

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Agenda

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Meeting 5:00p.m.

Balboa Park

Recital Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes for March 15, 2007
3. Current Information Scan – *Commissioner Chief Lansdowne*
4. Commission-Community Dialogue (Speakers Slips are available for this at the door)
 - a. 3 minute introductions of community based organizations/churches and social groups with programs serving at risk youth.
5. Executive Director Report:
 - a. Grants Information
 - b. 13- City National League of Cities Gang Network
6. Information Items:
 - a. **May 10th**: *Community Solutions* co-sponsored by the Commission, San Diego Community Foundation, Jacobs Foundation and the U.S. Attorney's Office.
 - b. **Juvenile Services Letter**
7. Adjournment

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Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2007

5:00p.m.

Bayside Community Center

2202 Comstock Street

San Diego, CA

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Attending Commissioners:

Pastor Harry Cooper
Dr. Carl Cohn
Steve Eldred
Larry Fitch
Eugene Johnson
Conrad Harris
Kevin Henderson
Chief Iaria
Chief Lansdowne
Benita Page
Alicia DeLeon Torres
Christopher Yanov
Scott Silverman
Lyn Sharpe-Underwood

Absent:

Dr. Sise
Gary Gallegos

2. Approval of the February 15, 2007 minutes

3. Information Scan

Street Gang Information from San Diego Police Department

Lt. John Leas stated that month of February saw positive results in terms of gang population remaining constant and people being pushed out of the system, the numbers of cases the gang unit is monitoring almost same as previous month. There were 55 gang-related cases, 27 felonies and violent crimes are under investigation. Remaining are misdemeanors; no drive bys or

attempted murders. Gang suppression continues in the Mid-City, Southeastern and Southern Divisions.

4. Workplan for the year for the Commission

Larry Fitch explained that the workplan is the first step in completing a strategic plan. He stated there were some key values that the workplan expresses with regards to alignment of expectations and the needs of youth and communities being served:

1. The commission is youth focused, yet communities have the right to feel safe in their homes and on their streets
2. The goal of our strategy is not intended to violate peoples rights and privileges. He noted community concerns about how people are documented as gang member, how long they stay in the system, if injunctions work, and whether people are getting rousted improperly. All must walk a fine line as does the Police Department.

Key timelines and benchmarks in the workplan:

- Community involvement is a major focus.
- Research of best practices nationwide is ongoing.
- Local resources from the community will be reviewed.
- Ad Hoc Committee progress reports are due in July and Neighborhood Committee reports are due in August.
- September will be conclusion of the strategic plan with a report to the Mayor in October and November the strategic plan with hopes to have a gang summit and a technical team to enhance collaboration among organizations around prevention, intervention and suppression.

Chris Yanov: Stressed the need to be careful of where to put the resources. The Commission must diversify prevention and intervention targets since not all teens will be in gangs.

Alicia DeLeon Torres: Commission's final product must be culturally competent. She will submit a statement to be included in the workplan to assure the strategic plan is sensitive to cultures and that each community may have a different focus with regards to prevention and intervention.

Steve Eldred: Please make sure to add more detail about the communities we will be involving in the process and how we will be involving them.

Staff: Still awaiting direction from the City Attorney on the set up of Ad Hoc Committees with non-commission members. Ad Hoc Committees can be established with the understanding of community involvement as soon as possible.

Motion by Larry Fitch and seconded by Alicia DeLeon Torres to accept the plan with changes discussed during meeting was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Data Ad Hoc Committee Commission members: Chief Lansdowne, Chief Iaria and Larry Fitch

Program Resource Ad Hoc Committee: Kevin Henderson and Alicia DeLeon Torres

Ad Hoc Values Committee: Chaired by Larry Fitch, included are Dr. Carl Cohn, Eugene Johnson and Steve Eldred

Chairs from all the Ad Hoc Committees will get together to work on and develop the Strategic Plan, which will be completed by November 2007.

Kevin Henderson: In response to Lt. Leas' report on the decrease in crime and gang violence during February, wanted the Chief to know that Metro United has employed 70 gang members.

5. **Community Dialogue:**

Phyllis Meredith, Counselor at Montgomery Middle School: Thank you to the Commission for supporting on the Safe Passages Program (started in Los Angeles) First meeting is scheduled for March 22nd. The organizations to be represented are: Police and Fire Departments, Park & Recreation, Gang Commission, Juvenal Hall and Court, school police officers, Probation Department, Human Relations Commission and the Mayor's office.

Grover Diemert: Montgomery Middle School has also started the Family Success Center. Organizing this Center included community partners such as Bayside and the Gang Commission and is designed to help parents be more prepared to work with their children

6. **Director's report**

1. Grants report is attached for review and use by the community.
2. National League of Cities is working on national legislation and is involved with State-wide issues.

7. Announcements:

1. March 19th : Gang Definitions Workshop with Dr. Dana Nurge.
2. April 19th : Community Resource Summit is at Balboa Park starting at 4:30 p.m. Pastor Cooper: As part of the April 19th meeting, the goal is to bring together any and all who can help to prevent kids from being in gangs, from single individuals to large groups in schools and develop connection between all, identify who's doing what.
3. May 10th : Community Solutions Workshop will feature Dr. John Marshall of the Omega Boys Club of Oakland, which mentors & tutors young men. Also coming to the workshop are Dr. Anthony Braga from San Francisco, (who worked with the Boston Cease Fire), and Angel Rios of San Jose. This workshop is co-sponsored with the San Diego Foundation and the event will likely be held at their facility. Tentative time will be 9a.m.-2p.m.
4. Larry Fitch met with Supervisor Bill Horn; also in attendance were David Neiggard, President of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce and Gary Knight with the North County Economic Council. Supervisors Bill Horn and Ron Roberts are teaming up to do a county-wide gang program.
5. Steve Eldred announced the San Diego Foundation's STOP-NOW program which is a grants program for gang prevention programs in the City. A press conference was held t the San Diego Foundation which announced a grants program with the City of San Diego and the Foundation.

Kevin Henderson announced that (along with others members of Overcoming Gangs) Conrad Harris went to court and the Federal parole officer spoke so well of Harris that the judge let him off parole early for things he's been doing.

Councilmember Donna Frye has nominated Pam Perkins to replace Rosemary Ortega and Councilman Peters has nominated Victor Torres to replace Marilyn Stewart on the Commission.

Kevin Henderson mentioned the Overcoming Gangs forum which was held on March 1st attended by 90% of people gang involved or previously gang involved. At issue was the need to be heard, the need to talk and help with difficult situations. Attendees were grateful to be heard. Minutes and comments will be shared soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Dear Parent,

Your child was contacted by the San Diego Police Department at _____
on _____ at _____ am./pm. Your child may have been involved with
individuals participating in high risk activity such as gangs, drugs, alcohol, and/or
criminal misconduct.

We would like the opportunity to discuss this activity with you.

Please call _____ at _____.

Your involvement as a parent can be the single most important factor in eliminating these
negative influences in the life of your child. We would like to offer support in your
efforts with your child. We have listed the following resources available to you.

The following websites are resource information that will help you:

1. City of San Diego Website at: www.sandiego.gov/. Click on Community, then
Social Services.
2. San Diego Workforce Partnership Website at:
<http://www.sandiegoatwork.com/generate/html/Youth/youthmappingpage.html>.
Click on Net help.
3. Commission on Gang Prevention & Intervention Website at:
www.sandiego.gov/gangcommission. This website lists several resources in your
neighborhood that can be of assistance.

We have included an informational brochure that you may find useful. Let's work
together to keep your child and the community safe and eliminate the negative influences
from our communities.

Sincerely,

David Cavanaugh
Lieutenant, Juvenile Administration Unit



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