



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

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Mollie Hazen called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Chair Mollie Hazen, Rosa Esquivel, Eugene Go, Bruce Yow and Nick Arzio (left at 7:09 PM).

Members not in Attendance: Marty Takimoto, Linda Jolivet, Vice-Chair Nathan DeClue and Jim Dolgonas

City Council/Staff in Attendance: Cpl. Brian Elder

Guests/Members of the Public: Cordell Hindler and two residents from the area of Key Boulevard/Del Norte BART.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Member Arzio indicated that the minutes from the December meeting did not accurately reflect the contents of his comments regarding the consolidation of two older subcommittee groups into one subcommittee and that his comments should have been interpreted differently. Member Arzio left the meeting before there was a vote to accept and/or amend the minutes. The committee approved the minutes without making any changes.

Moved and carried (Go/Yow) to adopt the December 13th, 2017 meeting minutes as written.

Aye: Hazen, Esquivel, Go, and Yow

Nay: None

Abstentions: Arzio

4. Council / Staff Liaison Reports:

Cpl. Elder provided the members of the committee with a handout which outlined the attendance requirements of the committee and how to report an absence. Cpl. Elder told the committee about the recent arrest of a suspect who was robbing fast food restaurants with a firearm. The suspect was located and arrested by El Cerrito PD officers. Cpl. Elder also talked about the increase in laptop thefts from coffee shops and several directed enforcement options that were being considered to try and combat the thefts.

5. Comments from the Public:

Two residents from the area of Knott Avenue and Key Boulevard spoke with the committee about the increase in crime in their neighborhood. They addressed several issues to include an increase in drug use, burglaries and a lack of adequate lighting in their area. Cpl. Elder agreed to stay after the meeting and meet with the residents and identify some resources that may be able to help their situation.

Cordell Hindler spoke with the committee about involving new people in Neighborhood Watch, providing refreshments at meetings, and identifying guest speakers for meetings.

6. Discussion of Crime Prevention Committee Activities:

- a) Neighborhood Watch Program Development Subcommittee (Hazen/Takimoto/Esquivel/Dolgonas)
 - Chair Hazen reminded the committee that two other subcommittees were consolidated into this new subcommittee. The group has met twice since the last CPC meeting and is currently working on updating the Neighborhood Watch brochure. The subcommittee is also examining the idea of finding non-traditional locations for Neighborhood Watch meetings to try and increase the participation of those who may not feel comfortable holding a meeting in their home. Cpl. Elder encouraged the subcommittee to compile their ideas into a proposal which he would submit for approval.

- b) Commercial Security Cameras (Dolgonas)
 - Member Dolgonas was absent for the meeting and the agenda item was not addressed

7. Membership:

None

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

Cpl. Elder indicated that there were no new messages or email for the Crime Prevention Committee.

9. Announcements:

Chair Hazen reminded everyone that the El Cerrito PD Community Police Academy begins on February 7th.

10. Future Agenda Items:

None

11. Adjournment:

Moved and carried; adjourned at 7:47 PM. Unanimous.