

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Minutes of April Meeting
Bayside Community Center
Community Room
2202 Comstock St.,
San Diego, CA 92111
Thursday, April 18, 2013

WELCOME

Welcome by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 5:34pm.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

1. Commissioner Alicia De Leon Torres.
2. Commissioner Dana Brown.
3. Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.
4. Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins.
5. Commissioner Joyce Abrams.
6. Commissioner Dr. Rodney G. Hood.
7. Commissioner Peter Callstrom.
8. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne.
9. Commissioner Bishop Bowser.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments slips.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND APPRECIATION TO SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM KOWBA

Commissioner Brown read aloud a poem dedicated to Superintendent Kowba on behalf of Youth Voice. Youth Voice was established 5 years ago and works closely with the San Diego Juvenile Service Team.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for February were presented for approval.

Commissioner Chief Lansdowne made the motion, Commissioner Dr. Hood seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM A

Discussion:

The Los Angeles' Safe School Zone program has been recognized as effective by enforcing strict regulations near school grounds. A consistent message tool needs to be created for the awareness of such laws in San Diego. Sustainability of the tool must be considered before it is executed.

Recommended Action: Explore what the current laws are near school zones and move forward.

Commissioner Chief Lansdowne made the motion and volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee. Commissioner Chief Jenkins seconded.

It passed unanimously.

Commissioner Chief Jenkins, Commissioner Bishop Bowser, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Lozada, Commissioner Abrams, and Commissioner De Leon Torres will be on the ad hoc committee.

ACTION ITEM B

Discussion-

City Council has begun work on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget. This is a great opportunity to forward a letter stating the commission's general areas of need. Commissioner Callstrom asked to include employment opportunities in the letter.

Commissioner Callstrom made the motion, Commissioner Abrams seconded.

It passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM C

Discussion- Human Relations Commission has requested the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention for a collaborative effort to recommend the Mayor and City Council to support Senator Diane Feinstein's semi automatic gun bill. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne stated that it is too premature to vote.

INFORMATION SCAN

a. Officer Nisleit presented gang related crime figures. Gang related crimes are classified in a sense that a gang has to benefit from the crime. Officer Lucas did indicate that there are other crimes classified as non-gang related. The correlation with AB 109 and high crime rate is relevant. Commissioner Chief Lansdowne noticed a 9% increase in every single category except for violent crimes that have decreased to 12%. It is important to keep kids in school. A new strategy needs to take place when disciplining students, suspension for 3 days is not a solution as it keeps children away from the learning institute.

b. Commissioner Chief Jenkins is credited for the model in handling AB 109 for the state of California. Director Gonzalo Mendoza discussed a successful operation in skyline that focused on a blood gang. A study was conducted that consisted of documenting a gang member

and his/her probation officer. The goal of the study was to analyze which strategies are effective when incorporating these members back into society.

Community Transition Center processes offenders once released. Instead of waiting for offenders to show up and ask for resources, staff contacts inmates as soon as they are released. The center has been opened since January and 400 individuals have been processed. Drug screens take place right away. Temporary beds are available for no more than 7 days. SB618 created early case planning and offered services while in prison. SB618 has saved approximately 10 million dollars.

Commissioner Dr. Hood shared a story about how Southeastern officers were going above and beyond by demonstrating kindness and empathy to the public.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SHARING

- a. Connect 2 Careers applicants shared their experience with program. Life changing experience.

Connect 2 Careers program- Funds are needed to bring on staff. Main goal is to have a couple hundred young adults participate. Exposure to media will create awareness of program as well as word of mouth. Program will run for two months and will be flexible after deadline for students to sign up. So far 70 employers have signed on to support program.

Commissioner Rosa Ana Lozada requested an update at the next meeting

- b. San Diego High Principle Cordero presented a new program by SAYV, Students Against Youth Violence, called 'Grades not Fades'. Several 10th graders described the logistics and have found the program effective in making the transition of bullying to learning to get along. Social media has been a main hub for posting fights and other violent acts. The program sends the message that high academic achievement is better than violence. Commissioner Abrams suggested the program to be presented at youth meetings and other schools.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

May 16-17 Oakland and San Francisco conference will take place at the Oakland City Hall..
April 19, 6-8pm CRO officer will be working in the area of a recent homicide.

LA GRYD Conference in May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements were given to the Commissioners in their packets.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Abrams set motion to adjourn, Commissioner Callstrom seconded. It passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.