPD team.

3. Comments from the Public:

None

4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

(a) Member Takimoto was unanimously elected to the chair position and Member Krueger was unanimously elected to the vice-chair position.

(b) Member Arzio reported he spoke with Suzanne Iarla and a BART Police Watch Commander about planning a community cleanup event in El Cerrito. Logistic and groups to reach out to for possible participation, including the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Environmental Quality Committee, and the Human Relations Commission were discussed. The purpose of the event is to promote community policing and create an opportunity for members of the Police Department to work with citizens. A subcommittee of Members Krueger and Arzio was formed to plan the event and identify locations within the city to focus on.

Member Arzio moved for the CPC to plan a community cleanup event tentatively scheduled for September 2015 and to reach out to the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Environmental Quality Committee, the Human Relations Commission, the El Cerrito Police Department, BART Police Department, and the City Council for co-sponsorship. The motion was seconded by Chair Krueger and unanimously passed.

The CPC discussed the possibility of creating murals along the BART Path with a goal of reducing graffiti crime along the path. Historical studies have shown murals can deter graffiti. Any project would need to be coordinated with the Arts & Culture Commission and BART. A subcommittee of Members Arzio and Jolivet was formed.

Member Arzio moved for the CPC in an effort to reduce graffiti crime will approach the Arts & Culture Commission, the City of El Cerrito, and BART to co-sponsor a mural project along the BART Path on the support pillars which will potentially utilize commissioned artists. The motion was seconded by Member Jolivet and unanimously passed.

- (c) This agenda item was previously resolved and not discussed.
- (d) Member Arzio presented survey questions for citizens regarding needs and what the CPC and can do to help. The questions were as follows:
 - 1. Which crime categories do you feel are a problem in El Cerrito?
 - a. Crimes against people
 - b. Property
 - c. Scams/Identity crimes
 - d. Other (fill in blank)
 - 2. Are you familiar with the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee (“CPC”)?
 - 3. Are you interested in?
 - a. Attending a CPC meeting
 - b. Attending a National Night Out Block Party
 - c. Attending a neighborhood watch meeting
 - d. Attending an identity theft seminar
 - e. Tri-City Safety Event
 - 4. Would you like to join?
 - a. The CPC
 - b. A neighborhood watch group
 - 5. Have you signed up for any of the following?
 - a. ECPD’s Twitter account
 - b. ECPD’s Nixle account
 - c. ECPD phone app
 - d. Nextdoor.com

- (e) Chair Krueger reported the Work Plan Presentation before the City Council on March 17, 2015 went well. It was well received and there were no questions from the council.
- (f) Chair Krueger and Member Yow attended a neighborhood watch meeting in the 600 block of Albemarle. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 citizens who were concerned, uptight, and scared following the recent shooting at ECHS. They reported a feeling of helplessness amongst the group.
- (g) The CPC requested the window decals be ordered soon so they had something to hand out at future neighborhood watch meetings.

5. Membership:

None

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

Member Arzio notified the CPC of an upcoming event. The El Cerrito chapter of the NAACP will host *Race Relations and Trust in our Community* scheduled for 4/18/15 at St. Peter's Church.

7. Adjournment:

Moved and carried (Arzio / Yow) to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Unanimous.