THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
MEETING
OF
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009
AT 5:30 P.M.
GARFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE AUDITORIUM
4487 OREGON STREET
SAN DIEGO, CA 92116

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 5:30 p.m. Opening and welcome remarks were made by the School Board President Sheila Jackson. She commented on how the Commission shared the vision of working with the Communities' youth as does the School board and wished the Commissioners well.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 6:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Cooper called the roll:

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chair- Pastor Cooper	Commissioner Silverman
Commissioner Benavidez	Commissioner Eldred
Commissioner Yanov	Commissioner Sotelo
Commissioner Jenkins	Commissioner Ward
Commissioner Cafferty	Commissioner Villarreal
Commissioner Lozada	Commissioner Torres
Commissioner De Leon Torres	

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Pastor Cooper asked for the approval of Minutes from April 2009, May 2009, and July 2009 CGPI meeting with the correction that Commissioner Yanov voted no on Action Item 3 at the July meeting. There was no discussion for the approval of minutes.

Motion was to adopt with correction was made by Commissioner Eldred; Commissioner Ward second it. The motion passed unanimously.

CURRENT INFORMATION SCAN (CIS):

POLICE STATISTICS

Lieutenant Jorge Duran from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Gang Unit presented a report on current statistics from September 2009 that involved the City of San Diego (see stats handout below). There was 1 gang related homicide that occurred in the Central area, total for the year is 8 compared to 13 homicides last year. There were also 24 aggravated assaults in September which included 4 shootings, 10 stabbings, 10 "others" total of 206 aggravated assaults compared to 246 from last year (a drop of 16%). On the suppression and enforcement side there were 155 gang related arrests during September. There was a gang sweep in mid- September with Federal partners which resulted in 93 arrests; law enforcement recovered 6 firearms.
There has been increased gang activity in the South Bay Otay area involving two Hispanic gangs that were retaliating against one another (stabbing & shooting). Southern Patrol Officers conducted saturated patrols which seemed to reduce the violence in the Otay area. There has been some increase of violence in the Mira Mesa area near Mira Mesa high school involving a Hispanic gang and an Asian gang.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Jenkins asked if there was an arrest made was it for the homicide.

Lieutenant Duran responded yes and that the case is open and that suspects have been identified.

Commissioner Lozada asked for more information about the gang activity in Otay area.

Lieutenant Duran commented that it includes gangs in Imperial, Palm City, and Nestor and involves younger juveniles who are trying to make a name for themselves.

PROBATION UPDATE

Probation Director of Special Operations Stacey Adams gave updates about the Probation Department's activity. There's an average of 440 adults and 360 juveniles that are currently on probation. During a home visit of a juvenile probationer the male was arrested for new violation for having a gun with an illegal military magazine. The weapon will be tested for ballistics. There was another probationer in which a 4th waiver was conducted and they had $1300 in cash, a knife, and possession of marijuana. The probationer was arrested for felony for possession of marijuana for sales. The Recovery

Act Funding was reinstated for the San Diego Regional Gang Task Force Probation Officer as of August 28, 2009.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Jenkins asked if there was a track record for weapons confiscated from Probationers.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams stated that they would have figures for the next CGPI meeting.

Commissioner Ward commented about the money that is confiscated.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams explained about asset forfeiture and that there is an Officer who is implanted in the DEA's taskforce. This Officer is an asset forfeiture liaison who handles anything seized over $1000.

Commissioner Ward asked where the money goes.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams commented that the money goes into a fund that is used for drug education type activities. There are strict guidelines on what can be done with the money. Staff cannot be funded with the monies; things can be bought with it.

Commissioner Yanov commented on the clarification of the term drug education.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams commented that there is a book with the guidelines; she offered to bring next time.

Commissioner Jenkins commented that if the money is confiscated by a multi-agency team, the money is split amongst the agencies.

Commissioner Benavidez commented on the gang members who are categorized as high risk and ask if there is a risk instrument tool that is utiliz

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams commented that Probation utilizes the San Diego Risk Resiliency tool when assessing juveniles. Community based organizations within San Diego use the same tool, so that the same language is used in terms of assessing juveniles and being able to provide for them services.

Commissioner Benavidez wondered about the individual who was arrested with the gun and illegal magazine and asked if he was at high risk juvenile.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams commented that the juvenile that was arrested was indeed in the high risk category.

Commissioner Benavidez commented about the objective assessment that excludes and includes these individuals that are considered high risk.

Probation Director of Special Operations Adams commented that there are some instances when a case has to be overridden.

Commissioner Lozada commented about the Mental Health Service Act funding that addressed mental health and integrates substance abuse have those funds been used for a positive impact on the gang activity within San Diego

Commissioner Jenkins commented that the funds will be used to expand wraparound capacities for approximately 30-50 additional slots of juveniles with mental health issues as well as effort a team that when kids are identified with mental health issues will be evaluated in custody and link them into services and follow them throughout the process.

ACTION ITEM A:

Commissioner Eldred commented on the updated work that the California Endowment Foundation has provided for the building healthy communities initiative. The California Endowment (TCE) selected City Heights as an initiative to demonstrate and lift up policy to support communities where children are healthy, safe, and ready to learn. The plan that emerges a community will help set the parameters for the funding associations the TCE makes over the next 10 years. The action for the Commission is to continue support and engagement in the peace promotion team for the next 6 months. Then further analyze and discuss what the priorities for the community are, what strategies work and are effective, and see what areas overlap with interest of the Gang Commission when community plans are finalized to further unifying efforts.

Chair Cooper clarified the recommended action which was to approve the participation of Commission staff in the community planning process, including presentation of best practices and effective local strategies for consideration by the City Heights community. The Commission also requests a report back on strategies and outcomes prioritized in the City Heights Healthy Communities Plan upon its completion in early 2010, for discussion of ways in which the Commission and the City of San Diego can support project implementation.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER CAFFERTY. Seconded by Commissioner Jenkins.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner De Leon Torres commented on looking at the measurement tools and evaluations. What is being measured to make those outcomes?

Commissioner Eldred commented that the information can be given and the selection of the final outcomes measures and identified possible indicators.

Commissioner Ward commented on the alignment with the plan, what is the intention.

Commissioner Eldred commented on the long term connection is to look for an alignment and to connect the resources. Short term it's an opportunity for the Commission to influence on what the priorities will be and to help the community think through on what the effective strategies are.

Commission Cafferty commented on the economic development of City Heights and what is the Commission striving for in this placed based effort.

Commissioner Eldred commented about how Price Charities and TCE are in conversation about looking at what areas that can be integrated. An example is having youth engagement throughout the planning process; Price Charities has funded a youth engagement coordinator through Mid City CAN to help strengthen that opportunity. TCE is looking for ways that they can use their funding to support each other's efforts, there's a possible evaluation of Price Charities school based health clinics that TCE may fund. The City Heights community Development Corporation has been active and involved in economic community development in the neighborhood. Last month they invited 11 others funders to meet with them and talk about common interest within the City Heights.

Commissioner Cafferty commented on Reality Changers in City Heights on how they reduce violence and promote educational attainment in the region.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood commented on the goals and vision of the Commission is to participate in collaborations and groups.

Commissioner Lozada commented on clarification on involvement as Commissioners.

Commissioner Eldred commented for those who are able to engage and make that level of commitment to the meetings at Mid- City CAN for in depth discussions.

ALL IN FAVOR IN MOTION. Commissioner Eldred abstained.

ACTION ITEM B:

Chair Cooper pointed out that the recommended action for this Item is to approve the Workplan update that will be reported to PS&NS committee on November 18, 2009.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood commented on some points of clarification of the Workplan. She pointed out that City's budget issue will impact some of the initiatives such as the City Team because of the cuts in staffing. This will be reflected in the report as well.

Commissioner Ward commented on the impacts of the workplan.

Assistant Chief Shelley Zimmerman commented on the curfew sweeps and the challenges that PD will face during the mandated budget cuts.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WARD. Second by Commissioner Eldred.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Cafferty commented on goal 1 in section 1.8 that discussed youth employment. There is no federal money next year for summer youth employment.

Commissioner Ward commented on if there was a tracking system for students who were expelled or on probation who worked this past summer 2009.

Commissioner Jenkins commented that Probations does have the numbers of probationers who were employed.

Program Manager Dropout Prevention with San Diego Unified School District Becky Philpot Commented on 1.2 under Goals the 10-2 succeeds was funded by San Diego Unified School Board of Education with using stimulus funding to expand this program in all 16 title one high schools.

Commissioner Eldred thanked Philpot for her participation with building healthy communities and the school attendance team.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM C/ Community Updates:

Reality Changers

Commissioner Yanov discussed the Reality Changers philosophy. He pointed out that the goal is to promote positive productive behavior which encourages students to focus on achieving their goals.

Commissioner Cafferty commented about having a discussion in the future in regards to having a variety of different programs in the community that work for prevention and intervention for youth.

Commissioner Eldred commented that Reality Changers philosophy is consistent with TCE and agrees with Commissioner Cafferty on having a variety of programs within the community.

Commissioner Silverman commented Commissioner Yanov program being pre-entry and his program being re-entry.

Commissioner Jenkins commented on having an extended dialogue.

Chair Cooper commented on prevention and intervention.

SDOP

Assistant Chief Shelley Zimmerman commented on SDOP updates and the different entities and community collaborations that made the summer of 2009 a safe one.

Commissioner Ward commented if there was summer school this past summer 2009.

Commissioner Jenkins commented on who has signed on the joint powers agreement.

Assistant Chief Shelley Zimmerman commented on the names not being concrete, still discussion going on.

Commissioner Jenkins commented if there was a data collection plan.

Assistant Chief Shelley Zimmerman commented statistics have been collected.

Commissioner Eldred commented on the joint power authority in Oakland called measure Y that was created by City Initiative.

Commissioner De Leon Torres commented on having the right skill levels and professionalism. Concern was to mentor replacements when a key person leaves.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

Public Comment:

Joanne Fields former Chair of the Paradise Hills Collaborative spoke about finding a solution for youth in community and helping find resources that can relate to the Asian community.

Former Bell Middle School student spoke of incident of him getting jumped by a group of former students that he recognized from Bell Middle school and how he got help from former teacher.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Lynn Sharpe-Underwood commented on community outreach updates and grants update.

ANNOUCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pastor Cooper requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M., it was moved and seconded and was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next regular meeting: Thursday November 19, 2009 @ 5:30pm
City Administration Building, 202 C Street, 12th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101