

Rancho Bernardo Community Council

Public Safety Committee Minutes

April 23, 2007

- 1) Call to Order ~ meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Keith Worthington, newly appointed Chair of the Committee. In attendance: Keith Worthington, Robin Kaufman, Jay Riordan, Tim Harrington, Karen Rott, Gary Carlson, Jim Harmon.
- 2) Review of Minutes: Minutes from February meeting approved and will be posted on our web site as is as soon as possible. March meeting was canceled due to Paul Lennon's special presentation that month.
- 3) Introduction of Members/Attendees: Keith explained that Dave Hall was offered a special position out of the country and therefore could no longer offer his services as Chair of the Committee. Each person present introduce him/herself and explained why they are involved on the Committee.
- 4) Organizational Meeting:
 - a) Review of function of committee ~ we reviewed the role of the Committee and how we can improve public awareness of us. Keith suggested getting the 'leaders' of each group together to discuss what training they all have and what responsibilities they have in the event of an emergency. Gary suggested that we develop an action/activity list with objectives and design a call list by the end of the year. Jay mentioned BERT, which is Business Emergency Response Team and the need to get businesses in our community to join forces with CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), etc. Jay also suggested developing an Excel spread sheet with the information of what is available in our community, surrounding communities, the City and County. Robin mentioned most of the large corporations in the industrial area have their own plans in the event of an emergency and many work together, too
 - b) Review of relationship with other groups in the community (Police, Fire, Neighborhood Watch, etc.) . Keith mentioned the need to increase the number of CERT members in our community and spread the word about the program. Possibly recruiting Neighborhood Watch volunteers by working with Gary as they presently have no training and are not permitted to cross any lines or get called to assist fire/police/Office of Emergency Services in the event of an emergency. The only recognized group of volunteers in our community who would be called upon and who are officially allowed to work with the fire/police/Office of Emergency Services are CERT people.
 - c) Suggestions for future meetings (ie: recruiting CERT members, guest speakers,

etc.) Keith asked for assistance in obtaining guest speakers. Please contact him with any thoughts/ideas on the matter.

5) Other Items: Due to the number of other meetings on the fourth week of the month, all agreed to change the PSC meetings to the third Tuesday of every month, 7 pm. Location to be determined prior to the May, 2007 meeting.

Jim mentioned he along with RSVP and Neighborhood Watch would have a booth at RB Alive on June 3.

Due to a family emergency, Paul, our CRO, was unable to attend.

6) Adjourn ~ meeting adjourned at 8pm