

CROCKETT POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Vice-Chair Wais. Present were Committee members Currington, Melero, and Ritchey.
Staff present included Administrative Services Manager Goodman and District Secretary Rivas.
2. CALL FOR REQUESTS TO CONSIDER ITEMS OUT OF ORDER: None.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

4.a. LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES AND REPORTS - REPORT FROM DEPUTY:

Deputy Ken Sheppard reported that six burglaries had occurred in August. A truck had been stolen and was recovered intact. The County has increased the number of man hours for sheriffs to monitor Crockett at random times. Community input is key to helping to solve crimes including video, descriptions of persons, license plate numbers, vehicle description, etc. Without these kinds of details, a report is written but there is not enough information to warrant an investigation. These robberies do not appear to have any specific patterns or obvious motives.

Ms. Wais inquired about street parking on Rolph Avenue by the school. Street parking is prohibited during school hours but there are always parked cars. The policy was created for safety and to allow large truck traffic. Officer Sheppard stated that he has only observed parking during school pick-up and drop-off times.

Parking is enforced by a community resource officer. Officer Sheppard stressed that the best solution to the elimination of the overabundance of abandoned vehicles is to call the non-emergency number (925) 646-2441 and report the vehicles. Callers should provide as much detail as possible. He first attempts to work with the vehicle owners. Towing is done only under two circumstances: a vehicle has been parked longer than 72 hours (must be tagged first) and expired registration tags. Chair Currington would like to provide a list of vehicles in question with a report back at the monthly meetings and hear progress reports.

The overarching message for the discussion is to call and report. The public was asked to share this message on social media channels to call the dispatch number because law enforcement is not monitoring social media channels.

Officer Sheppard is typically available, Tuesday through Friday. Callers can call and ask for him by asking for 1Paul18. He can also be reached via email at kshep001@so.cccounty.us

To report illegal dumping, Sheppard suggested calling the non-emergency number (925) 646-2441, reminding the public to provide as much information and especially a license plate if it is observed. A member of the public reported that she had called the dumping reporting number posted on Cummings Skyway, but the phone was never picked up and hung up after several rings.

To report illegal dumping, the public is asked to call non-em dispatch and report vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers. The public should first call dispatch at (925) 646-2441 before of numbers posted on Cummings Skyway.

4.b. REPORT FROM CHP ON TRAFFIC ISSUES: None.

4.c. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: No report.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE:

5.a. SEATING OF NEW MEMBER ROBERT (BOB) RITCHEY. Ms. Wais welcomed Bob Ritchey to the committee and expressed her gratitude for his service to the community.

5.b. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Vice-Chair, Mary Wais led the meeting. Sylvia Melero has moved out of town and submitted her written resignation. Raina Currington was elected as Chair. Robert Richey was elected as Vice-Chair. All in favor, 4/0.

5.c. DISCUSS VACANCIES: Ms. Wais announced that the vacancies are open. The PLC is one of the most attended committee groups. The group meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM and generally does not meet in July. The group serves as a liaison between public safety agencies and the communities of Crockett and Port Costa but the committee has no formal power. Members of the public can visit the website and download the application. The notice of vacancies is also listed in the Crockett Signal. Once an application is submitted, the Committee members will assess the applicant(s) and forward their recommendation(s) to the District Board for approval.

5.d. DISCUSS LICENSE PLATE READERS: Ms. Wais reported that the original survey results reflect a majority in favor of the LPRs. Member Melero suggested that the committee move forward with the License Plate Readers project. Ms. Currington and Mr. Ritchey were tasked with identifying camera locations and connecting with (a) vendor(s) and prepare a proposal.

Ms. Goodman explained that the CSD is not in line to pay for the LPRs but do support the efforts. The role of the PLC is to obtain a proposal, ideally three proposals, and identify funding sources. The proposal will be submitted to the Board for approval. Motion to move forward with the LPR project. RC 1st, RR 2nd. All in favor 4/0.

The public has been invited to participate in the process via a sign-up list. Interested parties can email DistrictSecretary@town.Crockett.ca.us. The committee will consider working with the grants group.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None.

7. CONSENT ALENDAR

a. Minutes for the last meeting (June 5th was a Town Meeting) were not available. Whether minutes were taken and where they are stored is unclear. The committee does not expect that minutes were taken at that meeting.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM until October 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonia Rivas