

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Commission on Gang Prevention and
Intervention

Revised Minutes

August 16th, 2007

Santa Fe Room

Balboa Park Club Building

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm. There was not a quorum and so the meeting became a workshop of information sharing.

2. Members attending were:

Pastor Harry Cooper
Steve Eldred
Christopher Yanov
Alicia De Leon Torres
Benita Page
Chief William Lansdowne
Lynn Sharp Underwood

Absent:

Dr. Carl Cohn
Conrad Harris
Kevin Henderson
Scott Silverman
Gary Gallegos
Eugene Johnson
Larry Fitch

3. The Minutes were not neither reviewed and nor accepted for July 19th, 2007 because there was no quorum.

4. Community Scan

1) Gang Statistics- SDPD Andrew Mills reported:
Officer Mills reported that gang activity is on the rise because of the summer time. Officer Mills reported that they have problems with particular gangs (Southeast, 73, and Shelltown). Mills also stated that police in the past couple of weeks have intercepted Lincoln Park gang members and ceased 2 firearms in gang related incidents.

2) Probation Statistics- n/a

- 3) Agin Shaheed from Race, Human Relations & Advocacy for San Diego City Schools discussed the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education. The grant would fund programs for four years. Shaheed expressed gratitude to the Commission and organizations on the commission which became involved in the preparation of the grant. Announcements of wards will be made in September.

6. Community Resource Dialogue-

Grover Diemert from Linda Vista informed the commission about a survey conducted by the State Attorney General's office that contained information regarding the Safe Passage project at Montgomery Middle School. Diemert stated that in the survey, 55 % of seventh graders did not feel safe in their local neighborhood park. The survey also demonstrated that members of the community expressed the same sentiment. The Linda Vista Collaborative met with local community people, law enforcement, park personnel, and community center staff. The collaborative expressed that they would like additional resources for the parks in Linda Vista.

Michael Bruner from Jackie Robinson YMCA discussed the "safety" issue the neighborhood near Lincoln High School. Bruner explained the Project Safe Neighborhood survey he had initiated and the importance of the Community Outreach subcommittee. Michael also reminded the commission about the ERAA event happening at the YMCA on August 25th.

7. Executive Director:

Grants: California Wellness has invited the commission to apply for administrative funds for working with three neighborhoods and coordinating a more effective response to community gang issues. Linda Vista, Mira Mesa and South Bay were the key areas.

8. Announcements

International Peace Day: The UJIMA Institute for Civic Responsibility, a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, will host its 2nd Annual "International Day of Peace" on Saturday, September 22, 2007 at the Market Creek Plaza Amphitheater, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. This free community event is in conjunction with the world wide Peace Day celebration initiated by the United Nations in 1982.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm