

Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

ISSUES COMMITTEE **THE REPORT**

Chair: John M. Mavar

Meeting was held on June 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. – San Pedro City Hall Building, 638 So Beacon Street, 4th Fl

Attendance: John M. Mavar, Capt. George Thompson, David Rivera, Barbara Schach, Ray H. Patricio, Laureen Vivian, Christena (Park Western Estates 310-831-4418)

REGENCY Centers (Park Plaza Shopping center) Christopher Daniel Email: cdaniel@regencycenters.com

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Traffic Officers: Sergeant Arturo R. Gomez 213-485-7336, Email 26300@lapd.lacity.org
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CRIME IN CENTRAL SAN PEDRO, INCREASE

Report on the increase in drug activity in the Central SP/Vinger Hill area. This area is from 8th St. to 14th St. and Palos Verdes Sr. to Mesa. There was a murder in that neighborhood in relation to the drug activity but thankfully the suspect was caught. Neighbors living in the area are scared and frustrated with this activity. Community meetings and increased police patrols are now happening.

NWSPNC ISOLATED KIDNAPPING/SEXUAL ASSAULT UPDATE

Our neighbor, and local school student was walking to school behind the Park Plaza Shopping center around 5:30am making her way to POLA High School. As we all know the details of this crime the ISSUES COMMITTEE/NWSPNC felt we needed to know more and how to prevent this from happening again.

Senior Lead officer Art Ashcraft attended the meeting and indicated this was an “isolated” incident. They have increased patrols but what we all need to do is know our surrounding. The victim was on her regular routine to school. This suspect had to be watching her to know when to strike.

Office Ashcraft also indicated 50% of crime in San Pedro is property theft. So lock your cars and don't leave iPods or phone in eye sight. Out of sight, out of mind!

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Park Plaza Shopping center Assistance Property Manager, Chris Daniell attended to update us on what they have done to help prevent another incident, updated lighting. The committee also talked with Mr. Daniell about conditions around the property. From parking stalls that need to be repainted to the need to move the recycling center that is currently in the rear of the center. Neighbors, Park Western Estates, Jan Christena indicated the noise level. Mr. Daniell's said he would look into all of our concerns and even move the recycling center to another location away from the residents.

Gordan Tuber with Councilwoman Hahn's office was researching if permits have ever been issued for that recycling center.

TRAFFIC REPORT:

Officers Gomez and Kyle attended to introduce themselves and update/listen on traffic issues. Overall traffic issues are down but DUI's are up 20%. The officers wanted to remind the public about the "Child seat program." More information to contact the South Traffic division. The committee also gave the officers a heads up to areas of needed enforcement. (Averil Park and other locations)

Next ISSUES COMMITTEE Meeting, Tuesday, July 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Mavar
Chairperson