



NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Public Safety COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Held at Peck Park on October 1, 2014, 5:30 PM

Committee Member Attendees

Carolyn Grayson, Roger Cuevas, Cynthia Gonyea, Ashley Grayson

Non-Committee-Member Attendees

Senior Lead Officer Adriana Bravo, SLO Lopez (Central SPNC), SLO Nua (North Wilmington)
Chuck Hart, Renee Orefice of Harbor City, Bill Brownell

Committee Members not in attendance

Pete Burmeister – excused, Ray Regalado - excused

Agenda Item – Public Comment

Ebola – is there a response plan for the Harbor area?

Officer Bravo answered that Harbor UCLA hospital would be the facility to handle any cases

Agenda Item - Neighborhood watch programs

Officer Bravo spoke about the Neighborhood Watch programs in NW SP area. There are currently 15 neighborhood watch groups, and she said that she would like to focus on encouraging more people to come to the existing watch groups, rather than starting any new neighborhood watch groups.

The Council could help LAPD by promoting attendance at the watch meetings, and encouraging block captains to attend the Council meetings. Sometimes Officer Bravo goes out to a meeting for an hour and only 3 or 4 people show up. She would really like more people to show up. Meetings typically last about half an hour. Not all of the groups meet monthly, some meet quarterly.

The watch groups are not only for reporting crime but also reaching out to neighbors. Officer Bravo attends the meetings not only to disseminate information about crime in the area, but also to educate on crime prevention (that's more important), what to look out for, and to educate people not to be afraid to report crime. If crime is not reported, crime will continue. If someone want to report suspicious activity, he/she can remain anonymous.

She can let us know when the block captains meet all together. Most of the block captains use Nextdoor email system.

We could promote via our newsletter and our website.

Chuck Hart said he could put the information in their homeowners association newsletter.

Officer Bravo also talked about www.crimemapping.com – if people want to know what actual crimes have been reported in what areas, can look on www.crimemapping.com.

SLO Lopez also talked about cyber block captains. Intended for SLOs to disseminate information by email. The cyber block captain is supposed to gather information from the neighbors and email the SLO with one report. If someone wants to be a cyber block captain, he/she should contact their SLO, and ask for the SLO's newsletter via LAPD online.

Agenda Item – emergency preparedness

Officer Bravo would like the Council to assist in planning two emergency preparedness events for the fire department to make their presentation of about 1 1/2 hours.

She would like one event for just the school administrators to come to – all the elementary schools and also include Mary Star, and Mary Star extended campus.

A second event would be for the public – the parents of the school children, and all interested.

The committee discussed when the events should occur and thought that January would be best, with the school event on a week night, and for the public hold the event on a weekend.

Officer Bravo will check with the fire department for their schedule for January and then we can select from available dates and organize and promote.

Agenda Item – Topics for LAFD liaison for presentations at meetings

If the emergency preparedness events will be held on dates later than our January Council meeting, someone from LAFD could attend our Council meeting and promote the preparedness events.

Agenda Item – Community Meetings re: Rancho Holdings

Ray has spoken to the presidents of the SP Coastal and Central NCs and thinks Rancho should be at the 1st meeting, take questions; respond at the 2nd meeting; and propose solutions at the 3rd meeting.

Agenda Item – Issues to Forward to the Executive Board

None.

Agenda Item – Next Tasks

For the next meeting to discuss how to encourage more participation in the existing neighborhood watch groups and beginning planning for the LAFD preparedness events.

Adjourned.

NOTE: Following the meeting, Officer Bravo forwarded to me the contact information for the neighborhood watch block captains. We could post the information on our Council website, after we confirm with all the block captains the contact information they would like to have made public. Officer Bravo would also like us to mention www.crimemapping.com and www.lapdonline.org on our website.