

Minutes of SOM PAC Crime & Safety Committee
Special Meeting, 30 Oct 1997, 5:30/6:50 pm
Silvercrest, 133 Shipley, SF

Members present: Marlies Hensel, Antoinetta Stadlman, Jim Berk
Public present: Chan Hatfield, Silvercrest

Approval of the C & S Chair

After discussion, Jim Berk (appointed Chair) was approved unanimously as Chair of the C & S Committee.

Regular Meetings

After discussion the selection of the regular meeting day and time was tabled. It should be as close to the day of distribution of the PAC agenda as possible for delivery of monthly reports from the C & S Committee and also subject to Sgt. McEachern's availability (Capt. Martell's appointment as PAC/Police liaison). The place also remains to be selected, but three locations were considered so as to optimize the participation of the public.

Crime

A packet of relevant crime materials was distributed to Committee members and the public for reference. Included were maps of the Southern Station's statistical code areas, bike beats, and car sectors, and also police code listing, and examples of data, which can be supplied by the police. It was noted that both the bike beats and car sector boundaries cut through PACland but that may be beneficial as providing more or quicker protection.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously to accept the police statistic code areas from Market to Harrison, & 4th to 8th streets as the basis for monthly reports of both victim and victimless crimes but to report separately on the two areas on each side of 6th street. This total area is about double the size of the SOM PACland but is centered on 6th street and is fully inclusive of PACland. Also, there may be a history that can be easily retrieved for this area for better indication of trends. These police reports plus anecdotal information from C & S Committee meetings will be the basis of a monthly report to the PAC.

There was discussion on possible crime topics for input from Sgt. McEachern and the public:

Watch committees; role of Dist. Atty's. Code Enforcement Task Force; 'revolving door' on prosecution of juvenile and drug crimes; red light running; code on tour bus idling of motors; scam of offering of parking places to club patrons.

Safety

The Chair will prepare a packet of material relevant to safety (aside from police matters) for the next meeting. Possible authorities will be contacted to schedule their appearance at a C & S meeting.

Next Meeting

The next special meeting of the C & S Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, 5 Nov at 5:30 pm at Silvercrest. The agenda is:

approval of minutes and agenda; crime issues with Sgt. McEachern's participation; safety issues; selecting date, time, and place for regular meetings; next meeting date, time, place, and agenda; general public comment.