

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES FOR COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
MEETING
OF
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010
AT 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM
202 C STREET, 12TH FLOOR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 5:35 P.M. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Pastor Harry Cooper at 6:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Chair Cooper called the roll:

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING:

- (1) Commissioner De Leon Torres
- (2) Commissioner Martinez
- (3) Commissioner Lansdowne
- (4) Commissioner Jenkins
- (5) Commissioner Lozada
- (6) Commissioner Gore
- (7) Commissioner Williams
- (8) Commissioner Villarreal
- (9) Commissioner Yanov
- (10) Commissioner Sotelo
- (11) Commissioner Abrams
- (12) Commissioner Cervantes
- (13) Chair Pastor Cooper

OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Natalie MacKana thanked the Commission for allowing her to speak. She is an Outreach Coordinator for the National Conflict Resolution Center, which provides several services. Ms. MacKana indicated that the National Conflict Resolution Center has been using a new training program for the past ten months. Through stimulus funding they are able to offer the training free of charge; it would usually cost \$10,000 to take this training. It is two days of intensive hands-on training on resolving conflicts. Due to the County, they are able to provide this training with no cost to youth between the ages of 14 through 18.

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Chair Pastor Cooper asked if the youth could apply this training to their community service hours and requirements.

Ms. MacKana stated that it depends on who they coordinate those community hours with, but that they are willing to count the training toward their community service.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if they provide the training within a juvenile institution.

Ms. MacKana stated they do.

Commissioner Lozada asked if they serviced the transition age youth.

Ms. MacKana stated that they do, but it falls under community training because they are considered adults.

Chair Pastor Cooper thanked Ms. MacKana for providing the information to the Commission.

Chair Pastor Cooper acknowledged Councilmember Tony Young for his work in putting together the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

Councilman Young thanked all the Commissioners for the work they have done on the Commission.

Chief Lansdowne thanked Councilmember Young for the work on the Commission and recalled them working together on making the Commission come into fruition

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Pastor Cooper asked for the approval of the minutes from September 16, 2010. The motion was to approve the Minutes. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LANSDOWNE TO ADOPT. Second by COMMISSIONER JENKINS. Passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SCAN (CIS):

a) Gang Statistics

Lieutenant Jorge Duran from the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) Gang Unit presented a report on current statistics from September 2010 that involved the City of San Diego. There was one gang related homicide. The homicide occurred on September 4th in Mira Mesa. The victim was a 21- year-old Pilipino male. Total for the year was 3 compared to 8 homicides last year. There were also 18 aggravated assaults in September; total for the year was 152 compared to 179 the prior year. Out of those aggravated assaults for September 4 of those were shootings, 9 were stabbings, and 5 were others (including the use of blunt objects). On the suppression side there

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were 93 gang arrests, 79 being adults and 12 on probation violations. There were 6 firearms recovered from these gang members on the street.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if the Gang Unit tracked arrests for aggression.

Lieutenant Duran stated that being on probation is a secondary charge and they do not just track violations and probations.

Pastor Cooper asked how many registered gang members are in the City of San Diego and Lieutenant Duran stated there were about 3,940 documented gang members in the City.

b) Probation Information- Chief Jenkins

Commissioner Jenkins introduced Director Stacy Adams, Director of the Special Operations Division, Supervisor Alda Morales, and Senior Probation Officer Aaron **(Last name inaudible 9:28)**. They are representatives from the Gang Suppression Unit.

Director Adams stated that they continue to conduct suppression activity not only through the Gang Suppression Unit, but also through a unit called The Youthful Offender Unit. The Youthful Offender Unit, which is under the Special Operations Division, is comprised of minors that have been returned to San Diego County from the California Youth Authority. The vast majorities have gang membership, gang affiliation, or committed an underlying offense due to some type of gang related reason.

Supervisor Morales stated that the total number of field contacts for both juveniles and adult probationers was 563. In addition, the total number of Residential Fourth Waivers was 513. In the months of August and September they had four operations, which included Operation Stone Garden that took place in Central and Mid-City areas. Operation Allied Shield, which took place on November 24th and 25th generated 22 probation arrests. Of those 22, 10 were juvenile, 27 were Residential Fourth Waivers, and 2 arrests for warrants.

Director Adams presented information on two innovative programs that are augmenting suppression activities. The first is the YOU Program, which takes a holistic approach by surrounding the probationers with positive forces, so that they can make good decisions for the rest of their lives. Part of that is to include their families in the process. The program is assigned two alcohol and drug specialists, who are trained in counseling, gender specific and adversity issues. This training allows them to provide retreats and counseling services to the parents and/or families of the wards assigned to the YOU Program. The YOU Program also provides resources to the parents and/or families if they themselves have issues. Additionally, the program educates the parents and/or families on what probation means and how to reintegrate families. The second is the Voice Recognition program, which is a one-year pilot and has a one-time opportunity to get funding. By using a landline, they enroll a minor into the program; the minor then calls a number, and creates a voice template by saying certain numbers into the voice system. The

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Probation Officer can then schedule random phone calls to the minor's home. This program can also be used to monitor curfew. It is a very inexpensive program and has been up and running since August 31, 2010.

Commissioner Lozada asked if the phone looked like the phone on the flyer.

Director Adams stated that it does not because it is operated from a landline, which needs no special equipment.

Commissioner Lozada stated that the YOU Program is doing a wonderful thing by engaging and bringing in the family of the wards.

Director Adams stated that they would be tracking who becomes involved by measuring what works and what does not work.

Chair Cooper thanked Director Adams and Probation for their contribution to the meeting.

c) Reentry Update

JJ Anderson stated that they have a new Reentry Court opening, which is in collaboration with the Sheriff Dept., San Diego Police Dept., Probation Dept., San Diego Reach Around, Table Superior Court, and the Public Defenders Dept. The Reentry Court begins in early November. The population served will be nonviolent parole violators and gang members who do not have any involvement with prison gangs. Currently they have the SP618 Prison Reentry Program and the Sheriff and Chief have been developing the local Reentry Program. Individuals who will be placed in the new Reentry Court Program are those that need additional monitoring. The additional monitoring will be provided by the San Diego Police Department, Probation Department, Parole Department, and Judges.

ACTION ITEM A:

Crime Free Multi-Housing: A crime fighting initiative involving law enforcement and apartment owners is being used in South and East County. Commissioner Gore will present information and statistics.

Recommended Action:

Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to research Crime-Free Multi Housing as a strategy to impact gangs and crime in our city.

Commissioner Lansdowne stated that they have had success in North County as well as South and East County. Chief Lansdowne introduced Commander Patty Duke, Crime Prevention Specialist Alisa Dean, and Richard Preuss from the Institute for Public Strategy.

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Mr. Preuss thanked everyone for the opportunity to come and speak. The Institute for public Strategy is working on the Safe Border Community Project to address crime, disorder, and nuisance properties along the California border. One of the problems they have noticed is that rental properties and apartment communities are susceptible to crime and violence issues. They have high risk of criminal activity due to the higher density, tenant turnover, and lack of community involvement by residents. In the City of San Diego, 50.5% of the total housing is rental units. The following are recent instances of violent crimes near or at apartment communities:

- a) Courtney Graham was killed near an apartment community on July of this year
- b) Aaron Rowllins was killed in an apartment community on October 3rd. A 21-year-old woman was wounded in the incident, which was believed to be gang related.
- c) Two boys were shot and wounded in an apartment community. They were in a common area when the suspects came up to them and began throwing up gang signs. This shooting was also gang related.
- d) On October 9th at Lincoln Park, a young lady bystander was shot by random gunfire fired by two groups of males that were shooting at each other.

These incidents occur often around apartment communities. These particular incidents occurred in zip code 92113, which has 67% of its housing as rental units. In zip code 92105, 69% of its housing is rental units. In zip code 92102, 71% of the housing is rental units. Impacts to residents of the apartment communities are perception of criminal activity and actual criminal activity. There is a lack of community involvement, social connection, and children getting enough physical activity. Children are fearful of going to and from school. There is also a general decrease in the quality of life for residence in these communities.

Commander Duke stated the Crime Free Multi Housing Program was established in 1992 by the Mesa Police Department in Arizona and is geared toward rental community population. The Crime Free Multi Housing Program has three phases: (1) eight hour training program for property managers, (2) inspection of the property through CPTED: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, and (3) community forum designed to foster positive relations between residents, managements, and law enforcement. The benefits include higher quality residents, increase in occupancy rates, and reduction in both problem residents and maintenance, and an increase in property value. Goal of the Crime Free Multi Housing Program is keeping illegal activity out of the rental properties.

Ms. Dean stated that the Crime Free Multi Housing Program has a lease addendum that all tenants must sign, which states that they will not engage in any criminal related activity. If they do, they can be evicted. Tools being used by the program are the East County Public Task Force, which includes the Sheriff's Department, Institute for public Strategies, and DEH. Specific ordinance guidelines state that a property must have at least ten calls per service in any 90-day period and have a comparison property. 12905 Maple View has 160 units and Stone Ridge has 145 within the community. Base calls for service are classified as disturbances versus crimes. In a year period, 12905 Maple View had 526 calls for service, which 491 were nuisance. For a one-year period, the Sheriff's Department spent \$50,000. One year after implementing Crime Free

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Multi Housing Program, they only had 229 calls for service and the Sheriff's department spent \$25,910. Crime Free Multi Housing Program has saved deputies time and money.

Commander Duke stated that the cost to run the Crime Free Multi Housing Program is very minimal.

Ms. Dean stated that tenants do move around and that out of the Santee Sheriff's station they have a manager meeting once a month to inform them about the Crime Free Multi Housing Program.

Mr. Preuss stated that one of their concerns is that as problematic individuals are displaced from apartment communities due to eviction, they will start moving into the cities of the county. The goal is to work with these cities to implement the Crime Free Multi Housing Program.

Commander Duke stated that their goal when working with communities is to fix the problem not necessarily evict a tenant.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Lozada asked if the rent has increased.

Ms. Dean stated that it will in the beginning of next year.

Commissioner Lozada stated that it might cause some unintended consequences, especially due to the state of the economy.

Commissioner Lozada asked what tolls they give to managers to prepare them for being involved.

Ms. Dean stated when they have the eight hour manager training they teach the managers about gang activity, legal legalities, and answer any questions they may have.

Commander Duke stated that they also help managers with maintenance issues.

Mr. Preuss stated that building partnerships is key.

Commissioner Sotelo asked if the lease agreement is compliant with HUD and Section 8.

Ms. Dean stated that it is.

Commissioner Sotelo asked if they provide wraparound services.

Commander Duke stated they partner with the Institute of Public Strategies, which provide services and resources.

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Mr. Preuss stated that they are working with the MAAC Project.

Commissioner Martinez asked between eviction and behavior modification of tenants through wraparound services, which was more affective.

Ms. Dean stated that is a coalition of both.

Mr. Preuss stated that the enforcement tool is a very important component.

Ms. Dean stated that most evictions were due to drug related issues.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if Commission wanted to make a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Lansdowne made the motion. Commissioner Jenkins seconded the motion.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Jenkins asked if there would be volunteers to establish the Ad Hoc Committee to research Crime Free Multi Housing.

Chair Pastor Cooper stated that there would be volunteers.

Commission approved unanimously.

Commissioner Lansdowne, Commissioner Jenkins, Commissioner Lozada, and Commissioner Torres volunteered.

Pastor Cooper thanked presenters for the work they are doing and how they presented the information.

ACTION ITEM B:

Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth Activities: Commissioner Lozada, Commissioner Williams, and Becky Phillpott had a discussion via phone regarding the 10 to Succeed Program and have some strategic recommendations regarding the initiative.

Recommended Action:

Accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation that Madison High School be the school the Commission focuses on for its 10 to Succeed collaborative initiative with San Diego Unified. Commissioners will be working with the girls and boys at the school.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Ad Hoc Committee believes that they should have a greater involvement working with both the young men and women in 10- to Succeed. The 10 to Succeed Program starts in the ninth grade and focuses on youth who are at risk and disengaged with school. There are 16 schools involved and each school has a very strong support team with

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the principal and team leader at the school. There are 10 students identified in every school. In many of the schools, there are teams that help support the school site and principal.

Becky Phillpott stated that Madison High School is an excellent choice for the Commission to support. Madison will set up a calendar so that the Ad Hoc Committee members can come to take a look and also create feedback forms for both the students and Commissioners as to what they like and what they would like to see.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Ad Hoc Committee made this recommendation because Madison High School has had this program for three years and have a very well established in fracture with a lot of support within the school. It does not have any involvement with external organizations and they believe their involvement would add to Madison's success.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there was any discussion on the item and there was not.

Chair Pastor Cooper motioned to accept the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Gore and seconded by Commissioner Abrams.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Commission moved unanimously.

Chair Pastor Cooper thanked Becky Phillpott for her work in 10 to Succeed.

ACTION ITEM C:

The City of San Diego will be submitting an application for the CAL grip funds. The grant will be managed by the Police Department. Lt. Jorge Duran and Executive Director, Lynn Sharpe Underwood will present a brief project outline

Recommendation Action:

Recommend that the Mayor and City Council support the grant application.

Lieutenant Duran stated that they are almost at the end of the of the current CAL grip grant. The grant has funded the recreational centers throughout the City with high areas of gun violence. The grant pays for the recreation centers to stay open on Friday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and have officers present. The 2009 statistics indicated that there was a drop in gun related crime in the three recreational centers by 37%. They are reapplying for the same CAL grip grant, but want to expand to four recreational centers, which will include Encanto and City Heights because both of these areas have high incidences of gang violence.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that this is a City only opportunity. Community based organizations cannot apply.

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Commissioner Lansdowne asked if there is a match.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that there is a match of \$400,000.

Commissioner Lansdowne stated that would be a problem and could not do anything until after November 2nd, but stated that it is a great program and would benefit the City of San Diego.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that they have partnerships with SANDAG, METRO United, STARPAL, and County Health and Human Services.

Commissioner Torrez asked if the match is non-federal dollars.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that they can use federal dollars, cannot use state funds, and it can be in-kind.

Commissioner Torrez asked if volunteer time be counted as in-kind.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that they had difficulty trying once before and will probably not doing again.

Commissioner Sotelo asked when the filing date is.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated it is November 18th.

Commissioner Sotelo asked when they would know if they were awarded the grant.

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated they would know in January.

Commissioner Yanov asked how the youth get home on Friday nights.

Lieutenant Duran stated that some of the youth show up with their parents and since it is before curfew they are allowed to walk home without any sanctions. There is also police present.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any more questions and there were none.

Chair Pastor Cooper motioned to recommend the Mayor and City Council support the grant application for the CALGrip grant.

Moved by Commissioner Sotelo and seconded by Commissioner Villarreal.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there was any discussion on the motion and there was none.

Commission moved unanimously.

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COMMUNITY INITIATIVE REPORTS

a) San Diego Compassion Project

Pastor Rene Colon thanked the Commission for allowing himself and other members of San Diego Compassion Project to come and speak. Pastor Colon stated that he likes to say that San Diego not only has a response team, but a response family that responds to homicides and crisis. The vision of the San Diego Compassion Project is to develop strategic efforts between the City, law enforcement, social service providers, and the general public. The San Diego Compassion Project was created by Tasha Williamson from the Jacob's Center Project Safe Way in 2009. In helping families on her own she realized that she could not do this by herself. It had to take a collaboration of individuals and agencies. The agencies include Reality Changers, Jackie Robinson YMCA, San Diego Police Department, and the District Attorney's Office. Thus far, the San Diego Compassion Project has assisted thirty families. They support in planning funerals, burials, court proceedings, transportation, and provide referral services. All the members of San Diego Compassion Project have received their training from the San Diego Police Department's Crisis and Pastor Mickey Stoney from the Rock Church and San Diego Compassion Project has developed an initiative called Project HEAL, which stands for Helping Everyone Adjust to Lose. It's for the families to get therapeutic healing so that they can become a family once again. Their aim is to heal and provide life skills for families.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked all of the members of San Diego Compassion Project to stand and commended them for their work.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Lansdowne thanked the members of the San Diego Compassion Project for the great work they do for the families in our communities.

Commissioner Yanov also thanked the members of the San Diego Compassion Project for their work and dedication.

b) Safe Passage – The Institute for Public Strategies.

Thomas Alexander thanked Commission for allocating him time to speak. The Institute for Public Strategies is operating the Safe Passage program under the Department of Justice Grant. It has four focus areas: gangs, child sex trafficking, regional auto theft, and community policing. Montgomery Middle School utilized a Multi Agency Advisory Board, which is what drives their program. Bell Middle School decided to follow in Montgomery Middle School's footsteps. The Safe Passage program was implemented at Bell Middle School in September 2010, and wanted to focus on the most vulnerable age group to gangs, which research demonstrated was middle school youth. The Institute for Public Strategies conducted an environmental scan around Bell Middle School and looked at liquor stores, other businesses, and other fiscal areas surrounding

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Bell Middle School. One problematic area was a hill that was a path that was used by many students to get to and from school. Safe Passage concentrates on the environment in and around Bell Middle School and providing an environment that does not have violence and/or gang activity.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Lozada asked if they have youth appointed on their Advisory Board. Thomas Alexander **stated** the ASB President is a member of the Advisory Board. And that Principal Dotson is onboard with Safe Passage and utilizing the Advisory Board. The Southeast Police Department is also fully onboard.

Commissioner Torres asked if they have anyone on the Advisory Board that is a parent, caregiver, and/or Philippino resident.

Thomas Alexander stated that there are.

Commissioner Torres stated that they need to have an individual who is Philippino on the Advisory Board because many of Bell Middle School students are Philippino and the surrounding area has a high Philippino population.

Thomas Alexander stated they do have someone from UPAC who is a member of the Advisory Board.

Chair Pastor Cooper thanked Thomas Alexander for his work at Bell Middle School.

c) Health Technology Workgroup

Diane Strum stated that she has been in the healthcare and community activities for 25 years. San Diego has received millions of dollars in stimulus funding for healthcare institutions, community clinics, and job training. San Diego is at the forefront with its information technology businesses, healthcare institutions, community health centers that serve low-income, and the academic institutions. Earlier this month individuals from these institutions came together and decided to collaborate to find a way with youth to design effective and proven interventions to reach out to youth. Mrs. Strum along with the other individuals of the Health Technology Workgroup wants to inform youth about health technology programs that are available to them. They want to reach the youth who are at-risk.

Chair pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Lozada thanked Mrs. Strum for providing the information.

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any other questions and there were none.

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Chair Pastor Cooper thanked Mrs. Strum for providing the information and looks forward to hearing what happens.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

Chair Pastor Cooper asked if there were any questions and there were none.

ANNOUCEMENTS

Commissioner Torres stated that Mira Mesa has a new coalition called the Mira Mesa Coalition/Collaboration. It is made up of Harmonium, UPAC, Operation Sulmahan, Mental Health Systems, Mira Mesa High School, and Mira Mesa Business Partners. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16th at 11 a.m. at the Gil Johnson Recreation Center. Looking for new ideas on how to work in a positive manner with school age youth

Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood stated that next Commission meeting will be the third Thursday in January and will be part of the 10 to Succeed program. Secondly, Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood will be going to PS & NS on November 17th to speak to the City Council on the New Directions Plan. Thirdly, on November 3rd Chair Pastor Cooper and Executive Director Sharpe-Underwood will be making a presentation at the Equal Opportunity Commission.

Commissioner Sotelo stated that Casa Familiar was honored at the Museum of Modern Art in New York for their Senior Project. Additionally, Casa Familiar will be providing 900 families unlimited Wi-Fi internet access for three years. It is collaboration between Casa Familiar, the School District, and various providers. They will also be training 30 students to be A+ certified to service the 900 families.

Chair Pastor Cooper invited everyone to come and see his band "Smooth Inspirations" perform at Stockdale's Restaurant on Saturday nights. He also thanked the Commission for the wonderful year they have had.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pastor Cooper made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M., seconded unanimously and was approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Next Regular Meeting:
Thursday January 20, 2011