



PARRAMATTA COMMUNITY SAFETY PRECINCT COMMITTEE

10:00am – 12:00pm, Monday 11 April, 2011
Oaklands Room
Police Headquarters, 1 Charles Street
Parramatta NSW 2150

ATTENDEES	RR	Superintendent Robert Redfern APM, Commander Parramatta LAC
	LB	Inspector Lawrence Bonello, Customer Service, Parramatta LAC
	GN	S/Con. Garth Neal, Crime Prevention, Parramatta LAC
	WS	Wendy Sanki, Dept. Corrective Services Probation and Parole
	AO	Alan Overton, Community representative
	TO	Trevor Oldfield, Parramatta Chamber of Commerce
	PB	Peter Berg, representative Church Street Mall shops
	LN	Lyn Nowland, Wentworthville Tenants Group
	RW	Robert Williams, Crime Prevention Officer Parramatta City Council
APOLOGIES:	MM	Cr. Michael McDermott, Deputy Lord Mayor Parramatta City Council
	CH	Craig Heitmann, Sydney Water
	LC	Luke Coleman, Parramatta Stadium
	LR	Leo Roberts, Chairperson Winston Hills Neighbourhood Watch
	KW	Keith Wager, Bolster Wager Solicitors
	GM	Gary McCann, Community representative
	PA	Paul Ajnas, Security Manager Westfield
	PH	Brother Patrick Howlett, Marist High School
	CL	Clorinda Lee, Multicultural Liaison Officer, Parramatta LAC
	SS	Sophia Spyrou, Multicultural Liaison Officer, Parramatta LAC
MINUTES:	GN	S/Con. Garth Neal, Crime Prevention Officer, Parramatta LAC
MEETING OPENED:		10:20 AM

MINUTES

1	WELCOME RR opened the meeting at 10.20am and welcomed all to the meeting. RR thanked attendees for their participation.
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2	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies as listed above.</p>
3	<p>PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACTIONS</p> <p>Minutes from meeting 24 January 2011 adopted by AO and seconded by TO.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Youths at Iron Street shops. Completed. GN confirmed comments of previous meeting. The youth in question has been relocated by the organisation.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Referral of pedestrian safety concerns at Darcy and Fitzwilliam Streets to Transport Committee. Completed. Next Transport Committee meeting 9th June.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: GN to supply details of homeless male to Housing NSW. Awaiting response from Don Searle of Secure Parking to confirm identification of homeless male.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: PB to canvass idea of enhanced security presence within Church Street Mall. Deferred due to non attendance.</p>
4	<p>INTELLIGENCE PRESENTATION</p> <p>GN delivered an intelligence presentation consisting of a crime review for the months of January, February and March 2011 for assault (non domestic violence), break and enter dwelling, break and enter non dwelling, robbery and steal from motor vehicle.</p>
5	<p>DISCUSSION OF CRIME AND COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <p>RR invited committee members to raise any concerns.</p> <p>TO raised the idea to email Chamber of Commerce with good arrests / police work for dissemination to business community with the aim of improving communication. RR supported this idea.</p> <p>PB advised homeless persons appear to have dispersed from Church St Mall over recent weeks.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: PB to monitor and advise.</p> <p>AO advised of illegal drug use and discarded syringes being found in shelters of Parramatta Park and under the O'Connell Street and Marsden Street bridges.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Tasking and deployment to these areas.</p>
6	<p>CHURCH STREET MALL</p>

RR advised of correspondence with Council concerning joint operations within Church St Mall. Council have declined to have Council Rangers authorised to confiscate alcohol at this time and as such it was considered that there was little utility in such operations at this point. Correspondence on this issue was continuing.

RR advised of private meetings held with Hotel Parramatta to address issues of patrons moving onto the footpath and causing obstruction and disturbance to pedestrians.

PB thanked Council for fixing lighting under the railway overpass at Church Street Mall mentioning the middle section of lighting is currently not working. **RW** advised the overpass is maintained by RailCorp and Integral Energy and advised Council is reviewing a number of options for the overpass to create an active and engaging space.

PB raised concern about low lighting in St Johns Park. **RW** advised Council is aware of the issue with arrangements made to prune the trees covering light fixtures in St Johns Park and the mall.

PB stated he felt the mall was now under control regarding the recent concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour. However, was concerned due to the lack of attendance at the meeting, compared to the prior meeting and questioned what happens when police or council management changes or if participation further decreases. **RR** advised minutes are published on the internet and CSPCs are reviewed by the Operation Programs Command to ensure continuance. Locally, regarding any change of management, briefing notes are used to inform of key issues. **RW** provided an overview of Council structure explaining the role of Place Managers who are responsible for particular areas. **TO** added it is also the responsibility of this committee to ensure ongoing effectiveness. **RR** expressed gratitude to those present for their participation and support and expressed disappointment at the reduction in representation at the meeting given the loss of the valuable input of other individuals. He added that there is a risk of losing the capacity to exchange valuable information when representation falls away. **TO** highlighted the issues are not only for **RR** to address; rather whole community issues.

AO expressed his thanks to **RR** for his efforts over the past years as Local Area Commander.

LN suggested sending a letter to members who did not attend concerning a missed opportunity to contribute to the committee and highlighting that the committee missed their valued contributions. This was agreed upon by members.

ACTION ITEM: GN to draft letters to members not present.

PB expressed concern about anti-social behaviour and loitering by patrons of cafes within mall area. **WS** advised Probation and Parole have issued banning notices to clients to reduce such occurrences.

PB questioned whether CCTV is operational within mall. **RW** advised yes and provided an overview of a forthcoming tender to upgrade CCTV in mall, Darcy St and Connection Arcade.

PB provided an overview of discussions for the potential removal of the fence bounding Queensland Arcade and St Johns Park.

	<p>RW Provided an overview of Council activities within Darcy St and the mall. A key issue is the unattractive streetscape. Staff are undertaking the following considerations to rejuvenate the area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vendor carts along railway wall - Upgrades to railway overpass including a welcoming façade - Upgrade of CCTV - Discussions with Telstra concerning the new design and layout of phone boxes to prevent anti-social loitering which has been identified as an issue - Ways to activate Connection Arcade pending the Civic Place Development - Looking at ways to attract people to the mall such as Wi-Fi hotspot to encourage positive use of space - Review of Thursday market, which was originally designed as a growers market, however has become more a trash and treasure market. <p>PB enquired about the opening of the mall to traffic. RW advised this may be considered as part of the Civic Place Development, however, there were significant cost and other related implications.</p> <p>RR expressed thanks to Council for the upgrade of seat benches, which had appeared to reduce loitering on the benches and had thereby appeared to have contributed to reducing fear of crime and anti-social use in the mall.</p>
7	<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>LN provided an overview of the Wentworthville Tenants Group. LN advised of drug paraphernalia located within a laneway between Bessbrook Way and Richill Park.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: General police taskings to area.</p>

Meeting closed 12:50pm

Next meeting 10:00am – 12:00pm
18th July 2011
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