

CROCKETT POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Angell. Present were Committee members Cardwell, Melero, Valentini and Wais. Committee members Botta and Gomez were absent.
2. AGENDA ORDER: No requests for items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: It was brought to the attention of the committee that stinky plants are growing out of the drainage ditch at 2nd and Pomona and the County needs to address.
- 4.a. REPORT FROM DEPUTY SPANGLER: Deputy Spangler reported she is continuing her efforts to break up the homeless encampment between Vista Point and the Deal Fish. Auto burglaries are on the rise at the Dead Fish parking areas. Citizens are careless leaving their purses, wallets and valuables in plain sight in vehicles. These burglaries are crimes of opportunity and sometimes take as little time as 18 seconds. An arrest was made with camera assistance on Kendall Avenue. It was great that it was called in and the thief was caught. A reminder to the attendees to call in suspicious problems when they are happening. Deputy Spangler urged residents to call into the non-emergency number; (925) 646 2441.
- 4.b. REPORT FROM CHP ON TRAFFIC ISSUES: Mr. Angell said CHP has recently disbanded their Community Outreach Group and therefore there is no CHP report for tonight. He said we have to find out from the watch commander what will happen with Crockett reports.
- 4.c. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Margaret Faria said if people are interested for the Valona watch to re-engage she is open to hosting meetings, but as of late nothing has been scheduled.
- 4.d. TRUCK AND TRAFFIC UPDATES: No report.
- 4.e. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: A member of the public asked if there is a way to get reports of crime in Crockett online like some other communities provide. Deputy Spangler said that Jimmy Lee is the Communication Representative for the Sheriff's Department and he can be asked about crime reports. She said she usually has a monthly crime report she prints out for the meetings but was unable to prepare it this time. Dan Robertson said a partial list is published in the monthly Signal. Deputy Spangler said that residents can request extra patrol. A resident said most issues with vehicle break-ins are happening from 1-3 am. It was mentioned that there are usually only four cars covering unincorporated West Contra County between midnight and 6 am.
- 5.a. PUBLIC SURVEY QUESTIONS: Mr. McDonald presented a draft survey on downtown parking and asked for input from the Committee and public. After some comments which included having respondents include their address in their reply, sending to downtown business owners, and to get feedback from John Swett High School students, a motion was made to send

out the survey as amended to all residents and downtown businesses by mail and include an online option that can be shared with the high school carried unanimously (jv/mw). Staff will prepare survey. It was suggested that the Committee hold off discussing parking enforcement of the existing two-hour parking restrictions downtown until the survey assessment is received and finalized.

5.b. LICENSE PLATE READERS: Mr. McDonald presented a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) report on License Plate Reader (LPR) Cameras to the Committee. The total 6-year cost is estimated to be \$136,893 which includes cell service and camera maintenance budgeted at \$8K to \$9K annually. Deputy Spangler said she feels the LPR cameras effectiveness is dependent on community support and the number of cameras in place. For example, Lafayette has cameras everywhere and since more data is collected it makes it easier to track vehicles passing through town. Danville has fewer cameras. Mr. McDonald said the funding would come from the reserve held in the Sheriff's Department share of Return-to-Source (RTS) funding received from the Crockett Co-Gen plant. The chair directed staff to present the CBA to the full District Board to see if they are supportive of spending RTS funds on LPR cameras. Staff will present the report to the Board and will hold off reaching out to the communities of Danville and Lafayette until after the Board decides if they want to move forward.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS: John Angell reminded everyone that school is back in session so drive carefully.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent item was approved unanimously (mw/jv):

- a. Approve Minutes of July 2, 2018
- b. Approve Financial Report.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Consider zoning issues.
- Consider survey to identify community priorities.
- Code Enforcement presentation.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM until October 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cardwell