

**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
MINUTES FOR COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION  
MEETING  
OF  
THURSDAY, September 15, 2011  
AT 5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL, COMMITTEE ROOM  
202 C STREET, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:20p.m.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING:

- (1) Commissioner Joyce Abrams
- (2) Commissioner Ed Martinez
- (3) Commissioner Jose Cervantes
- (4) Commissioner Mack Jenkins
- (5) Commissioner Rosa Ana Lozada
- (6) Commissioner Danny Villareal
- (7) Commissioner William Kwoba
- (8) Commissioner Carol Williams
- (9) Commissioner Chris Yanov
- (10) Commissioner Fred Sotelo
- (11) Commissioner Benny Benavidez
- (12) Commissioner Randy Ward

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comment Slips

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Ward to approve the September 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes; it was seconded by Commissioner Mack Jenkins. Passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM 1

Lt. Anastasia Smith stated that the Ad Hoc Committee met and worked together to review and study the impact of pimping, pandering and human trafficking as gang related activity in the City of San Diego. Much of the recruitment and activity is now moving onto school campuses. The Ad Hoc Committee decided that an education strategy similar to the one used by Grossmont Union High School District would be an appropriate way to move forward. Since February 2010 3400 county educational professionals have been trained.

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*Recommended Actions:*

1. Consistent with the Commission # I goal which is: Establish an effective, coordinated, collaboration process to impact gang activity citywide the committee recommends the Commission support the efforts of the County Office of Education along with Grossmont Union High School District and Law Enforcement to educate City School personnel about the on-school campus pimping and pandering through distribution of the Grossmont Union High School District's protocol for reporting suspected recruitment or victims to its members and relevant community organizations.
2. The Commission's focus for 2011 in its work plan is: (Priority Focus #4) Broaden network to include new partners to work on prevention issues. The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Commission maintain communication with the Human Trafficking/CSEC Advisory Council as it relates to the relationship between human trafficking and gangs, and associated criminal activity in the in the City of San Diego, and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council as appropriate.

Both were motioned to accept by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Ward

ACTION ITEM 2

Commissioner Williams presented the list of San Diego Unified School projects which an Ad Hoc Committee will evaluate and report back on as to support and progress.

*Recommended Action:* Establish a new Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate San Diego Unified School District community projects and events and make recommendations to the Commission regarding these efforts.

Motion made by Commissioner Sotelo seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Passed unanimously.

Ad Hoc Members Commissioner Williams, Lozada and Joyce Abrams.

ACTION ITEM 3

Each year the Commission updates its work plan and reports to the City Council's Public Safety and Neighborhood services. This year the report will be in December. An Ad Hoc Committee needs to be established to update the work plan.

A request was made for County Office of Ed and Probation to participate.

*Recommended Action:* Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the Workplan with staff presentation to the City Council's Public Safety and Neighborhood Services. A draft will be presented to the Commission at its November meeting for approval.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins and second by Commissioner Williams.  
Passed unanimously.

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP REPORTS**

- **Realignment Briefing: Probation Chief Mack Jenkins:**
  - The California criminal justice system will fundamentally shift on October 1, 2011 as the result of AB 109, the Public Safety Realignment Act. The law changes the definition of a felony, shifts housing for lower level offenders from prison to local jail, and transfers supervision of designated parolees from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to Probation.
  - The state must reduce by 30,000 inmates by 2013.
  - All non-violent, non-serious, non sex offender criminals will no longer be supervised by the state, but by local probation
  - The number of prisoners the state supervises will drop from 92,000 to about 40,000.
  - An Executive Committee of Community Corrections Partnership whose members are:
    - Honorable David Danielsen, San Diego Superior Court
    - Bonnie Dumanis, District Attorney
    - Henry Coker, Public Defender
    - William Gore, Sheriff
    - Nick Macchione, Director, Health and Human Services Agency
    - Frank McCoy, Chief, Oceanside Police Department
  - The Committee will present a plan to the County Board of Supervisors on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the plan to enhance the services to those who were supervised and the goal is to manage the plan so that there is no increase in violence within the community. The goal is to have a seamless transition between incarceration and re-entry with the new provisions.
  - The County Committee believes that the fiscal impact of this realignment will be \$100 million. The State has allocated only \$65 million. The plan is an attempt to mitigate the impact of the gap.
  - New division will be established and a new assessment process will be established.
  - 269 will be assigned to Probation in October.
  - Mental health packets are being shared
  - **Impact to Parole: Commissioner Benny Benavidez**
    - State parole will still have the most violent the worst of the worst.
    - This means a downsizing from 70 to 1 to 52 to 1 for parole staff on the local level
    - Will be using comprehensive, evidenced based monitoring techniques.
  
- **Summer Fablab On Creative Computing and Learning: Commissioner Joyce Abrams, Bea Alvarez and Dr. Abeyta (UCSD)**

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- A collaboration that served youth at the Metro Workforce Center in Southeast
- Collaboration included UCSD, County Office of Education, the Gang Commission and Coalition of Neighborhood Councils
- Learning about a Solar Energy Chip and developing it was a project by a student was one of projects
  
- **Briefing on the Re Entry Ad Hoc Committee's information sharing for community Chambers of Commerce - Commissioner Fred Sotelo**
  - The real issue are jobs for the parolees mentioned by both Commissioners Jenkins and Benavidez because those who are newly released are struggling finding jobs within a reasonable span of time
  - The re-entry “folks” are on the bottom of the barrel for job opportunity because they have their past that follows them
  - Working with Employment Development Department, Workforce Partnership, and UCSD we decided that education was an important option.
  - The goal was to find a solution that made the most sense – such as a tax credit for small business that hire parolees and food assistance programs
  - The benefits of this program:
    - one:** businesses can save money by participating through the tax right off, can be up to \$9,000
    - two:** to calculate for the risk of hiring someone that “questionable” the business owners can protect themselves with the bonding system of \$5,000
  - *The Concept* The committee will approach different chamber of commerce to give their business owners the information packet that asked the business owners to both save money and do the right thing. There are 5,000 businesses owners in total in the County and even if 2% participate that is 200 business owners that may be able to hire someone. The business owners can both save money and protect themselves
  - Ann Taamilo from EDD supports the effort. She underscored the willingness of her staff to make the process very easy for businesses. She sees the Ad Hoc Committee’s goal to underscore the education of the employers by explaining the benefit to the employers that they will receive through engaging in this program
  - *Chair Lozada asked for an update in the future because the chair sees this as an innovative and viable approach*

**COMMUNITY SCAN**

- a. Gang Statistics – Lt. Roy Moody**
  - -Overall gang activity decrease of 7%
  - Assault with deadly weapons down 16% (comparatively speaking)
  - -Last month there were no gang related shootings (August)
  - -Gang related robberies down 32% per year
  - -Gang related auto theft down 58%
  - -Gang related homicides are at 6 compared to 23

- b. Probation Information – Director Stacey Adams**

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- Wanted to acknowledge that one of the Probation officers was in the field on a Saturday evening around 9 p.m. This is not normal hours and because of this untraditional way of supervision he kept the probationer from going out to a party and violating his probation.
- Supervisor Jason Drucksman reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Passport to Life Event at City College was very successful. 800 youth were served – saw a fashion show, and participated in classes. This is collaboration with the Judge Keley, Juvenile Court Schools and the Workforce Partnership.
- The Second Chance JOLT program placed a youth in an internship with Bill Howe Plumbing. The Company offered the young person a job immediately upon graduation. The Urban Garden program had three graduates.
- The Youthful Offender Unit helped a youth get money for books and a DJJ (most troubled) youth is being helped to get a \$5000 Pell grant for college.
- Probation had its first successful discharge of a sex offender on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The young man worked very hard to meet all the necessary criteria and is now reunified with his family.

**c. Parole Statistics - Derald Wilson**

- Discussed impact of budget cutbacks on GPS Gang initiative.
  - There is now only one officer (himself) monitoring gang parolees instead of 3 – he is covering the whole county with the majority of the gang cases in the City of San Diego.
  - Parole can target areas and is gathering intelligence regarding their habits.
  - He is also monitoring graffiti. He is seeing this increasing.
  - He commented that middle school youth are being recruited for gangs.

**d. Reentry Update**

-No update

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Trauma Informed Care Conference in August was very successful  
Neighborhood Safety Alliance is looking into a Weingart Foundation Grant.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Sotelo made the motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Commissioner Ward It passed unanimously.

The Next meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup> -- Place to be determined.