



MINUTES REGULAR MEETING OF THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

VIA TELECONFERENCE:

<https://zoom.us/j/94387728465?pwd=SzFZNDJBOFY4RkFudFZUMkVLT3Z3UT09>

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1. 7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

Chair Takimoto called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. ROLL CALL – Present:

Chair Marty Takimoto; Members Jim Dolgonas, Eugene Go and Dorothy Herzberg were present. Member Gager was not present.

Staff Liaisons: Councilmember Tessa Rudnick and Sergeant Scott Cliatt.

Members of the Public: Frederick Shaw, Cedrick Cobb, Katie Fournier, and Cordell Hindler.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Cordell Hinder said that a HOA newsletter would attract interest and having guest speakers would be enlightening.

4. COUNCIL AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Rudnick reported that the next City Council meeting would be on May 18th where the Council would hear reports on the budget from the City's Department heads. She encouraged members to attend. She reported that the City would be receiving funds as the part of the Federal Relief Package. She discussed the possibility of a new library being part of a new development. Councilmember Rudnick reported discussing with Chair Takimoto that once budget outcomes are known that the goals of the committee and its work with the Police Department could be better framed for future action.

Sgt. Cliatt encouraged members and the public to subscribe to the Department's Nixle account for crime information. He also reported that the Chief was strongly considering putting on the National Night Out event this year. He also discussed a recent hate crime incident.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review and approve minutes from the April 14th, 2021 meeting.

- Motion: Herzberg Second: Dolgonas
- Ayes: Dolgonas, Go, Herzberg
- Nays: None
- Abstentions: (Chair Takimoto experienced technical difficulties and briefly left the meeting.)

6. DISCUSSION OF CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The committee discussed the Draft – 2021, Neighborhood Watch Description Revision (See attached.)

The Committee discussed new membership. Both William “Cedrick” Cobb and Katie Fournier have attended three meetings. Cobb has submitted an application to the City Clerk.

Chair Takimoto called for a vote for to recommend William “Cedrick” Cobb as a member.

Motion: Member Dolgonas Second: Member Herzberg

Ayes: Members Dolgonas, and Herzberg, Vice Chair Go and Chair Takimoto.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

Chair Takimoto called for a vote for to recommend Katie Fournier as a member.

Motion: Member Herzberg Second: Member Dolgonas

Ayes: Members Dolgonas, and Herzberg, Vice Chair Go and Chair Takimoto.

Nays: None.

Abstentions: None.

7. COMMUNICATION REPORT

No communication.

8. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION OF CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

None.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Marty Takimoto, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Crime Prevention Committee meeting on March 10th, 2021 as approved by the Crime Prevention Committee.

Sgt. S. Cliatt, Staff Liaison

ATTACHEMENT

Neighborhood Watch Description Revision

DRAFT-May 2021

Neighborhood Watch Description Revision (for EC website)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

Neighborhood Watch (NW) is a community-based program to help reduce crime in our neighborhoods. Working with the El Cerrito Police Department (ECPD) and the City of El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee (CPC), residents organize with each other in a team effort to help share crime prevention information and reduce crime in our neighborhoods.

Statistics and criminals alike verify that when neighbors organize, the opportunity for crime is drastically reduced. Join the team and help to contribute to the safety of our community!

HOW DO I START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP?

- 1.** Begin by recruiting neighbors to help organize your group. Start with neighbors you know well or casually and brainstorm ideas for your group. Some questions to consider: What do you want your NW group to accomplish? Are there specific issues or concerns about crime that you want your group to help address? How big or small do you want your group to be?
- 2.** Contact us to help plan and schedule your initial NW meeting with your neighbors. We can help get you started with ideas and tips for organizing your group and scheduling your first meeting with neighbors and representatives from ECPD and CPC. Contact CPC at <crimeprevention@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us> or 510-215-4418.
- 3.** Keep your Watch group engaged and involved by creating a plan of action which includes regular meetings, neighborhood events (e.g., National Night Out), crime prevention information sharing or training sessions, or purely social events to get to know your neighbors.
- 4.** Develop a communication plan. What types of communication work best for your group? In person? Email? Social media? How often will you share information and how much information do your neighbors want or need? Who will be responsible for group communications?
- 5.** Continue to work with ECPD and CPC as needed or desired!