

COMMISSION ON GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION
USD- THE JOAN KROC INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE
5998 Alcala Park
San Diego, CA
Thursday, November 17, 2011
5:00PM

1. CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:15PM
Milbourne Line said a few words from USD IPJ School of Peace and Justice.

2. ATTENDANCE OF THE MEETING

- a) Commissioner Gary Gallegos
- b) Commissioner Pastor Robinson
- c) Commissioner Carol Williams
- d) Commissioner Dana Brown
- e) Commissioner Benny G. Benavidez
- f) Commissioner Joyce Abrams
- g) Commissioner Daniel Villarreal
- h) Commissioner Rosa Ana Lozada
- i) Commissioner William Kowba
- j) Commissioner Mark Cafferty
- k) Commissioner Nicole Ramirez
- l) Commissioner Mack Jenkins

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Welcome by Dean William R. Headley, C.D.Sp., Ph.D.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Jenkins, then seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the October meeting Minutes with items to be corrected (recommended by Commissioner Jenkins)

Page 3: must *reduce (not release) by 30,000 inmates*

Third bullet page 3: ~~169~~ 269 to be released from prison

5. ACTION AGENDA

ACTION ITEM 1

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) has been working diligently on jobs producing infrastructures projects but also facilitate the implementation of Graffiti Tracker in the region. Commissioner Gallegos shared early statistics on the project.

Commissioner Gary Gallegos introduced Tony Rae from the Sheriff's Department and Victor Bar from the DA's office

Presentation- "Multi- Discipline Graffiti Abatement" – by Victor Bar
Story from Tony Rae about the importance of making connections between tagging monikers, gang affiliation and gang activity and how the new program can shorten the time between the action and reaction time to tagging.

-Potential benefits to working with the schools, because kids do not just tag property but also tag their homework, desks and other items at school.

-Commissioner Gallegos cited the need for resources and that when the evaluation is completed, we can pull resources together so that at the end of the day, San Diego Schools receive restitution.

-Sheriff Tony Rae shared how Grossmont schools have worked with the school enforcement officers to capture the tagging and how this works because the addresses of the schools do not change. However, the school personnel had to be trained the same as the city workers to ensure consistency.

Recommended Action: The Commission recommends to the Mayor and City Council to explore other collaborative opportunities like the Graffiti Tracker for other gang prevention and intervention strategies.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gary Gallegos; seconded by Commissioner Joyce Abrams. The action passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM 2

An Ad Hoc Work plan Committee with members Chair Rosa Ana Lozada, Joyce Abrams, Carol Williams, Danny Villarreal and Anthony Ceja (representing Dr. Ward) met to review and update the Work Plan, which will be presented to the City Council Public Safety and Neighborhood Services in January 2012. The revised Work Plan includes the Commission's focus areas and reflects the issues of shared concern, Action Items based on joint accountability and responsibility, and multiple Goals through collaborative effort.

- Chair Rosa Ana Lozada presented the Work Plan action and facilitated the presentation and discussion. Commissioner Williams- discussed focus on updates and accountability.

Commissioner Cafferty made a comment about keeping everyone up to date about potential loss of funds and how changes can be made to account for that.

Recommended Action: Accept the 2011-2012 Updated Work Plan as the blueprint for gang prevention and intervention activities and strategies for the upcoming year and recommended acceptance of the Work Plan by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Motioned was made by Commissioner Mark Caffetry; seconded by Commissioner Dana Brown.

6. INFORMATION SCAN

- **Police Department Gang Statistics-** Lt. Stetson, Gang Suppression Team
 - October – no gang related homicides
 - 14 aggravated assaults, 1 shooting, 3 stabbings
 - To date: 6 gang related homicides, this time last year there were 3.
 - 148 aggravated assaults, compared to 168 last year
 - 39 shootings, 39 last year as well
 - 29 stabbings this year, last year there were 74
 - 167 gang related arrests year to date, last year 153
 - 14 juvenile arrests in October
 - 7 parole violation arrests
 - 4 recovered firearms, last year there were 7 firearms recovered
 - In 2008 there were 21 gang related murders, in 2007 there were 28 gang related murders and in 2006, there were 18. This year there were 6 gang related murders.
 - 4,025 documented gang members in San Diego
 - 89 different gang sets
 - Largest gang is in Lincoln Park (400 members)
 - Cases: October 5th in east San Diego, a 63 year old man walked out of his house and caught some gang members graphitizing the area and they later spray painted his face and stabbed him.
 - There is a new trend; the gang members were “ashamed” of what they have done.
 - Completed a year long undercover case addressing Lincoln Park Gang Members
 - 31 gang members arrested for various narcotics charges and 6 were arrested in connection with a home invasion and robbery group

- **Probation Gang Scan-** A Supervising Probation Officer representative from the San Diego County Probation Department
 - 17 probation officers assigned to two gang units, 8 to juvenile unit and 9 to adult unit
 - Involved in several grants that focus on intervention, some with suppression
 - Working with Project Safe Neighborhoods, working with San Diego Law Enforcement Officers
 - “Smart Policing Grant”
 - Two fold: ESD and the Smaller Population
 - ESD gang members, going to be a mentorship component
 - Those who will be mentored are traditionally the most violent and active members
 - About 4 times a year there is a large confiscation of items from gang members on parole
 - Photos were shown of some of the items that were taken
 - Items ranged from firearms to drugs and gang paraphernalia

-Chair Rosa Ana Lozada- common theme of consistency by service departments that are using and seeing the benefits of the “wrap around”

-Commissioner Robinson- questioned the dates of the items in the photos

Commissioner Jenkins responded that Items were collected within the past 8-10 months. There is an MOU with the police that if there is a new charge, or law violation, the law enforcement partners come out and write the new case with new evidence (does not go to the gang unit)

- **Realignment Update**
 - Chief Probation Officer Mack Jenkins
 - In the process of creating a new division for realignment, brought to the state by AB 109 and Public Safety Realignment
 - There is a significant shift of criminal justice responsibilities from the state to the county
 - Shifts supervision responsibility of “post release offenders” (no longer “parolees”)
 - Total number at full implementation that will be supervised by Commissioner Jenkins department: 2,000 post release offenders
Just over 300 (of the projected 2,000) post release offenders have been released from prison and are now being supervised by the probation department. Of the 251 reported offenders, 101 reside in the city of San Diego.

- To qualify for the post release supervision: have to go to prison for non-violent, non-sex, non-serious felony
 - It is possible that there were serious felonies in their background, this pertains to the crime that they were in jail for
- The breakdown is: 9% were in prison for an offense against another person, 6% were in prison for a weapon offense, 42 % were in prison for property offenses, 38% for drug and alcohol offenses and 5% for other offenses.
- 87% are male, 13% are female; of the 251, 2 are registered sex offenders
- The Probation Department is in the process of doing risk need assessments to determine the level of supervision needed (63% have been assessed as high risk to recidivate, 23% have been assessed as medium and 13 % have been assessed as low risk
- Probation Department is currently building a Post Release Division
- Partnering with Health and Human Services agency to take them through an up front early screening that will be used to put those released in services needed
- Intent is to catalog resources throughout the community that can participate in this project to facilitate the project of case management
 - If they are not already a contracted service, they must enter into an MOU with the Probation Department with subsequent steps
- Question: are you partnering with 211?
 - No, we are aware of 211, but not necessarily partnering with 211, we want to get to a point where the directory is probation approved. Also, must follow the county contract standards.
- If the post release individuals do not report, there are warrants out for their arrests
- San Diego is projected to receive \$25.1 million in the first fiscal year
- It is crucial that the Governor provide the funding.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

- Harmonium Eco Enterprise – Yasmine Hernandez (VP Sales)
 - Youth run educational entrepreneurship program
 - Creates center pieces out of recycled materials for various schools, businesses and organizations
 - Provides students with applicable knowledge to succeed
 - Won the junior achievement program in San Diego

- Was chosen to compete within the North American area, and came in 2nd place
- Looking for youth ages 16-24 years of age who are willing to run the business and make the decisions
- In the next 4-5 months they hope to open 40 sites, and youth can come from anywhere in the county
- CALGrip Summer Program Report – Ryan Welch (SDPD) and Grace Mino (SANDAG)
 - First Cal Grip grant was awarded in 2008
 - Three pronged approach: *Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression*
 - Two major changes: added the San Diego County of Health and Human Services, also incorporated two additional sites: Encanto and City Heights
 - This past summer there were over 4,666 visits to the recreation centers from May 2011 to September 2011
 - Officer Ryan Welch shared a story
 - “Perceptions of the Police in the community” survey: The data revealed that 45% of the students did not feel comfortable before the center, 72% said they were comfortable after visiting the center
 - Large number of referrals are coming from City Heights
 - *Next Step*: planning meetings will begin in January 2012
- Chair Rosa Ana Lozada and Commissioner Brown commented about the importance of building relationships with informal and formal mentors and thanked the police department for their hard work.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

- Safe Passage Update –Principal Ton, Montgomery Middle School Principal
 - Principal Ton was given an award of appreciation for his hard work and time for the Safe Passages program. He started the Safe Passage program with students to prevent gang recruitment and started an action oriented program to create the chance for the students to travel to and from school safely

9. ANNOUNCMENTS

The next Commission meeting will be January 19, 2012

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM