

CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2007

5 p.m.

San Diego Workforce Partnership Conference Room
3910 University Avenue (west of the I-15)

1. The Meeting was called to order at 5:25p.m

2. Attending the Meeting:

Pastor Harry Cooper
Steve Eldred
Benita Page
Alicia Torres
Scott Silverman
Christopher Yanov
Kevin Henderson
Fred Sotelo
Victor Torres
Chief Lansdowne

Staff Present:

Lynn Sharpe-Underwood

Absent:

Gary Gallegos
Eugene Johnson
Dr. Carl Cohn
Larry Fitch
Conrad Harris

3. The minutes for Sept. 20th were approved unanimously.

4. Pastor welcomed the new Commissioners – Victor Torres and Fred Sotelo and acknowledged Pedro Cervantes who has been nominated by Councilwoman Donna Frye.

5. Current Information Scan – *Commissioner Chief Lansdowne*

Captain Mills said that there had been an intensive effort in the MidCity that resulted in 23 gang members being arrested and guns being confiscated along with drugs. This operation should slow some of the problems in Mid-City.

September gang related crime statistics:

GANG CASES CURRENT MONTH

TOTAL
(Month)

187 (Homicide)

0

664/187 (Attempt Homicide)	<u>1</u>
245 (Assault with a Deadly Weapon)	<u>25</u>
246/247 (Shooting at a House/Vehicle)	<u>5</u>
211 (Robbery)	<u>9</u>
10851(Auto Theft)	<u>7</u>
OTHER (All other Crimes)	<u>46</u>
TOTAL	<u>93</u>

6. Discussion/Action Agenda:

a. Strategic Action Plan

Pastor Cooper read the edited goal:

Based on existing funding, build capacity in existing, effective, promising gang prevention and intervention programs/strategies on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis.

Pastor then acknowledged Gary Gallegos' and Dr. Burke's support for the clarification of the goal and strategic actions. Steve Eldred discussed the concern of duplication of what the County has been working on and creating databases or situations that might pose a hardship on organizations.

Related Recommendations

The Mayor and the City Council should fund existing, effective, promising programs/strategies that establish targets for outcomes and outputs in a coordinated and collaborative manner with the City's funding source, i.e. Parks and Recreation, Police Department or private foundations.

Strategic Actions

Create neighborhood-based inventories of gang prevention and intervention programs/strategies using risk and resiliency factors as the defining guidelines including programs that target risk and protector factors of gang involvement.

Survey programs in communities seeking City funding to assess which programs in the community have had internal or external evaluations done. Analyze evaluation results in order to develop criteria for future funding of promising prevention and intervention programs/strategies.

Pastor thanked Gary, Kevin Henderson, Alicia DeLeon Torres and Steve Eldred for their work on the goal. The Commission accepted the changes with the motion moved by Steve Eldred and seconded by Chief Lansdowne.

b. CALgrip – Discussion and Action

The Executive Director went over the requirements of the CALgrip grant and pointed out that besides the City applying, many Community based organizations are likely to apply.

Recommended Actions:

1. Support any CBO within the City applying for these state funds that include some aspect of the Commission's Strategic Plan within their application.
2. Support the City's expansion of the Commission to accommodate the criteria for the City to apply for these state funds (See strategic Action Plan)

Discussion immediately began over the first recommended action. The concern about conflicts on interest came up. Bonita Page, Kevin Henderson and Alicia DeLeon Torres stated they would have to abstain from conversation regarding this motion as it stood. Chief Lansdowne made the motion and Victor Torres seconded it with the friendly change (accepted by Chief Lansdowne) to:

The Commission will publicly and actively encourage those organizations seeking letters of support to include at least one aspect of the San Diego Strategic Action Plan.

This allowed the new motion to be supported unanimously by the Commission members.

Steve Eldred then moved that the second recommendation be accepted and Victor Torres seconded it. The Commission unanimously supported:

Support the City's expansion of the Commission to accommodate the criteria for the City to apply for these state funds (See strategic Action Plan)

c. Date for November Meeting

The Executive Director explained that the National League of Cities' California Cities Gang Prevention Network was having a conference in San Francisco as well the California Wellness Foundation was having a conference which Pastor and the Executive Director would be attending.

Steve Eldred moved that the Commission meet on Thursday, November 29th at 5 p.m. Alicia DeLeon Torres seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously.

d. Discussion Item only:

Commission wants the following issues highlighted in any year end report:

1. May 10th Community event
2. Listening Tours
3. OJJDP Grant
4. Safe Passage Programs
5. Continued involvement of Linda Vista, South Bay and Mira Mesa in the Commission's process

7. Partnership Reports:

a. Community Facilitators Update –

- Linda Vista- Grover Diemert discussed the Linda Vista community's effort to take back the park and other efforts which include Family Success Center.

- ▣ Mira Mesa – Alicia Deleon Torres discussed the efforts of the community and San Diego Police Department. Next meeting is in November.

8. Executive Director Report:

Grants Information:

- ▣ OJJDP Coordinating Assistance Grant progress
 - There have been organizational meetings at the Encanto Boys and Girl Club. Sitting around the table is the County, City Schools and community based organizations. The District Attorney's office is committed as well. It has been very helpful.
- ▣ Mid-City's Anti-Violence Task Force grant award (\$500,000) Mark from the Task Force did not show to give the report. All that is known that the grant was a long effort and has allowed the community to have a coordinated gang prevention effort.

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

Speaking:

- Margie DeRyuter who discussed that the WIA RFP was moving forward.
- Makini Hammond, Deputy City Attorney, discussed concerns about the Re-entry issues and SB618
- Ken Worthington/Probation and John Hensly/Probation clarified that these issues are still in process and no final decisions have been made regarding this but did mention SB81 and the impact this may have on the community.

10. Announcements : Steve Eldred announced that the Endowment will be funding a project at Lincoln High School to provide wrap around services for students.

11. Adjournment was at 6:45p.m.

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