THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention

Minutes

September 18, 2008
City Administration Building
Committee Closed Session Room
202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA 92101

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper.

Councilmember Tony Young, District 4

Councilmember Young discusses about the highlights of grant awards and accomplishments that CGPI has accomplished. Some examples stated were safe passage, curfew sweeps, and collaborations between communities.

Chair Pastor Cooper introduced the new and re-appointed Commissioners Mark Cafferty, Dr. Terry Grier, Steve Eldred, Scot Silverman and Kevin Henderson soon after the City Clerk administered the oath office.

2. MEETING ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting:

Pastor Cooper
Victor Torres/ District 1
Mack Jenkins/SDCCP
Dr. Randolph Ward/COE
Kevin Henderson/TKF
Benny Benavidez/State Parole
Fred Sotelo/District 2
Chief Landsdowne/SDPD
Christopher Yanov/Reality Changers
Bonnie Dumanis/DA
Pepe Cervantes/District 6
Alicia De Leon Torres/District 5
Steve Eldred/TCE
Dr. Terry Grier/SDUSD
Mark Cafferty/SDWP
Scott Silverman/STRIVE

3. STAFF

Lynn Sharpe-Underwood, Executive Director
John Minto, Detective
Nini Hafoka
Martha Vuki, Intern
Stephanie Griffin, Intern

4. MINUTES

Chair Pastor Cooper asked for approval of Minutes for June & July. The motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 1: Gang Crime Stats

Presentation of Report by Andrew Mills and Chief Jenkins. They noted that there was enough data presented to the commission to make decisions, especially when it comes to resources in the community. Idea is to present information so the city can deploy resources for intervention and prevention. Where are the hot spots in the City and how we map that was the central question. Layers of additional information added. All this data from truancy, curfew sweeps, DV data, will we deployed appropriately on a monthly basis to see if there is improvements vice versa.

Staff Recommendation: Accept the Report from the Committee.

Action Taken: Motion made by Commissioner Dumanis to accept the report as presented; seconded by Commissioner Chief William Lansdowne and passed unanimously.

Discussion (See Below):

STREET GANG UNIT CASE STATISTICS

GANG CASES CURRENT MONTH

	TOTAL (Month)
187 (Homicide)	0
664/187 (Attempt Homicide)	2
245 (Assault with a Deadly Weapon)	26
246/247 (Shooting at a House/Vehicle)	4
211 (Robbery)	9
10851(Auto Theft)	2
OTHER (All other Crimes)	36
TOTAL	**79**

GANG CASES YEAR TO DATE

	TOTAL (2008)	Compare (2007)	Change (2007 to 2008)
187 (Homicide)	11	16	-5
664/187 (Attempt Homicide)	10	11	-1
245 (Assault with a Deadly Weapon)	190	172	18
246/247 (Shooting at a House/Vehicle)	8	15	-7
211 (Robbery)	97	70	27
10851(Auto Theft)	36	48	-12
OTHER (All other Crimes)	325	293	32
TOTAL	**677**	**625**	52

GANG MEMBER DOCUMENTATION CURRENT MONTH

DOCUMENTED	42
PURGED	39
TOTAL POPULATION	3876

GANG MEMBER DOCUMENTATION YEAR TO DATE

DOCUMENTED	428	297	131
PURGED	255	271	-16
TOTAL POPULATION	3876	3645	231

Jan-Aug 2007 vs. 2008

Gang Homicide down 31%, Overall Assault up 10% and Robbery up 39%.

Key statistics of three things looked at Shootings, stabbings, and drive-byes indicative of gang motivated violence.

Report Phase 1: 6 month under cover operation cooperation with DA office and DEA. End result was 82 arrested on drug and weapon charges an additional 36 were arrested for crimes such as homicide, attempted homicide, and attempting & pandering robbery. 3 pounds of rock cocaine, ½ pound of methamphetamine, 7 kilos of powder cocaine, 300 ecstasy tabs, 467 pounds of marijuana, 35 vials of PCP, 21 guns, quarter million in cash. More arrest is pending.

Operation Ink barrel: Tattoo shop on University selling guns to gang members. They purchased 15 weapons, fully automatic and assault rifles. End of result 5 people went to jail.

PSN grant working with DA's office, FBI & DEA. Great dividends sent a team out to seize firearms. Chief's office has giving resources to do these things.

Chair Pastor Cooper: Asked that the commission accept the report it was moved by Commissioner Bonnie Dumanis, seconded by Chief Landsdowne. All were in favor.

Action Item 2 - Update of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP)

The Commission has identified and taken steps to implement strategic actions under all five goals. Most implementation activity has occurred or has been initiated in the past six months and collection of impact data is on going.

In taking these steps the Commission sees itself planting seeds, which may not bear fruit for 3-5 years. Some efforts such as interventions (curfew sweeps –over 200 youth were detained) and suppression (law enforcement collaborations) these efforts impact the crimes in areas. The clear message is the Commission, Law Enforcement, and the Community is serious about impacting gang activity in neighborhoods.

Staff Recommendation: Accept the Strategic Action Plan with any suggested changes from Commissioners and present to the Mayor and City Council as requested.

Action Taken: Commissioners also asked that capacity building be incorporated into the discussion with City Council and Mayor and that the importance of necessary cultural competency be underscored in the presentation. Commissioner Dumanis moved to incorporate these changes and to send to the Mayor and City Council. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

Discussion (See Below):

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Available to answer any questions and thanked the commissioners for participating in one way or another in implementing the Strategic Action Plan.

Bonnie Dumanis (DA): Staff in the target area the Encanto neighborhood, with a collaboration effort moving forward.

Alicia Deleon Torres: involved in Mira Mesa

Commissioner Cafferty: Employment aspect of the Strategic Action Plan. Thanked Lynn. Workforce Partnership has used Department of Labor dollars that are coming in and getting them out to target neighborhoods to make sure they are doing their part working with support from Councilman Tony Young's office to employ young people that are living in areas where there is gang violence; working with organizations to get them back to school, keeping them in school and getting their GEDs.

Margie de Ruyter: (runs youth programs for Workforce Partnership) Referred to page four of agenda packet to show what the workforce partnership has been doing with regards to SAP. SDWP with workforce investment dollars is supporting 1.3 of SAP: To develop local employment strategies for at risk youth and former gang members. Staff assigned to office of Juvenile Justice, Delinquency Prevention and Employment Subcommittee as part of a coordination grant.

Staff working with other community education like folks to assess services around communities for wants available to coordinate with parents, youth and students to better acquaint them with what's out here. South metro career center, in southeastern San Diego equipped to assist youth; limited services, for example: learning how to do build a resume, work readiness, and employment opportunities. Worked with TKF (over coming gangs) to host a few job fairs for youth over the summer held at the South Metro Career Center. Huge need for career fairs for youth, without them many youth would not have access to these services.

Additional job fair sponsored by June Adventures in a weeks notice a partnership with QUALCOMM manage to get together 100 youth for career opportunities as vendors for QUALCOMM. Recruiting for food services vendors managed to fill all 40 positions.

Fund a few prevention and intervention programs into southeastern committees that are heavily impacted by gangs that are operated by the coalition for neighborhood councils.

- Morris high school gang prevention for incoming 9th graders. Resources invested with youth though graduation. Resources include: case management, tutoring mentoring, academic support to keep them engaged in school, and providing after school programs like work readiness, getting prepped for jobs and work experience.
- CNC has the Youth Opportunity and Employment Program. From this program sixteen youth have attained their GED, 9 are enrolled in post secondary education all have participated in work readiness, job shadowing, career exposure go out into the industry.

A commitment of $250,000 has been put towards youth who are re-entering society after incarceration. Currently going through procurement, going through evaluation process and will return to commission and update on who the grant is awarded to.

Stressing the importance of recognizing the youth re-entry population and what their needs were. Providing resources and alternatives for that population and working in conjunction with Chief Jenkins and his staff.

Cal Grip: Governors Gang Resistance, Intervention and Prevention fund--increase park and recreation hours that have proven in other cities to help significantly with respect to intervention with gang violence, WFP lends support through employment activities and career exposure to provide positive alternatives for youth.

In summation San Diego Workforce Partnership has invested $625,000 of workforce investment money for this population.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Referred to Addendum A in the packet for further information and detail on Margie's discussion on 1.3 and other strategic actions. All of the goals set out by the

commission as implementation for strategic action, we are in the process of doing them. In November, the commission will have the opportunity to conduct a conversation about be key efforts and what they want to do in the next year. Steve Eldred committed to facilitating that conversation.

Commissioner Eldred: (TCE) Co-facilitating a conversation on focus for next year with Andy Moore (National League of Cities) who is involved in a 13 City Gang Network throughout the state of California. We want to take the action plans and look at what we have been able to accomplish but really focus the November session on what we can in the do in the future, how we can build on this bringing in new partners to help make a deeper impact in our communities. Talk about different models to discuss service integration in an effort to work across systems, structural and funding barriers that often make it difficult for the system to work together. How do we support healthcare systems, welfare systems, juvenile justice systems, and child welfare that are often working with the same families? How do we support them with community advocates? The goal is to create better opportunity for the youth in our communities.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Need a quorum at the November 20th meeting to pass or move whatever is necessary forward and it is a public meeting, place to be announced.

Chair Pastor Cooper: Important for people to know who and what Lynn Sharpe-Underwood's role is with respect to the commission, she is the Executive Director of CGPI. Thanked Lynn for all she has done for the commission.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: As part of the annual report there are crime statistics on the schools that we are working with, that both TKF and Choice were a part of. Important to refer and monitor these statistics to see if we have continued to make progress in the schools.

Commissioner Dr. Ward: Referred to page 4 focusing on the intervention truancy, different from curfew sweeps. Previous conversations with Chief Lansdowne, Superintendent Grier and Chief Jenkins all in support of truancy intervention and believe that the pipeline to challenges (i.e. juvenile hall and dropouts) in the community begin with truancy. He emphasized while it is an approach to a symptom it is also prevention. Want to find funding for San Diego Unified a pilot area, specific boundary to demonstrate the positive effects of placing our students back in schools and what it will do the community and crime statistics. This is important element to any strategic action.

There is a need to address the problems with data sharing. As simple as probation knowing when students are absent in real time as well as inter and intra school district data sharing with juvenile hall, a key element to making all this work. Dr. Grier and his staff would support real time data sharing if we started a truancy program at his school.

Commissioner De Leon Torres: Great work noticing the changes in statistics, however a few questions. Most of these directly impact and target youth in involved in gangs, at risk youth and re-entry but how do you engage the parents, guardians and siblings? And if this is happening how it is done? Also if community is so diverse can we address them in cultural constructed matter, not as a cookie cutter approach, if so how is this being documented?

We can get funding that if we can show that we are a model program addressing cultural diversity. Right now many of the model programs look at African American and Caucasian communities but there is very little on Latino and little to none on Pacific Islander and Asian communities.

How can we capture this information, if is it included, how can we turn it into a model program? How can the evaluations reflect that this can be model program: Asking in terms of the work that is done?

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood. We are in the process of evaluating how we will collect that data. Curfew sweeps have been sensitive to diversity. In communities where curfew sweeps are occurring noticed large numbers of Hispanic kids (~75%), in an effort to address that went out to the Hispanic community, to their CBOs, NPOs and churches to bring them to table and assist with the progress through referrals.

TKF for OJJDP are doing evaluation within their programs and are aware of the multi cultural aspect of the work they are doing at Morris and Bell. Which is reflected in their data.

Collaborations for California Wellness was made clear from the get go that it was necessary to establish different strokes for different folks. We are working Deleon Torres in Mira Mesa being very culturally sensitive. More specifically able address your question with data sharing at the next meeting in an effort to strategize on the data that we do not have.

Commissioner De Leon Torres: How do you, if you do, engage parents, guardians and sibling in curfew sweeps and truancy sweeps?

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Initially parents meet with the CBO at the curfew sweep and are explained why their child was picked up and it can done in their native language if necessary. It is a lot less threatening, sitting around a table in a supportive fashion in an effort to break down barriers of confusion and fear.

Detective Minto: The idea is change of behavior on the part of the public and the police. When a child is picked up they are first interviewed by child welfare services. The reason for this is to find the reason why they are out at night or missing school, the responses range from boredom to abuse. If it is abuse we need to get that child help.

Drawing from CBO's serving that community for example in City Heights we would have Hispanic, African American and Somali so someone can address the cultural aspect of why they are out addresses the underlying issues.

Commissioner Sotelo: One area we can stress to give city council and the mayor recommendation is to find funding is to create awareness for the funders. The urgency is not tomorrow its yesterday. To create this awareness of what the NPO's are doing often without funding, to attempt to build the capacity of intervention and prevention to and build up the NPOs.

Everyone is not going to get a job, some aren't ready, some need more training, but if there was something in place to give these youths an internship or stipend than maybe we can start job training. Business folks are ready to take them in, but there is no funding for this to happen. The need for jobs stemmed from the curfews sweeps, when asked what we could to do help these kids said they wanted help to find employment. Funding for youth who don't get jobs at the career fairs is an important aspect for strategic action.

Action Item 3: Funding Priorities

The Commission's purpose is to: Develop a strategic collaborative effort between various agencies who work with gang related issues. Make policy recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on issues of gang prevention, intervention, diversion and suppression methods. Identify local, state and federal funding sources. Identify best practice efforts. Advocate, formulate, and recommend for adoptions

proactive gang polices, ordinances and guidelines. As part of the strategy, the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention heard from a variety of organizations during the past year wanting to impact gang activity in the City:

- The Mid City Anti-Gang Task Force
- LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation)
- The San Diego County Report Card
- San Diego County Mental Health and San Diego County Health and Human Services
- The Family Justice Center

Staff Recommendation: Recommend to funding agencies, local foundations, the City's CDBG funding office as well as those seeking funds to use the following areas of focus as guidelines for funding anti-gang programs for youth 12-17 years old and their families within the City of San Diego in the coming year that is they take into account:

- Truancy intervention and prevention/Curfew support
- GED/High School diploma attainment
- Employment/work skills development
- Parent education and Family support (Including Gang Violence Victim Assistance)
- Collaboration as a necessary strategy to better serves the communities in The City of San Diego.

Action Taken: Commissioner Grier moved that the age range be changed to 9 years old; positive activities were added to the list and the letter to include and underscore of focus on summer jobs/employment support, diversify funding options, make sure to include projects for those unable to find jobs and do capacity building. Commissioner Ward seconds the motion. All were in favor.

Discussion (See Below):

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: This action is more detailed, action number two included annual reports because that will be taken to city council. Specific of recommendation at the end of annual report. Further discussion and modified accordingly.

Commissioner Dr. Ward: Recommended information of last action is included in Action number three. Kevin and Alicia conversation is to the same of these specifics

Chair Pastor Cooper: Recommendation to wrap it around

Commissioner Dr. Ward: Comment on Action number two, that are connected to action number three for the record only that we attach those specifics to action number three

Commissioner Cafferty: Point that Kevin made is that bullet point two and three of the policy recommendation to Major and city Identify local, state and federal funding sources effort under way spearheaded by US conference of Mayors. I'll be in a meeting next week in Washington; we will be informing both Obama and McCain Camps on the importance of National Summer Job efforts again. So focus will be on types of jobs and for those who don't get hired for us to actually have money to help put groups of young people working in community organization, faith based organization in community and potential small business. This got a lot of traction last year but it died with all the economic stimulus pack and some of the problems that happened in Washington. We are going to be part of a meeting where we are advising them (Obama and McCain) on what we would like to see on this commission. We will get

mayor Sanders to help support that and it would help to get a letter from this commission emphasizing the importance of having a broad base summer jobs program.

Chair Pastor Cooper: We could link that to our data research component. That if you have a job you are less inclined to rob. That will work out. Thank you Commissioner Cafferty.

Commissioner Jenkins: Looking at the age range twelve to seventeen years old, my concern is that research shows that age nine is very heavy gang recruitment. So do we have same latitude to lower the age range? Because if we really want to lower, the focus on prevention I think we want to expand that age range.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Certainly, we can do that. So it would be nine to seventeen.

Chair Pastor Cooper: Two things- one prevention and two interventions. Intervention is happening between twelve and seventeen, component that would fund and be sensitive previous element which starts as early as nine.

Commissioner Jenkins: As I was reading it I was interpreting a preventing aspect the focus here is more preventing, so we really need to start younger – the research that I'm familiar with shows that nine years old is primary recruiting age for gangs.

Chair Pastor Cooper: I agree. In February or March there was a presentation about building prisons based on third grade reading scores. So if you understand that age then you can begin to prevent earlier. Obviously a nine year old is not going to be able to work so this is an intervention strategy or truancy…

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: The family collaborative piece is going to be actually younger, so nine years old would work just fine. If you would want to add that.

Commissioner Jenkins: I'm leery too about issues when it comes to labeling. We do not want to scarlet letter young kids and we also do not want to turn our eyes to kids who might need intervention. That is my contribution, which is what I am suggesting.

Commissioner Eldred: I appreciate those comments. Thinking about prevention and really trying to raise the emphasis on prevention within this action. We are talking about focus of guidelines for youth, if you could also use youth development programs. If we could get that concept into this action item.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Adding at the end of it positive youth development programs as part of focus.

Commissioner Eldred: Yes.

Commissioner Torres: The third bullet point, identify local, state and federal funding sources. Not supposed to point out the funding sources for everybody but if we could just have a disclaimer given the painful awareness regarding the budget impacts and how some of our agencies haven't been paid. People have been furloughed. If we can just add a disclaimer to identifying local…..to diversify founding to underscore that agencies and collaborations must diversify funding's especially if the program is to last long term. If there is a way that some of the agencies could also mentor the agencies especially the smaller one's on self sustainability, long term self sustainability.

Commissioner Henderson: Is there a way we can have contact with the school review board. Is there a way we can get a report, Lynn anyone from the school review boards because that is where the problem initially starts?

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: So besides PD, a SARS report for here?

Commissioner Henderson: Well I've been to a couple of SARS hearings, mainly about youth who are truant. Parents are requested to come in –Home visits are done after so many truancy's. So if we have that information maybe we can pass it to a Probation Officer to correct it. They have a list of youth who have not been to school, having problems within the school-having gang issues within the school. If we could have that list and then maybe provide some mentoring.

Commissioner Dr. Grier: As Superintendent Ward will tell you, public schools are bound by the guidelines of confidentiality so you might be able to get that information from another source but as far as we go, we cannot do that. We can give you numbers and generic information without identifying students.

Commissioner Dr. Ward: Certainly those numbers would be pretty powerful to back up as power data of this recommendation.

Detective Minto: Can I just point out that we are in conversations right now with the school district and we are talking about truancy and the policies. I expect that we will be bringing a report here at a later time on what we have accomplished with that. And I think that will probably answer some of your questions because school district is actually looking at the policy and how they relate to truancy and types of intervention that are done by the school district and outside organizations.

Commissioner Torres: I was just going to ask that if we just have general information it doesn't really address Henderson's issue because we will not be able to provide direct services to those families. But I think that it would be useful for us when we plan out next strategy action to be able to have that information and that data so we can formulate some strategy to address that concern.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: We will have that for November.

Action Item 4: TITLE

At the March 27th meeting the Commission voted to continue involvement with the community outreach process of the Mental Health Proposition 63 Prevention and Early Intervention planning process. On April 3 2008, the County Mental Health Board voted to work with the Commission to get their input. Over the past four months, staff has been working with County Mental Health Staff to clarify the project.

Staff Recommendation: Support the County's draft of the community violence program and have staff communicate to County Mental Health its support.

Action Taken: Commissioner Lansdowne moved to support the County's draft of the PEI Community Violence program and instructed Staff to communicate the Commission's action at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 17th. Commissioner Dumanis second the motion. Commissioner Yanov voted against; with all others in attendance voting to support the effort.

Discussion (See Below):

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: September 19th would mark the first day of 30 day input process beginning for County Mental Health where draft reflects changes of process in pregnant and

parenting teenagers. Change consists of involving siblings and family members of gang involved youth. Community Violence Response Services has 2 components:
1. Direct services for youth involved in violence and their family members
2. Trauma response services
There will be a community meeting on October 1st to have conversation about concerns.

Commissioner Yanov: stated that continuous opposition of this item is due to services and promotion of negative behavior which doesn't further the prevention and intervention approach. Would rather have promotion of positive activities and productive behaviors and through rise of gang activity and prevention and intervention programs does not wish to see the same for mental health community.

Action Item 5: Cal Grip Grant Update

The City of San Diego through its Gang Commission is a partner in the Cal Grip Grant, a $400,000 effort to fund a multi- agency and multi-tiered suppression, intervention and prevention project. Police department, Gang Commission staff, Parks and Recreation staff will present the latest plans for the project.

Staff Recommendation: Support the CALGRIP working committee's target choices and programmatic phases.

Action Taken: Commission accepted the target choices and the programmatic phases.

Discussion (See Below):

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: There was also $400,000 match with the grant, which the city supported. The expansion of SDCGPI was required by the grant application. Many people were invited to sit as an advisory to the Cal Grip implementation process, therefore input and advisory is necessary for us to move forward. Lt. Mills now to discuss the Hotspot map commissioners have.

SDPD Lt. Andy Mills: Discussed the Hotspot map for Southeast San Diego. The brighter the color on the map the more violent the area and the more gang members under 17 years there are. Map segmented into two: one under 17 and the other over 17 years. Three specific sections that fall into that section of the city [that are serious "hotspots"]. We are focusing grant efforts on that section of the city. The three park and recreation centers are: Memorial, Southcrest and Mountainview. Those areas will be the focus of the grant. We are using a substantial structured activities approach, so not just going expanding the center hours, but planned structured activities. For example, helping kids with homework, video game and computer center. Activities to get them off of the street. Recreation center hours are being expanded too. That portion of the grant is about $100K.

David Monroe, Deputy Director, and Community Parks Division II: (Explains what's happening at the recreation centers). The recreation centers and teen centers they are focusing on are within his division. Background info: currently 11 teen centers within his division II. And the 3 they are focusing on are in the hot spots identified by the police department. These are stand alone facilities where teens come in voluntarily, hours during which one staff member is on duty, and the can play games, take field trips, and attend athletic events. They don't have a structured program where they identify one teen and take him through a course of counseling per say, but the teens are away from the normal recreation center environment. Each teen center has a recreation center on site where the younger kids go. They focus on the recreational activities and don't have professionals that do any special type of outreach or social services work.

Chair Cooper: What we're doing with this particular grant is facilitating some of those more professional services and "walking child through".

David Monroe: Correct.

Commissioner Anderson: What qualifies one of these areas to be a hot spot?

Lt. Andy Mills: Through crime analysis we look at various things, including: 1 - gang contacts; how many times gang members are contacted in the area, and the frequency of those contacts and 2 – violent crimes. We combine those together to come up with a score that would show the intensity of that in the neighborhood. Map shows 9.9% of all violent crime in the city occurs in these "intense" spots. The cumulative score is about 20% --all violent gang crime in the city occurs in just these two spots. This was done for last quarter, from April 1st.

Commissioner Dr. Ward: Are these recreation centers open now?

David Monroe: Yes, they are open. But this proposal would extend the hours.

Commissioner Randy Ward: How many students have these recreation centers served, and how many more to you expect to serve? Projections of course.

David Monroe: We combine our after school and teen centers for our average totals. Our last fiscal year we reached out to 88,000 kids. They could be kids who have come in multiple times, not 88,000 individual kids, but we had 88,000 attendees.

Commissioner Randy Ward: What is that number on a daily basis?

David Monroe: On a daily basis we average 20 to 30 kids in our teen centers.

Commissioner Torres: Expresses confusion over recreation center locations and hotspot map. How did those 3 come to be the focus of phase I?

David Monroe: We looked at the high crime areas and the facilities we have in those areas. Having teen centers in those areas and kids that come regularly to those centers, along with the crime rates –led to those 3 being the focus.

Commissioner Torres: conveyed confusion over the hotspot locations and recreation center locations. Inquires if there's a teen center over at Magdalena Recreation center.

Lt. Andy Mills: Makes the point that kids from Crip areas of the city are not going to cross over into South Crest and go to a recreation center there. To "spread the wealth" and try to prevent crime/gang activity you have to services in both areas.

Commissioner Henderson: Announces that Lord's gym is closing, and emphasizes that area where Lord's gym is will become a hot spot without this safe haven for youth.

Commissioner Sotelo: Talks about prevention. Emphasizes that efforts should focus on both hotspots and areas that were previous hot spots.

Detective Minto: Makes the point that via surveys with kids going to recreation centers, that kids have said they aren't necessarily afraid to go to these places, they are afraid to go to and from. Kids themselves may be able to help identify better locations and they may not necessarily be where the hotspots are.

Commissioner Sotelo: Makes the point that CGPI should be communicating with teenagers in their language, which he says is via Myspace, outreach. Says commission doesn't have a good website. Says commission is trying to get resources yet not effective with communication. Communicating via today's methods (texting, web, Myspace), is critical part of these grants.

David Monroe: Department of Park & Recreation has seasonal flyers for outreach to kids and businesses in communities. Some teen centers have computer labs for kids.

Commissioner Sotelo: Commission should use Myspace and create an account that includes buddies so CGPI can communicate w/ kids.

Commissioner Henderson: I would like to add that Myspace is powerful.

Commissioner Eldred: Requests clarification on which recreation center is part of phase I.

David Monroe: Clarifies: Magdalena (one facility that is part of phase I), and Mountainview and Southcrest.

Commissioner DeLeon Torres: Agrees with importance of using Myspace, but emphasizes text messaging should be used too. Says that although commission would have to pay for any communication done through texting, there's a lot of funding for technology now. Mentions Zero Divide, a possible funding source. Says this way CGPI wouldn't be drawing from the same funding source (juvenile justice).

Chair Pastor Cooper: Reiterates point of importance of current marketing technologies to market to youth.

Commissioner Torres: Points out commission could use kids to help with marketing [that uses current technologies].

Commissioner Sotelo: Says commission is not relevant to other organizations because outside of commission meetings, "who knows what we're doing?" Commission needs to be communicating with its partners, posting bulletins, adding announcements, etc.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Mentions commission has a website with announcements, etc.

Commissioner Sotelo: Says the website needs to be interactive so the community can communicate with the commission.

Commissioner Yanov: Says solutions should not have to do with gangs. Phase I does seem to promote productive behaviors. Asks which of the activities promote long-term goals that youth can aim towards.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Tells Commissioner Yanov that commission is going to be working on that and invites him to be part of the discussions.

Chair Pastor Cooper: Makes a motion to accept. All commissioners approved. All were in favor.

Detective Minto: Describes the 5 curfew sweeps done in Southeast San Diego. Over 200 youth "contacted" and set up with community based organizations. Connecting these youth with CBOs helped the interventions to start immediately. CGPI started working with the pastors from Inner City Youth and also New Harvest Church. Commissioners Henderson and Yanov have attended curfew sweeps.

California has 6 or 7 mutual aid areas that are set up to address emergency areas in CA. The sheriffs overseeing these regions have been given some money for gangs. One of the sheriffs from Orange County (coordinator for region 6, which includes San Diego) came to meet CGPI. Observed a curfew sweep. He reported that he has not seen that kind of collaboration around gang intervention in the state and was impressed.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Introduced resource guides and two of the commission interns. Also mentioned to commissioners that in their report, there are 2 grant applications for them to share with community groups.

Commissioner Jenkins: Asks how the resource guide will be distributed.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Says commission plans to post it on its website and send out a notice to all of the agencies commission knows. Stresses that any "true publication" of guide would require funds. Tells commissioners and CBOS that they are welcome to make copies of it, and CBOs. Says she has asked Gang Suppression Team Officer Jason Scott to "try it out" while he's working.

Commissioner DeLeon Torres: Has an idea for getting the word out on the resource guide. Suggests putting up signs that announces where and how to contact the commission. Post something for the CBOs on the "front lines" that don't know about the gang commission

Detective Minto: Emphasizes that commission needs to have people working on different issues (i.e. those that work with parents, youth, child abuse, etc.) utilizing the guide.

Commissioner DeLeon Torres: Again emphasizes that she'd like to see signs put up.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood: Says the commission will post a sign.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

a. California Wellness Grant
b. OJJDP Grant
c. Grants Information

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Aarons (community member):
Community member. Just filmed a movie called "Dope" about Dennis Martinez, once a skateboarder running drugs for the Crips, Bloods, and the Mexican Mafia, and now runs a drug rehab. Brought copies of his film.

Mr. Sahid (representing SDUSD Race/Human relations): Says SDUSD Race/Human relations department is the watchdog for cultural awareness for the district. With leadership from Superintendent Grier says public will hear more about Project Recovery, in which Grier deputized all senior and middle management personnel to go to schools and assist in "finding where our kids are", and "where they will be". More info forthcoming in the news. Ten to Succeed is another program. It identifies lowest achieving

students in some of the "hot spots" discussed and provides them mentoring. Says district can partner with commission to get them direct services. Finally, he describes Got Game, which means "good attendance means everything". Program involves "strong attendance efforts" to make sure kids are in school.

8. ANNOUCEMENTS

Chair Pastor Cooper thanked community.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pastor Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M., seconded unanimously and was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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