

PANIL Meeting April 10, 2019

Agenda

- 1) Crime Stats Update
- 2) Presentation by Councilman Dan Kalb, Waste Management and California Waste Solutions

Approximately 25 people were in attendance. Bill Manley chaired the meeting.

Crime Stats

Community Resource Officer Andrew Volynets provided a crime incident summary from the past 60 days compared with last year's numbers

Summary

Crime	2019 mid Feb to mid April	2018
Auto break-ins	48	20
Res/Com Burglaries	5	16
Grand theft	8	14
Petty theft	12	23
Stolen vehicles	10	15
Vandalism	18	14

As the statistics showed only auto burglaries and vandalism (breakin without theft included). Asked about trends in traffic violations (speeding, running lights), Officer Volynets stated he wasn't able to get the information but would try to get it before next meeting. Asked about homeless encampments, the Officer Volynets stated they really don't prevent them from camping in parks or sidewalks. There only two officers in the OPD that work on homeless. Unless they are committing a crime, they are not cited or arrested. Asked if residents could invite out of town guests to camp in the public park with impunity, the officer said yes, they probably could.

PTA Fundraiser

Christine Soares announced the Piedmont Elementary PTA was having a fundraiser at her house on Saturday April 13. she handed out flyers for it.

Councilman Kalb

Valerie introduced the councilman who has represented the District for the last six years. He stated he would discuss his priorities and then open up for questions.

Dan spoke about the imminent budget process. He stated the mayor prepared a budget, and then the council reviewed it, and amended with their own priorities. Dan stated he would have a budget meeting to review his priorities with his constituents on Saturday May 18 at the North Oakland Senior Center.

The first priority the Councilman cited was dealing with the homeless. He noted as a representative to the League of California Cities, many cities across the state are experiencing large numbers of homeless like never before. He said that transitioning people through the ToughShed program has been very successful. An audience member suggested that the city look to SRO or dormitory style residences. Dan stated that San Diego had good success with large tents. The second priority he has is public safety and emergency preparedness. He said the city has no overall plan and he is pushing to develop one. He has asked for an increase in vegetation inspectors for the hills.

His third priority is child development. He is very much concerned with absenteeism (formerly truancy) in schools. It costs the District a lot of money. The school district is cutting counselors after the teachers' strike and the council wants the City to give funds to the District to restore the counselors.

When Kalb opened the floor for questions, a large number of the audience brought up the problem of homelessness and the effects on the residents and businesses. To some it seemed he cared more about the homeless than the residents around them. He seemed to be unaware of the growing encampment at Harrison and MacArthur. One audience member said the approach of letting the homeless stay in public parks or on sidewalks was enabling and promoting the settlements.

The councilman advised staff to contact Joe Devries in Public Works, or Sabrina Landreth the Chief Administrator for the City.

Asked to support a new library, Kalb noted they are looking at the Parking lot adjacent to CVS. Friends of the Library attendees stated they have been unsuccessful in getting Jody London to see if the abandoned School District - owned building adjacent to the current temporary site would be available for the Library. Dan said he meets with Jody monthly and would bring up the notion to Jody when the met.

Asked about the lack and new public open space and transportation infrastructure for the mushroom population and density of the District, the councilman only responded that he favors more

affordable housing. He could provide no update on the Ridge Phase 2 or the potential impact of Measure W on encouraging utilization of vacant property.