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Minutes
Community Relations Board
1340 "E" Street - Conference Room
August 9, 1972

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mrs. McClure. There was no quorum present.

ATTENDANCE: Members in attendance were: Paul Cossette, Mrs. Ollie Edwards, Doretha Graham, Fred Kunzel, Oscar Morlett, Marcus Mosely, Joseph Ortega and Carrie Ennis Wooden.

Excused: Larry Marshall

Staff: Wilbur Hagler, Wesley Whetstone and Andrea Gholston.

Visitors: Mr. Don Lyles, County Honor Camps, Gilbert Groff, former board member and Mary Cormier of the League of Women Voters.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda could not be approved as there was no quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum. There was a discussion of the Minutes of July 12th. Oscar Morlett asked what the status of the Campbell case is. Mrs. McClure stated that the case is still in litigation and that the Campbells have hired an attorney and are filing a civil suit against the City of San Diego.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Hagler read a letter from Attorney John Porter, representing the San Diego Lawyer's Guild, to the Grand Jury regarding an appearance before the jury in support of our request to appear also, in relation to the investigation of the Parole Department and Honor Camps.

He also read a letter from A. F. Anders, Foreman of the Grand Jury, acknowledging the request from the board to appear on behalf of the Department of Corrections and Honor Camps, stating that the request had been referred to the proper committee investigating the Honor Camps. He said that he had checked and found that there are two separate investigations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A letter from Don Lyles, Corrections Consultant for the Honor Camps was read, extending an invitation to board members to tour the men and women's facilities at Chino on September 21, 1972. Mr. Hagler asked for confirmations by August 25th.

Mr. Lyles stated that the Human Resources and County Probations Departments will also be sending representatives, and that the purpose of the trip is to gain insight into what the Honor Camps are doing.

Wesley Whetstone stated that he has had personal contact with several agencies that are in support of the Parole Department.

He also read a letter from K.P.B.S. confirming a telephone conversation regarding air time for Mountain View Park on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Whetstone said that Kuumba will set up the lines and that a committee for programming will be organized. He asked for any suggestions from the board.

Paul Cossette stated that he had talked to some of his agents and parolees about Mountain View Park and that there has been participation and much cooperation on their part.

Oscar Morlett asked if there is any substance to the report that citizens living around the park are complaining about the situation.

Mr. Hagler stated that there are two issues involved. 1.) The same group that congregates at the park later goes to 5000 block of Logan Avenue and that 2.) businessmen and women in the area have asked for assistance from the Police Department, the CRB and the Community Development Department of the City of San Diego, and if something is not done the police will be moving into the area at 5000 Logan Avenue in approximately one week. One of the recommendations made to the City was that they build a recreation facility at 43rd and Logan Avenue to facilitate the crowd at all times. It was stated that block groups will be formed to talk to parents and that someone who has some influence is needed to talk to top city officials about taking some positive action regarding the situation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Hagler said that last Sunday, August 6th, the park was practically empty because everyone was at the beach. There were no problems at the beach but after the group returned to the park everyone went over to 5000 Block of Logan Avenue.

Mrs. McClure stated that last Thursday, board members and staff visited the work furlough center at 30th and Market Street, the women's facility and the West Fork Honor Camp. They talked with residents and staff and they seemed to be very happy with the present system. The general consensus was that they are opposed to the Sheriff's Department taking command of the camps. They complained about the pay scale which starts from 65¢ a day up to $1, and also the lack of competent medical attention. The one doctor services all of the camps and the county jail.

Oscar Morlett stated that the trustees in the county jail only receive 50¢ a day, and that there are reasons that the wage cannot be raised.

Mrs. McClure reported that there are rap sessions between residents and staff and that a full report in written form will be forthcoming to all board members.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED THAT WE PRESENT THE FINDINGS OF THE CRB RELEVANT TO THE HONOR CAMPS TO THE GRAND JURY IF AND WHEN WE APPEAR BEFORE THEM. A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

Discussion: Joe Ortega asked whether or not CRB could make some type of recommendation for transportation of relatives and friends of the residents of the Honor Camps on visiting days, such as the Model Cities buses. Wes Whetstone stated that there are no funds to pay for weekend trips and that the drivers have to volunteer their services. He said that requests of this type have to be made well in advance. He was also asked about the use of City buses or other means of transportation and stated that he would look into it.

Oscar Morlett said he would like to see the report before he votes on the motion.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

Oscar Morlett dissenting.

It was suggested that we use all local media and contact the residents of the camps to advise all concerned as to when the transportation will be available.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND THE MINUTES OF JULY 12th AS MAILED.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

(Case: Harvey)

Mr. Hagler stated that he had contacted the City Attorney, Mr. Fred Castro about what type of action the Harvey's could employ against Mrs. Gerdo. Mr. Castro stated that they could go into civil litigation against Mrs. Gerdo or they can take the case back to the Grand Jury which would be referred to the District Attorney again. He has already refused to prosecute the case. He stated that he had contacted the Harveys and they agree with Mr. Castro about taking the case into civil court.

Mr. Whetstone said he has talked with a member of Evelle Younger's staff (Attorney General of the State of California) who is the administrative head of all district attorneys in the state, who suggested that we appeal to Mr. Younger if nothing else works.

Fred Kunzel said he was not sure whether or not an individual can take a complaint to the Grand Jury on his own, or whether the Grand Jury can make an indictment without the District Attorney's approval.

Mr. Hagler stated that the Grand Jury can, in fact, issue an indictment on their own.

It was discussed whether or not we should publicize this case through the news media and it was decided that at this point it could do more harm than good.

It was then decided that the case would be referred back to the Grand Jury for further action.

Mr. Hagler stated that he also checked with the City Attorney regarding the legality of the police department's position in refusing to divulge the type of punishment meted out to an officer. Mr. Castro stated that there is a state law that provides that:

> " A public agency has no obligation to make public the results of any internal investigation of that agency unless criminal charges are brought."

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

He said that this means if the Chief of Police wants to, he can make public this information but if not, he is not obligated to. He stated there is another bill in the assembly which was read to the board two months ago that would change this law and make it mandatory that the agency head divulge this information to the public but that the law has not been passed. The police chief is within his rights at present not to divulge what type of disciplinary action he has given any officer.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

BUDGET AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wesley Whetstone explained the new budget form passed out to the board listing by object account the expenditures up to the present date, noting whether we are under or over our expectations. He stated that the CRB is very close to it's original projection.

It was asked whether there will be a retreat for the new board members. It was stated that there are no plans for such a retreat at this time.

Mr. Whetstone also stated that Mr. Cooper, who appeared before the board last month, has received assistance in writing a proposal for his project, which consists of employing children to sell peanuts on the street.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

OTHER BUSINESS:

(Election of officers)

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED TO POSTPONE THE ELECTION DUE TO THE THAT THAT THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH MEMBERS PRESENT TO VOTE.

It was suggested that the nominations be taken care of and that the ballots be mailed out with the minutes.

Mrs. McClure stated that she will be attending a conference at St. Mary's College in Moraga Valley the week of August 13th on Crime and Youth, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and that a written report will be given to the board.

IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED.