

Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
Minutes of January Meeting
City Hall
202 C Street San Diego, Ca. 92101
Committee Room 12th Floor
Thursday, January 23, 2014

WELCOME

Welcoming by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.

Recognition to Councilwoman Myrtle Cole for her continued support to the commission.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada at 4:30pm.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

1. Commissioner Dana Brown.
2. Commissioner Chair Rosa Ana Lozada.
3. Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins.
4. Commissioner Joyce Abrams.
5. Commissioner Peter Callstrom.
6. Commissioner Bishop Bowser.
7. Commissioner Don Johnson.
8. Commissioner Pastor Robinson.
9. Commissioner Vinh Tran.
10. Commissioner Eduardo Corona.
11. Commissioner Carol Williams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Sandoval: Community wrap around is mentoring 20-30 gang members in the Mid-City and Southeastern areas. On February 3, 2014, a meeting will be held with community members and various organizations to discuss the programs logistics. Pastor Sandoval has asked for the Commissioners support in efforts to provide effective programs. The old YMCA will become a one stop shop for resources. A positive connection is being made between families and the Probation Officers through the use of outreach.

Lisa Covenant, Alliance. Hussein, high school student: ACE has made a difference in Hussein's life. The programs has kept him off the street and in high school with consistently good grades. The Team Empowerment Group has shown great results in guiding troubled youth on the path to success.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for November were presented for approval.

Commissioner Dana Brown set the motion, Commissioner Joyce Abrams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM A

Discussion:

Commissioner Bowser emphasized the importance of focusing on those who are impacted by gangs.

Recommended Action:

The current recommended action will need to be re-worded as “Gang Involved Youth”. Adding language on mental health as a wrap around and home based services.

Commissioner Peter Callstrom set motion, Commissioner Pastor Robinson seconded. It passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEM B

Tiffany Harrison from the Human Relations Commission asked for support in displaying Human Trafficking posters into local businesses. Several businesses are currently not displaying the poster. Awareness must be a top priority in order to be an effective campaign.

Recommended Action:

Send letter of support to the Mayor and City Council to support this effort.

Commissioner Joyce Abrams set motion, Commissioner Don Johnson seconded motion. It passed unanimously.

Special Presentation

Probation Department Juvenile Field Services.

Discussion:

The highest concentration of kids on probation is in the 92105 area. As a result, strategic initiatives and models have been created, Positive Youth Justice Initiative, Crossover Youth Practice Model, and the Restorative Justice Program. Each is structured to address a specific need that range from one area to all areas of San Diego. Moving forward, 92113 will be on the list of the top 10 areas to focus on.

INFORMATION SCAN

a. Gang Statistics:

Year to date there are no homicides this month vs last year there were 3 homicides by this day.

b. Realignment Update:

The Special Operations Division was extremely successful with 88 arrests during the operation. A positive change has been created with fewer drugs off the street and people out of gangs. The Probation Department is going above and beyond as stated by Commissioner Pastor Robinson.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a) Ad Hoc updates: Safe School committee will be meeting again soon.
- b) Trauma Ad Hoc has completed their findings.
- c) Medical disparity met in December.
- d) Community Violence Prevention Summit 2014: Neighborhood Solutions. The event date is February 22nd at 8:30 a.m t the Jacobs Center.

Information was requested on the percentage of gang involvement. Executive Director will research the exact percentage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Don Johnson: Inner City Youth helps high at risk teens that are involved with gangs. They are given the opportunity to visit local universities to experience and see future opportunities in higher education. Inner City Youth is looking for a candidate to join their outreach program. Candidate would ideally be a current gang member.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chief Mack Jenkins set motion to adjourn, Commissioner Dana Brown seconded.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.