



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

**Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**

**Minutes**

Thursday, May 15, 2008

Mira Mesa Library

8405 New Salem Street

The meeting was called to order at 5:30p by the Chair, Commissioner Pastor Cooper.

Attending the meeting was:

Pastor Cooper/Chair

Scott Silverman/STRIVE

Eugene Johnson/Unity Tech

Fred Sotelo/TOLTEC

Steve Eldred/TCE

Christopher Yanov/Reality Changers

Gary Gallegos/SANDAG

Kevin Henderson/TKF

Benita Page/CHOICE

Alicia DeLeon Torres

Commissioner Eldred moved to have March minutes approved. Commissioner Yanov requested a correction. The minutes were approved with correction.

1. Current Information Scan – Lt. Andy Mills provided the stats for the month of April:

	TOTAL (Month)	TOTAL (2008)	Compare (2007)	Change (2007 to 2008)
187 (Homicide)	1	6	4	2
664/187 (Attempt Homicide)	2	5	4	1
245 (Assault with a Deadly Weapon)	29	97	77	20
246/247 (Shooting at a House/Vehicle)	1	4	6	-2
211 (Robbery)	26	58	29	29
10851 (Auto Theft)	4	20	21	-1
OTHER (All other Crimes)	35	165	146	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>68</b>



**GANG MEMBER DOCUMENTATION  
CURRENT MONTH**

DOCUMENTED	47
PURGED	36
TOTAL POPULATION	3847

**GANG MEMBER DOCUMENTATION  
YEAR TO DATE**

DOCUMENTED	263	169	94
PURGED	118	162	-44
TOTAL POPULATION	3847	3626	221

Lt. Mills pointed out there were five drive-by-type shootings during this time. He pointed out assaults were up substantially. A community member asked about the purging process. Lt. Mills said a subject is removed from the gang file if there is no gang related activity during a 5-year interval. Another community member asked if San Diego City Gang Crimes are mapped by crimes per Neighborhood, population or Square Miles. Lt. Mills explained the information on the map is calculated all three ways, and the information is used to enhance the discussion of the increase in gang violence, in this case it is at 24%. The Commission requested that juvenile statistics also be part of the report.

The Chair stated that Action item 4 would be pulled and the order of the Agenda would be as follows: Action Item 2, Action Item 3 and then Action Item 1. Lt. Mills explained that Jason Scott's presentation would be at the June Meeting.

**Action Item 2-**

The Executive Director explained the Commission reported to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services on April 24<sup>th</sup> regarding the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant for the Gang Prevention Coordination Assistance Program awarded to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

**Chair Cooper** asked for a motion to accept the report. There was no discussion.

**Commissioner Gallegos** moved and **Commissioner Eldred** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Item 3-**

The Executive Director passed out a copy of the work-plan matrix created by the "Work-plan, Ad Hoc Committee" convened after the adoption of the "Strategic Action Plan" in October 2007, and suggested the original members of that Ad Hoc Committee (Chris Yanov, Victor Torres, Kevin Henderson) be reconvened to work on the annual report due in October 2008.

**Commissioner Deleon Torres** moved the committee be reconvened and **Commissioner Page** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action Item 1-**

John Minto stated that research from different organizations, including the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention reports minors absent from school are frequently exposed to adverse experiences that have a direct affect on their potential for success. He introduced the members of the presentation team Marc Kuritz, Consultant, Andy Trakas, Vice Principal at Hoover that would be presenting a collaboration effort to

address truancy in City Heights, and introduce the development of a three-year pilot program to address absenteeism. The presentation included statistics on truancy in the area and best practices (see attached Power Point presentation).

Several members of the Commission mentioned that they would be leaving early and asked if **Chair Cooper** would consider a motion to support the City Heights Anti-violence Task Force efforts to address absenteeism by writing letters of support.

**Chair Cooper** called for the motion, **Commissioner Gallegos** moved, and **Commissioner Eldred** made a second to the motion. The motion passed with **Commissioner Yanov** opposing; **Commissioners Henderson** and **Sotelo** abstained.

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

3. Executive Director Report:

- a. Grants Information
  - i. Brower Youth Awards Grant
  - ii. Lorax Challenge
  - iii. State Farm Companies Foundation
  - iv. RGK Foundation
- b. Nine Corners Report from Luis Natividad
  - i. Project Safeway is funded by the Jacobs Foundation
  - ii. Covers 10 corners in Southeast
  - iii. Commission, MTS and Parks and Recreation are involved.
- c. Curfew Sweep/Community Organizations Involvement
  - i. First curfew sweep involved 25 youth; second involved 37 youth
  - ii. Organizations participating:
    1. Tariq Khamisa Foundation
    2. Inner City Youth
    3. Reality Changers
    4. San Diego Youth and Community Services

4. Announcements

5. Adjournment

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