

Police Advisory Committee Meeting
November 9, 2005

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The meeting began at 1:40 p.m. Because the number of committee members in attendance did not make a quorum, the meeting was an informational meeting only.

The minutes of the March 9 was approved as written. The minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Construction Update: Converting parking in Lot H, the north soccer field, into student parking is one of the suggestions.

Removal of District Vehicles Parked in Lot F

An old police vehicle and another district vehicle were temporarily stored at Lot F until they could be surplused. Both cars have been removed from Lot F.

Traffic Safety Grant Update

The police department applied for a Traffic Safety Grant about two years ago. An electronic message board (e-sign) was obtained through this grant.

Kirk reported that the e-sign is very effective. Based on reports from the police department, use of the e-sign has contributed to reduction in traffic accidents. If anyone has ideas or suggestions on where the e-sign could be placed, he/she should contact Kirk. The sign will be placed on the inner campus, flashing the following advisory: "No skateboarding, bicycle riding or roller skating allowed on the inner campus."

A Traffic Safety and Parking Information brochure was distributed. Funds from the grant paid for the cost to print the brochures. It is passed out during staff orientation and classroom presentations. A request was made to have the brochures in alternate reading format, i.e. Braille.

Automated Citation Machine

The police department recently received four automated handheld ticket writers and printers funded through the Office of Traffic Safety. Information will be inputted into the machine and at the end of each day, the information will be downloaded and transferred electronically to the court. The South Bay DUI Task Force will also use the handheld devices during their DUI Task Force details.

Personnel Update – New Hire

Officer Tosh Tipton was recently hired. He is in his fourth week of training with a field training officer. The FTO training is a 16-week program. The police department still has three vacant positions to be filled.

Off-Site Parking Lot

Kirk contacted the Korean Church across the street from El Camino, and arrangements were made to set aside 20 parking stalls for El Camino staff. Parishioners from the church will be allowed to use parking at El Camino during the church's meeting times. All but two of the 20 staff who agreed to park at the church parking lot is still participating in this arrangement. This gave staff 20 additional stalls when 10 stalls were lost because of the Humanities complex project.

Parking Structure Update

The five story parking structure which will be built to cover Lot H from the back of the pool to the football stadium to Redondo Beach Boulevard and the Marsee auditorium is an 18-month project. The first story is at ground level. Campus police has been involved in the designing of the structure to ensure that lighting, permit machines, and safety have been considered. Two emergency phones will be installed per level. Approximately 1,150 to 2,000 parking stalls will be available. Disabled parking will be doubled from what is currently available in Lot H.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for June or July 2006. Parking in Lot H will be lost during construction of the parking structure. Ideas for alternative parking areas which will be used during the first three to five weeks of the semester are being discussed. Another alternative site is the running track. Parking at night is sufficient.

Fall 2005 Semester Update

Parking for the Fall 2005 semester has been good. It usually takes six weeks to settle down. This semester parking settled down within three weeks.

9-1-1 Upgrade & Building Check

The 9-1-1 PSAP equipment was recently upgraded. The State of California funded the \$20,000 project.

The police department is in the process of going to each building and placing 9-1-1 calls from telephones in the buildings. It was discovered that the screen on some phones at the Dispatch Center show wrong location of where the phone is actually located. This process is to ensure that the correct location is shown at the Dispatch Center.

Recent Crime Incidents

While using the restroom on the second floor of the Fine Arts building, a male student was robbed at gunpoint. As he entered the men's restroom, he noticed a black male and didn't think anything of the situation. While the victim washed his hands, the suspect showed him a handgun and asked the victim for his wallet and cell phone. The victim later walked over to the

police department to report that he lost his wallet and cell phone. He did not mention that he was robbed at gunpoint until a police officer took a report.

There was a stabbing approximately three weeks into the fall semester at Communications 101. The stabbing occurred during a dispute over \$20. The victim and the suspect knew each other. The victim wasn't cooperative with the police department at the time the report was taken. The suspect was located through a family member who promised to have the suspect come to the police department for an interview. When the suspect showed up at the police department, she was arrested and charged with robbery and stabbing. The weapon was found and bagged as evidence.

There was a fight yesterday which originated in the Social Sciences building. Students also reported narcotics activity across the street (Crenshaw Blvd.) from El Camino College. An officer went over to investigate the incident. Three people were involved. The officer recognized one of them who was a transient. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. The other two people were interviewed and released. There was a break-in at the Humanities area. The break-in was due to classroom doors being left open. The Humanities area needs to be more conscientious about securing their facilities after class is dismissed.

While Sergeant Toruno was on patrol, he noticed three people engaged in suspicious activity. The suspects are facing charges for burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Round Table

Kirk - At the next meeting, Kirk will bring statistics on illegal use of DMV placards.

It was mentioned that future equipment purchases such as wheel chair evacuation can be purchased by bond monies.

The meeting ended at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2006 at 1:30 p.m., location to be determined.

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