



MINUTES
OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Conference Room –second floor
10890 San Pablo Avenue

1. Call to Order:

Committee Vice-Chair Marty Takimoto called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Members in Attendance: Vice-Chair Marty Takimoto, Spike DeClue, Eugene Go, Bruce Yow, Mollie Hazen and Linda Jolivet (7:21PM).

Members not in Attendance: Chair Nick Arzio

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler, Sherry Drobner, Christian Thiel, Sue Hansen and Rosa Esquivel

3. Approval of Minutes:

Member Hazen noted that section 6 (subsection a) should reflect the fact that Vice-Chair Takimoto and Member Hazen are also part of the Neighborhood Watch/NNO Outreach Subcommittee.

Member Go also noted that his name and Member DeClue's name should be listed as members of the National Night Out Subcommittee.

Moved and carried (Go/DeClue) to adopt the amended version of the April 12th 2017, meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Member DeClue, Member Go, Member Yow, Member Hazen and Member Jolivet

Nay: None

Abstentions: Vice-Chair Takimoto

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder reported that the District Attorney filed formal charges against the suspect in the Park Vista homicide.

Cpl. Elder pointed out that the National Night Out event is drawing closer (August 1st, 2017) and he will be working with the CPC members to help develop the event.

5. Comments from the Public:

Cordell Hindler told the committee he would reach out to ECHS and explore opportunities for youth to participate with the CPC and Neighborhood Watch. Mr. Hindler will bring a sample

job description for the position of treasurer next meeting. Based on the upcoming end of the school year, Mr. Hindler may wait until the following school year.

Sherry Drobner identified herself as a member of the El Cerrito Progressives group and wanted to know if there was an opportunity to insert information about knowing your Constitutional rights into the work the CPC is doing. Mrs. Drobner suggested informational handouts. Mrs. Drobner was encouraged to develop an informational pamphlet that the CPC could review at a later date and it was suggested that Mrs. Drobner meet with City Council Member Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto for more information. Mrs. Drobner was asked to email a draft of the information to Vice-Chair Takimoto.

Rosa Esquivel had no public comment for the committee.

Sue Hansen had no public comment for the committee.

Christian Thiel had no public comment for the committee.

There was also a brief conversation about the high level of shoplifting from the Safeway grocery store and Cpl. Elder provided an overview of what a Citizen's Arrest is.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- a) Neighborhood Watch/ NNO Outreach Subcommittee updates (Arzio/Go/Takimoto/Hazen)
 - Vice-Chair Takimoto provided some of the follow up topics that came up during the subcommittee's event held on April 4th. Those topics were as follows: improved communication between NW leadership, the creation of NW outreach information/material (electronic version), more resources for improving NW programs, information on how to run meetings more effectively and possibly a more structured NW format. The attendees enjoy the NNO event and want it to remain as a series of individual block parties.
- b) CPC Seminar Planning Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - The seminar currently being planned by the subcommittee has been moved to the fall to coincide with the start of the new school year.
- c) Crime Prevention Educational Materials Subcommittee (Takimoto/Jolivet/Hazen)
 - The subcommittee is working to update some of the educational material in time to pass out during the July 4th event in El Cerrito.
- d) Crime Prevention Committee Membership Requirements Subcommittee (Arzio/Jolivet)
 - This subcommittee has not yet met.
- e) El Cerrito Police Department Nixle blotter (Jolivet)
 - Member Jolivet is still working on a draft letter for the committee to review.

- f) Selection of new CPC leadership for upcoming fiscal year
 - The committee selected Mollie Hazen as next year’s Chair and Nathan”Spike” DeClue as the Vice-Chair.

Moved and carried (Takimoto) to approve the new Chair and Vice-Chair candidates.

Aye: Unanimous

Nay: None

Abstentions: None

- g) National Night Out Subcommittee (Go/DeClue/Hazen)
 - Member Go has reviewed the NATW website for possible purchases to be made such as event hats. Cpl. Elder spoke about some of the issues surrounding the planning of the NNO event.
- h) El Cerrito Smoking Pollution Protection Ordinance (Arzio)
 - Chair Arzio was not present for the meeting so his item was moved to next months meeting.

7. Membership:

Rosa Esquivel asked about the process of becoming a member and is interested in applying for membership at a later date.

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

Cpl. Elder indicated that there were no email or voice mail messages for the committee. Member Go did report that the Barks and Bells event was coming up and suggested members of the committee attend.

9. Adjournment:

Moved and carried (Takimoto/Hazen) Unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.