

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Minutes

Thursday, May 17, 2007

5:00 p.m.

Santa Fe Room

In the Balboa Park Club Building
Next to the Balboa Park Recital Hall) (

1. Call to order

. Attending were:

Steve Eldred
Larry Fitch
Gary Gallegos
Pastor Harry Cooper
Kevin Henderson
Chief Vincent Iaria
Eugene Johnson
Chief William Lansdowne
Benita Page
Lynn Sharpe Underwood
Scott Silverman
Christopher Yanov

Absent:

Dr. Carl Cohn
Conrad Harris
Alicia DeLeon Torres

2. Minutes for April 19, 2007 were approved.

3. Community Scan –

- Community Scan for SDPD was presented by Lt. Manny Guaderrama:
In April 2007, the Gang Unit investigated 31 cases. 39 cases that were handled by other units arrested gang members. Since January, the Gang Unit has investigated 132 cases. The current gang population is 3626 (April 2007).
- Presentation of Juvenile Service Letters and Impact by Martha Sainz. She is tracking these for Juvenile Services.
- Community Scan for Probation was presented by Chief Vincent Iaria:
There are 23, 481 people on probation, 22 % are juveniles in San Diego.

Adult only gangs are 6% of all gangs in San Diego.

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4. Discussion/Action Items

Discussion/Action Item 1

- Community Solutions: Regional/Neighborhood Anti Gang Strategies on May 10th
Presentation by Chair, Pastor Cooper He discussed the May 10th conference. Pastor Cooper said that overall, the participants felt the conference was informative and many were glad they were able to collaborate with other organizations. Pastor Cooper mentioned that some of the participants were displeased that the guest speakers did not have enough time to speak. Participants suggested a website/database where all the information that was given and exchanged could be centralized. Benita Page talked about how the Mid City group worked. Michael Bruner talked about the Southeast group.

Action Item 2

Discussion and review of MOUs from the cities who participated in the Community Solutions conference on May 10th.

Item was tabled until further information could be gathered.

Action Item 3

Encourage several Youth events for the summer to engage youth across the city in positive activities and conversations. Chris Yanov suggested that the wording be changed to reflect a more positive focus. The Commission voted to support the effort

Action Item 4

Listening Tour Report – Commission voted to include the Listening Tour information within its Strategic Action Plan.

Action Item 5

Focus of Strategic Action Plan – Commissioners Larry Fitch/Steve Eldred, and Technical Advisor Dr. Dana Nurge discussed the specific range of gang involvement.

Dana Nurge, PhD. discussed:

CORE (very small % of any given gang; shot callers/leaders; usually just a couple).

ACTIVE/ASSOCIATE (key members involved in most/all of the group's activities including delinquency/crime; maybe 30-40% of any given group).

FRINGE/PERIPHERAL/TEMPORARY/SITUATIONAL (rest of the members; only partially committed to the group; have outside interest/pursuits as well).

AUXILIARY/AFFILIATE (GIRLS) (at least 50% of all gang groups have a female affiliate group; many of these girl groups are involved in criminal behavior as well).

WANNA-BES/PEE WEES/AT-RISK KIDS (exposed to gang in family, neighborhood and/ or school; aspire to be a member when old enough).

OG's/VETERANOS (older members who put in work 'back in the day'; may still have some ties to the gang or the neighborhood; generally well-respected by current members).

OTHER (vary from city to city; e.g. tagger crews, cliques).

Larry Fitch requested that Dr. Nurge provide research on employment programs that work for gang involved youth.

The Commission voted to include this information within its Strategic Action Plan.

5. Commission-Community Dialogue (Speakers Slips are available for this at the door)

6. Executive Director Report:

- a. Grants Information: Mid City is considering Weed and Seed
- b. 13- City National League of Cities Gang Network: They are to be acknowledged for their resources and ability to provide the City connection for the May 10th event. It was critical for the San Diego to be part of this and to have access to a variety of resources and Strategies as a result.
- c. Safe Passage Update by Anthony Ayeni, City Attorney's office spoke about the progress of the Safe Passage program at both Montgomery and Gompers.

7. Announcements

1. May 22nd Event- Mid City is having a Gang Education event (Martha Sainz will elaborate on details).
2. June 6th – Presentation before Public Safety and Neighborhood Services

8. Adjournment

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