



MINUTES OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

El Cerrito City Hall

Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

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

Roll Call

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

Members not in Attendance: Eugene Go, Linda Jolivet

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Councilmember Quinto / Corporal Wahrlich

1. Approval of Minutes:

Moved and carried (Arzio/Krueger) to adopt the April 08, 2015 meeting minutes as amended.

Aye: Krueger, Arzio, Yow

Nay: None

Abstentions: Takimoto (Not present for the April 8, 2015 meeting)

2. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Corporal Wahrlich reported the City would be hosting a refueling station on the BART path and Fairmount Ave for Bike to Work on 5/14/15 and invited the CPC to stop by.

Corporal Wahrlich provided the CPC with a Police Department staffing update and an update on the promotional process.

Corporal Wahrlich reported the police magnets and neighborhood watch decals were ordered.

Corporal Wahrlich reported there was a neighborhood watch meeting for a new neighborhood watch group scheduled for Sunday, 5/17/15.

Councilmember Quinto reported the Hillside Festival was scheduled for Sunday, 5/17/15, from 10 am to 5pm. It will be held at the Recycling Center.

Councilmember Quinto reported the City purchased property on Madera and plans to work on trails in the Hillside Nature Area.

Councilmember Quinto reported MCE, a clean energy choice, is now available for residents to select as an energy provider.

Member Yow, speaking as a member of the public, requested extra and high visibility uniform patrol in beat 10, specifically west of ECHS. He believes the extra patrol will help alleviate the angst of residents.

3. Comments from the Public:

Kenneth Epley, a resident living near Schmidt Lane and Rivera Street and member of the Community on Aging, provided a brief bio on himself. He was interested in the CPC and wanted to attend a meeting.

Mollie Hazen, a resident and former CPC chair attended the meeting.

4. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

(a) Member Arzio reported the BART path mural subcommittee contacted the Arts and Culture Commission. He spoke as a member of the public at their last meeting and asked them to agendize and create a subcommittee and support the project. He recommended a joint subcommittee be formed. The Arts and Culture Commission appeared excited about the project. He will talk to BART in the future.

(b) The CPC voted for a police / community cleanup at the last meeting. Member Arzio reported he attended the Human Relations Committee meeting and they seemed interested in the event. They will likely put it on the agenda for the next meeting. The Environmental Quality Committee was approached about the event on 5/12/15. The EQC agendized and approved the event. The El Cerrito Chapter of the NAACP was also approached they plan to agendize the event for an upcoming meeting and will likely participate.

(c) The survey for neighborhood watch groups and NNO hosts will be distributed via email. The survey for citizens regarding needs and what the CPC and can do to help will be printed and distributed at upcoming events. Two questions were added to the citizens survey:

1. Would you like to be a part of a neighborhood watch meeting?
2. Is there a neighborhood watch sign at an intersection near you? If so, which intersection?

(d) Vice Chair Krueger will follow up with the Albemarle Neighborhood Watch group and determine where the Neighborhood Watch signs should be placed.

(e) The window decals and magnets have been ordered and should be delivered soon.

(f) The CPC will staff the table at the 4th of July celebration with the Police Department. They hope to finish updating the CPC brochures and other publications before the event.

5. Membership:

None

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

Member Arzio shared an incident involving a homeless person on the south end of town. He sees this as an emerging issue and expressed concern of a growing problem and a need for services.

7. Adjournment:

Moved and carried (Krueger / Arzio) to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Unanimous.