

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention  
*Minutes of March Meeting*  
Garfield Elementary  
4487 Oregon Street  
San Diego, CA 92116  
Thursday, March 15, 2012

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:03pm.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

1. Commissioner Bonnie Dumanis
2. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne
3. Commissioner Dana Brown
4. Commissioner Danny Villareal
5. Commissioner Fred Sotelo
6. Commissioner Edward Martinez
7. Commissioner Mack Jenkins
8. Commissioner Pastor Archie Robinson
9. Commissioner Rosa Ana Lozada
10. Commissioner Sheriff William Gore
11. Commissioner Joyce Abrams
12. Commissioner Carol Williams
13. Commissioner Christopher Yanov
14. Commissioner Superintendent William Kowba

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comment Slips

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Sheriff Gore to approve the January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes; it was seconded by Commissioner Chief Lansdowne. Passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM A

Assistant Chief Boyd Long, Captain Tony McElroy, and Marsha Lyon from Say San Diego updated the Commission on the impact of Crime Free Multi-Housing. In August of 2010 IPS presented information about Crime Free Multi-Housing to SDPD. Captain McElroy from Southeastern Division had officers talk to apartment owners and managers about Crime Free Multi-Housing, who were in complete support of the model. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 they held their first eight hour training which sixteen apartment owners and managers attended from Southeastern and Mid-City. Since this time they have held five additional training meetings which 127 apartment managers have attended. In the next

year they are hoping to implement the program city-wide. IPS has run out of funding for the program so Say San Diego has been providing the funding. Say San Diego brings funding and resources to the partnership. Other current partnerships include Price Charities (special thank you to Kurt Smith) and the Commission (special thank you to Lynn Sharpe-Underwood). There is room for more partnerships to help with this program; including help from local schools and the Probation Department. There has not been very many evictions at this time and no evictions of families with small children. However, the program will look into providing resources for families with children who are evicted. At this time there has not been a need for a city ordinance to mandate participation but the need for an ordinance will be reevaluated next year after the program goes city-wide.

- SDPD has been monitoring calls for service and hours spent at the apartment complexes who are participating in the program
  - Meadowbrook Apartments (About 400 Units)
    - January 2010 there were 30 calls for service and 36.8 hours spent at the complex
    - January 2012 there were 14 calls for service and 12.7 hours spent at the complex
    - In 2010 there were 315 calls and 453.6 hours spent at the complex
    - In 2011 there were 239 calls (reduction of 24.1%) and 356.6 hours spent at the complex (reduction of 19.2%)
    - Despite the expectation that calls for service would increase because the residents were more informed as to when to call the police, calls for service decreased the first 6 months as the hours spent at the apartment complex increased. More time is being spent at the apartment complex as officers are not just responding to calls but are also being invited to participate in community events as well.
  - Sea Breeze Garden Apartments (About 300 Units)
    - January 2010 there were 22 calls for service and 69.1 hours spent at the complex
    - January 2012 there were 25 calls for service and 50.6 hours spent at the complex
    - In 2010 there were 250 calls for service and 380.9 hours spent at the complex
    - In 2011 there were 236 calls for service (5.6% reduction) and 450.2 hours spent at the complex (18.2% increase)
  - Bella Vista Apartment (About 250 Units)
    - There was a 13% increase in hours spent at the complex
  - The SDPD will continue to monitor ongoing calls and hours of service spent at the participating apartment complexes. Price Charities has dedicated an analyst to the program to help monitor these complexes. An

individual survey about qualitative aspects of the program will be needed in the future.

***Recommended Action:***

Support the work of the Crime Free Multi-Housing, multi-agency task force and assign staff to be part of the multi-agency task force

Motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Dumanis.

Discussion: Commissioner Yanov is in favor of the work they are doing but opposed to the name as he believes it has a negative connotation. Assistant Chief Boyd Long agreed and indicated they are trying to find a better name.

Motion was opposed by Commissioner Yanov. There were no abstentions. The rest of the Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

If people are interested in participating they should let Lynn Sharpe-Underwood know.

**ACTION ITEM B**

The Ad Hoc committee on Trauma Informed Care is composed of Commissioners Ed Martinez, William Kowba (Dr. Fulcher), Chair Rosa Ana Lozada, Dana Brown and Chris Yanov. This Ad Hoc committee is part of the Commission's strategic action plan. Commissioner Yanov described Trauma Informed Care or TIC. Inside everyone is a ticking time bomb and every time someone is exposed to violence there is another tick on that time bomb and eventually it will explode. Trauma Informed Care tries to wind up the clock by providing positive programs that promote productive outcomes to avoid the ticking time bomb exploding into more acts of violence.

***Recommended Action:***

Accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to focus on educating the public through an education piece to be presented at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Summit; work on a fall symposium for counselors and other professionals to be sponsored by San Ysidro Health Centers; work to establish a multi-agency trauma team.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lansdowne and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Discussion: Trauma Informed Care as it relates to community violence is the center focus for the Commission; as this model believes witnesses to violence are also victims. Trauma Informed Care can change the attitude and approach about how to interact with the community. Commissioner Brown suggested including Youth Voice in the discussion on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Action was passed unanimously.

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVES REPORTS

- **Check and Connect:** presented by Commissioner Kowba and Becky Philpott
  - Commissioner Kowba noted that the San Diego School District has been looking for various programs to establish models and mentoring for our young folk because high dropout rates are believed to be due to the lack of role models in the community.
  - Check and Connect is a program from the University of Minnesota and is part of a research study conducted by the American Institute for Research to determine if having a mentor helps students to graduate from high school. Students are pulled at random from the 9<sup>th</sup> grade data from last year to participate in the program. After they were randomly selected the students and their parents were asked if they would like to participate.
  - Becky Philpott introduced the Commission to three mentors and six students who are currently participating in this program. There are currently five full time mentors working in the school district. Each mentor works with two high schools and handles a case load of 50-60 students that they personally mentor. The mentors check in with their students weekly as well as checking their attendance and behavior records. The mentors try to assist the students with anything that they need in order to graduate including assistance with after school tutoring, counseling, and working out at a gym. The mentors try to meet with the students during the school day during their elective classes or after school. They may conduct a home visit and talk to their parents as well. Mentors stay with students till graduation no matter what school they go to.
  
- **AJA-** Photography work in the refugee community presented by Ashleigh Starke and two AJA participants
  - The program is comprised of students from refugee communities and/or those considered to be at risk youth.
  - Students are taught how to use photography as a way to express their feelings.
    - AJA participants are currently working on making a map of their school that shows places where violence occurs on campus. They are planning to work with the school and campus police to help make their school a safer place to be.
    - AJA is starting a program to address gang violence in the schools.
    - AJA was invited by the Commission to join the April 25<sup>th</sup> event and bring a photo display to present.

### CURRENT INFORMATION SCAN

- *Gang Crime Statistics* –Commissioner Chief Lansdowne
  - In February there was 1 gang related homicide. Year to date there have been 4 gang related homicides (3 have been solved). Last year at this time there was one gang related homicide.
  - 12 aggravated assaults occurred in February and year to date there have been 33. Last year at this time there were 34 aggravated assaults.

- Suppression:
  - Street Gang Unit has made 86 arrests
    - 43 were felony arrests
    - 20 were juvenile arrests
  - Three handguns were recovered.
  - There are approximately 4,053 documented gang members. There have been approximately 4,000 documented gang members in San Diego over the past four years. This is a lower number than other cities the size of San Diego.
- A Hotspot report for the July meeting was scheduled.
- *County Realignment*- Commissioner Jenkins
  - Director Stacy Adams and Supervisor Jason Drugson from the Special Operations Unit presented information about juvenile serious violent offenders under supervision:
    - From January 2011 to date 25 offenders have been under supervision
      - 3 successfully terminated
      - 3 unsuccessfully terminated due to adult convictions
      - 1 was deported
      - 1 is currently in juvenile hall
      - 2 were moved to adult supervision due to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays
      - 14 are currently in the community engaging in pro-social behaviors
    - 175 juveniles are currently participating in the custody to community program (an evidence based program focusing on gangs)
      - 20 youth have participated in a tattoo removal program called Access
  - Commissioner Jenkins reported information about Realignment
    - October 1<sup>st</sup> - March 12<sup>th</sup>:
      - 1,181 post release offenders have been under supervision by Probation. These are not offenders who have been released early:
        - 38% of these offenders reside in the City of San Diego
        - 21% are transient
        - 8% are currently living in downtown San Diego
        - Over 200 offenders who were released have been rearrested.
        - The Probation Department has been using several intermediate sanctions. Flash Incarceration has been used over 300 times and is used by Probation Officers to arrest a person under their supervision and put them in jail for 10 consecutive days without going through a court proceeding.

- About 6% of those supervised are currently going through revocation proceedings.
- 40% of offenders were sent to prison for drug offenses.
- 36% were sent to prison for property offenses which are believed to have been driven by drugs. Information to gain empirical data to prove this belief is true is needed.
- Unity Transition Center:
  - Is aiming to get 100% of parolees to stay in Unity Transition Center after they are released from prison. They will be screened and evaluated in order to determine who needs treatment or other services they may qualify for.
  - Hoping to get transport from prison to Unity Transition Center. Although the no show rate less than 15%, transportation is needed to help offenders make it to see their parolee officers.
- Commissioner Sherriff Gore
  - At any given time approximately 400 plus beds are taken up in the County jails by parole violations.
  - *Neighborhood Prosecution Unit from the City Attorney's Office-* presented by Deputy City Attorney Jon Dwyer:
    - The Neighborhood Prosecution Unit operates proactively (through education programs, diversion within police, etc.) as well as reactively. The aim of this program is to promote public safety which they believe involves including the community. Jon Dwyer will present periodically to the Commission.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Grant update- not asking for letters of support as much
- Nathaniel Buggs, acting CEO of the Workforce Partnership was introduced. Once paperwork has been completed he will be appointed to the Commission.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 24<sup>th</sup> Youth Summit
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Greater Works Youth "Lockout"
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Summit at USD – 199 already registered to attend
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Juvenile Safety Fair at Jacob's Center Parking Lot
- Next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> (Community Place to be Announced)

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.