

## Meeting Minutes for 1/25/18

A Special Meeting (Closed Session) of the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District was held Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, California. A Regular Meeting (Open Session) followed.

### ATTENDEES

<u>Elected Members</u>	<u>Speakers/Presenters</u>
Rachelle Sherris-Watt, President	Ann Danforth, District's Legal Counsel
Eileen Nottoli, Vice President	Pat Gillette
Len Welsh, Director	Mabry Benson
Sylvia Hacaj, Director	David Spath
	Lisa Caronna
	Linda Lipscomb
<u>Staff Members</u>	Karl Kruger
Anthony Constantouros, General Manager	Marilyn Stollon
Lynn Wolter, District Administrator	Andrew Gutierrez
Rickey Hull, Interim Police Chief	
<u>Press</u>	
Linnea Due	

President Sherris-Watt called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. President Sherris-Watt, Vice President Nottoli, Director Welsh, Director Hacaj, GM Constantouros, and District Administrator Wolter were present. President Sherris-Watt announced that Director Deppe was absent because of a family commitment.

President Sherris-Watt reported that Closed Session Item b had appeared on the agenda in error and would not be discussed this evening.

### CLOSED SESSION PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:36 P.M.

### CLOSED SESSION

- 2a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(1) of the California Government Code.
- 2b. Item to come from RSW and AD.

- 2c. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency representatives: (General Manager Anthony Constantouros and Jonathan Holtzman).  
Employee organization: Kensington Police Officers Association

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:33 P.M.

President Sherris-Watt took roll call. President Sherris-Watt, Vice President Nottoli, Director Welsh, and Director Hacaj, were present. President Sherris-Watt reported that Director Deppe was absent because of a family commitment.

President Sherris-Watt announced that there was nothing to report from the Closed Session.

Prior to the commencement of Public Comments, President Sherris-Watt announced that concerns about vandalism would be addressed during Staff Comments.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Linda Lipscomb asked if the Board would be taking comments following the presentation on vandalism. President Sherris-Watt responded that the Interim Chief would probably be taking questions, but the item had not been placed on the agenda – so there would not be any exchange. President Welsh said Ms. Lipscomb should make her comments now. Ms. Lipscomb thanked ICOP Hull for the report on the recent vandalism and car thefts. This report is similar to what the community used to receive on a regular monthly basis, when Chief Harman had been preparing a monthly report on incidents that had occurred – with descriptions of what kinds of incidents and roughly where they had occurred. Because the information is useful, she'd like to see the practice of providing this report restored. She asked what efforts are being made for recruitments. Crimes sprees, like the ones Kensington had had recently, couldn't be predicted, but things had become something of a free-for-all in Kensington. She'd heard it hadn't been restricted to vehicle vandalism: Other incidents had occurred. She asked what efforts were being made for recruitment – the department is now down to five officers and the ICOP. She asked how the department is addressing the shortage of officers and said she wanted to see a long-term solution to the Memorandum of Understanding in order to stabilize this District, rather than waiting to see what's going to happen and stringing it along to make it look like it's heading for contracting out – making it very unattractive for recruits for officer and reserve positions.

Mabry Benson wanted to remind people that, when the Ad Hoc Committee had done its investigations on contracting out, one of the questions asked of all the people they talked to was whether they would hire any of Kensington's current officers. The response had been that Kensington's officers would be welcome to apply, as anyone else would be. If they qualified, they could be part of the new department. She asked that GM Constantouros pass along this information to Matrix. If Kensington's officers weren't good enough to qualify for other departments, why would Kensington want them? Kensington's officers have some protection, especially if they're good and upstanding.

Pat Gillette said she was present on behalf of some of her neighbors. She and they are quite concerned about the rash of car break-ins and burglaries, and they were disappointed this had not been placed on the agenda. She had asked the Board President why it hadn't been on the agenda, but she hadn't received an answer. The community is interested in what the plan is to address these issues since it is unusual and because the department is down in its number of officers. She looked forward to ICOP Hull's explanation of he's doing, and she hoped the Board would take this up as well.

Marilyn Stollon wanted to address some of the comments about the community's police services. We're engaged in a fact-finding, problem-solving process with the Matrix Group. The Board needs to

hold off on major decisions impacting hiring police staff and finances, until the report is done. GM Constantouros is a highly experienced GM, who has managed towns larger than Kensington with more complex issues. The community needs to support his experience and judgment and his advice to the Board. She asked if one extra officer stop crimes at 4:00 A.M. – doubtful, as they occur in seconds. Do more officers on staff decrease crime? Not exactly proven. Does Kensington Police Department have a higher staffing ratio in comparison to other similar communities in Contra Costa County? Yes, it's higher than places such as Clayton and Orinda. Is it cheaper to pay overtime than hire an officer? Yes. Could Kensington hire a temp officer? She wasn't sure, but it's done in business. Kensington is a town with a consistently low crime rate, and it's been so for years. Virtually no Part I crimes. Instead, Kensington's major crimes are ID theft, vandalism, and auto break-ins. This exists everywhere. In San Francisco, car burglaries are rampant, and it's a difficult crime to solve. What we're seeing in Kensington is no different than what we're seeing in surrounding towns. An MOU for the police is on the table. While she'd not be in favor of an increase, she would support it because it's short-term, until the District sees where it stands following the recommendations of the Matrix report. She's not in favor of hiring additional police staff, especially since the department had been working, at times, with six or seven in staff for a few years. More staff, contrary to public opinion, is not a guaranty of lower crime rates. Better to use staff to patrol vigilantly and to be visible throughout the town.

Lisa Caronna said she'd not had a chance to read the new report on vandalism, but she thanked ICOP Hull for preparing it: It helps to get this out into the open. She's been receiving phone calls from people who never attend these meetings, and they're asking, "What is going on?" Clearly, robbery and car thefts are way up in this community. She understands that nine officers are budgeted but only five are on patrol or working in the department, which is about a 50% decrease in police staffing. This District's major charge is policing and public safety. The community expects the Board, GM, and ICOP to be conducting efficient operations to the best of their ability and to be making sure that the primary services are administered at the highest level possible. Although she's happy the study is underway, she doesn't think the community can wait five months for the study to be completed, three months for deliberation, half a year to figure out whether the District will contract and put out RFPs, or to hire more officers. All of this takes a tremendous amount of time. She doesn't think the community can exist at a 50% staffing level during that period, when the community is paying for and expecting full staffing. At a minimum, she urged and recommended that the Board put this at the top of its agenda – because it's the top of the Board's responsibilities – and make sure the public is aware of steps being taken to fill that gap. Get more officers on the streets, take whatever action is necessary to resolve pending personnel issues, and make sure the community feels and sees the results of efficient operations.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

President Sherris-Watt reported that a young man, Julian Curtis, was missing. He has a Kensington grandmother and had been a student at Hilltop School. He went missing the prior Saturday from the Del Norte BART station and hadn't been seen since. The case is being handled by the Richmond Police Department.

Director Hacaj reported that there had been a missing child at the park earlier in the week. ICOP Hull and Office Wilkens had responded and done an excellent job of locating the child, who had been missing for an hour. The child's mother asked Director Hacaj to pass along her thanks to Officer Wilkens and ICOP Hull.

#### **STAFF COMMENTS**

District Administrator Wolter reported that Paul Moss had come by the office to ask that the Board take up Nixle as an item on an upcoming agenda. President Sherris-Watt said she'd spoken with Mr. Moss and had let him know that the Board would place this item on the February 8<sup>th</sup> agenda. She and ICOP

Hull had been in discussion about this, and she had outlined the District's emergency services plan for the upcoming year.

ICOP Hull said he'd prepared a report outlining what was happening with the vandalism, which seemed to be on everyone's mind. One residence and 19 vehicles had had windows shot out with a BB or pellet gun. There had also been an attempted residential burglary at a separate address. These incidents had all occurred between 4:00 A.M. and 5:00 A.M. It appears that the perpetrators were driving through town and that there may have been two vehicles. Some of the vandalism incidents had taken place in the area of Eureka, Anson, and Franciscan; but the majority of the incidents had occurred in upper Kensington – on Yale, Kenyon, and Beloit. Some residents had videos of incidents, but the videos aren't clear enough to get a photo of the vehicle, the license plate, or a suspect. However, there is some audio, which sounded like several young males, and one could hear the sound of a semi-automatic air or pellet gun. Windows and some car panels were damaged. One officer had been working that night. Even if two officers had been working, there was no guaranty that this would not have happened. He based this statement on that fact that incidents like these had been taking across the state. There was no way for him or the police department to have anticipated that this would happen. Given the nature of this type of crime, he thought it would happen again. It seemed to be isolated to the coming of the New Year. There was no evidence it would occur throughout the year. He did not issue a press release because he didn't want to give the perpetrators a way to compare what they'd done with what others had done. Next year, he would have more staff on patrol during the early days of the New Year.

ICOP Hull reported that he'd attended a chief's meeting earlier in the month, where he'd learned that this kind of crime had occurred throughout the state. He asked the department's detective to contact detectives for departments along the I-80 corridor, including Benicia, which had experienced the same crime, to share information – in the hope of identifying a suspect.

With respect to the residential burglary, ICOP Hull reported that, when that call had come out, it had been consistent with the damage to the vehicles. It wasn't until he'd gotten on scene that he'd realized it hadn't been the same: It had been a residential window. It had been determined that the individual, who had broken the window using small porcelain chips, had discovered that the resident was at home. Thus, the criminal hadn't entered the house.

Pat Gillette said her car had been broken into in October, and items had been taken. She asked how ICOP Hull was addressing the lack of staff.

With respect to the staffing issue, ICOP Hull said the department had the reserve pool, and he was in the process of putting a more robust process in place so he could vet the members of that pool. There are two reserve officers and there is a third individual in the background process. Once a process is agreed to and authorization is granted, more staff will be brought on board. The community should see more patrol units. He's getting out of the office and driving in either a marked or unmarked car. When he's in the unmarked car, he can get a better sense of what's going on and gauge how the department's doing – even with the reduced staff.

David Spath asked how the reserve officers were deployed: Are they deployed independently or do they have to ride with an officer?

ICOP Hull responded that the two reserve officers are available to patrol independently. The Kensington Police Department requires only 20 hours per month from its reserves because they also have full-time jobs elsewhere. The reserves come in at times that are convenient for them, unless something exceptional was planned in advance.

Pat Gillette asked ICOP Hull to explain what a reserve officer is and what his plan is for more patrolling. She believes that the more visible the police are, the better. That's what the community's paying for and that's what her friends and neighbors are upset about. The community has half the police force it should have, and there doesn't seem to be anything being done to address it.

ICOP Hull responded that Kensington is a unique situation. The agency is small, so the reserve program is a good option. It's an effective way to see if the department can get individuals who can operate in a small department and to see how they work and interact with residents. However, this is not the only avenue. In the past, some good reserves have left. Right now, the department is operating with a limited, skeleton crew. He said this wasn't the first time the department had operated with so few officers. The District is budgeted for ten officers. However, since October of 2016, there'd been nine officers on the books, but only about six officers had been working patrol. There had been some officers on the books who had not been able to come into work. It's challenging, and the department would like more officers. This is the situation, so everyone has to step up. He has to take calls and go out on patrol. The sergeant has to do so as well. The detective no longer concentrates only on detective duties: He's going out on patrols and doing detective duties.

David Spath asked if ICOP Hull had looked at the possibility of having retired officers supplement the department – noting that, if they're retired from PERS, they could only work 960 hours per year. This could put more officers on the street. Patrol is one of the best remedies for defeating some of this activity. The Ad Hoc Committee had found that there had been at least one jurisdiction that had used retirees. This could provide a way to supplement the reserves.

ICOP Hull responded that the Kensington Police Officers Association would have not to challenge this shift of bringing in retirees who would be able to work limited hours. Even if retirees were to be brought on, they'd still have to go through a background process, which could take four to six months. By the time the Matrix report was done, in about this amount of time, the District would have a better idea of which way it wanted to go.

Andrew Gutierrez said he'd lived in the area since 1963. This year, his car window had been broken for the first time. That day he'd gone to San Francisco, where he'd seen piles of broken glass on the street – cars had been broken into. Kensington is becoming a bit of a third world country. You don't just leave cars on the street because people take them, vandalize them, or whatever. The police department has been understaffed for a long time. At least three officers had been off for various reasons – so six officers. That we only have five now is similar. That the community is having more incidents reflects that our society is becoming more dysfunctional. The District had been suffering from an economy of scale. There are ten officers and if something goes wrong, legally or physically, the department is down. A larger department would have the capacity to fill in if things break down at the local level. With respect to contracting out, any agency would have enough officers to be able to fill in. Kensington would always have a full complement of officers. Kensington residents wouldn't be able to leave keys with the police department any longer; they'd have to adjust.

Linda Lipscomb said it sounds like the District is dancing around getting full-time officers. We're holding off until we see what happens, and we're going to fill in with whatever. She admires ICOP Hull for trying to get people in the department when the department isn't recruiting from the academy or posting for positions. She appreciates the sentiments that society has changed and bad guys have found Kensington. But, she asked why the department isn't recruiting for full-time officers. If there are nine or ten slots, and there are reserves, there's a bench to bring in when someone gets ill. But, no, we're going to wait until some report comes out. The taxpayers aren't getting the full complement of officers for which they're paying. She finds this below the standard of care.

President Sherris-Watt reported that two officers had retired in December – so just recently. Tonight's agenda includes the MOU, which the Board considers very important – to use as a tool for future discussions with potential police officers.

Mabry Benson said that Kensington has a small department and so doesn't have a deep bench. Her understanding is that people can't be asked ahead of time if they plan on retiring. This is among the problems with such a small department. She said there were lots of streets in Kensington, so no matter how fully staffed the department is, one person on patrol would have a hard time getting to all the streets.

Karl Kruger said he appreciates ICOP Hull's report, but he wished ICOP Hull had indicated more directly that he'd written it. His name and date should be included. When he'd heard ICOP Hull say that it would take six to eight months to recruit and complete the process for a new hire, what he'd heard was that the District was going to contract out anyway. That's the implication of what ICOP Hull had said. He wouldn't count on that. There would be a lot happening before the community contracts out.

President Sherris-Watt said ICOP Hull was a defender of the department, and he'd never suggested, publically or privately, that he was driving towards contracting out. She understands that this is an issue that could be discussed for a long time. But, after the next comment, she would ask staff to consider this issue and, perhaps, place something on the next meeting's agenda.

Director Welsh said he didn't think ICOP Hull had meant that he wanted to contract out.

Pat Gillette said there have been a lot of explanations but not many solutions. The community is looking for solutions – ones that could make a change now. The community can't afford to wait four to nine months to have this solved. The problem needs to be addressed with the current structure. What are the possible solutions? She wants to see action taken now. Her friends and neighbors are quite concerned about this. She lives on a cul-de-sac, well off the Arlington, and someone came onto her street and smashed her car window and took items from her car. This isn't for Kensington. If it's something that's becoming more prevalent, there is still a responsibility to do everything possible. Residents are paying for a fully staffed police department that's taking care of the citizens.

President Sherris-Watt said the Kensington Police Department doesn't ever think that crime is life.

ICOP Hull emphasized that he's in the camp of keeping an independent police department, intact, for the residents.

Kevin Fitzsimmons said he'd spent a lot of time in San Francisco and Manhattan and he'd seen many things there that he doesn't want to see in Kensington. He asked how the police department could know that the criminals who'd shot out windows, throughout the state, didn't have plans for other times in the year.

ICOP Hull responded that the department doesn't know. This was the first time ICOP Hull had seen this volume of this particular crime since he'd become a police officer. This is why he thinks this is a new phenomenon. He knows it's happened in Fairfield, Vallejo, Berkeley, El Cerrito, and Benicia. So, it's not isolated to Kensington. He believes it's a cultural phenomenon among certain young people.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

President Sherris-Watt said that, in the first paragraph on page three of the December 14, 2017 minutes, or page five of the agenda – this may have been her error when speaking – there's an indication that Ms. Feldman and Ms. Lipscomb had been members of the Finance Committee. She suggested the way to correct this would be to provide the listing she'd prepared for that meeting. Director Welsh asked if she'd meant to thank these two people. She responded that she did mean to thank them, but they hadn't been Finance Committee members.

**MOTION: Director Welsh moved, and President Sherris-Watt seconded, to adopt the Consent Calendar.**

**Motion passed: 4 – 0.**

**AYES: Sherris-Watt, Nottoli, Welsh, Hacaj**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT: Deppe**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 8a. Announcement of Board Committees, per Policy 4060. Presented by President Sherris-Watt.

President Sherris-Watt announced that, this evening, she would only be appointing the committee members for those standing committees for which she's the coordinator. She reported that there were some contradictions between what the Board Policy and Procedures Manual and the solid waste contract describe for the Solid Waste Committee. She asked Vice President Nottoli to provide that language for the Board's next meeting so that the Board could determine how best to proceed. She asked the Board to approve a motion for her to appoint members of the Emergency Preparedness and Finance Committees this evening. Director Welsh so moved.

A. Stevens Delk asked the Board to look carefully at the possibility that there could be two, separate solid waste committees:

- The Solid Waste Coordinating Committee, which is required by the state and is composed of a District staff member, a County Supervisor or his representative, one County staff member, and one Bay View staff member.
- A Solid Waste Committee, which is a standing committee identified in the Board's Policy and Procedures Manual. It's separate from the Coordinating Committee and is composed of one or more Board members and may include members of the public.

President Sherris-Watt responded that this was the direction in which she was leaning, but she wants to ensure that the Board is clear. Dr. Delk responded that her understanding was the Board was leaning toward there being one committee.

**MOTION: Director Welsh moved, and Director Hacaj seconded, that the Board approve President Sherris-Watt appointing members of the Emergency Preparedness and Finance Committees.**

**Motion passed: 4 – 0.**

**AYES: Sherris-Watt, Nottoli, Welsh, Hacaj      NOES:      ABSENT: Deppe**

President Sherris-Watt thanked the Board for granting her the authority to appoint the committee members. She appointed:

- Finance Committee – Paul Haxo, Jim Watt, Karl Kruger, Paula Black, and Rob Firmin
- Emergency Preparedness – Maya Churi, Derek Suring, Paul Moss, Paul Dorroh, and Larry Nagel as the representative from the Fire District.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 9a. The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and considered approving an Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kensington Police Officers Association.

GM Constantouros introduced the item. The Kensington Police Officers Association (KPOA) and the District had come to a tentative agreement at the end of December for a one-year extension, which pretty much follows the CPI for the Bay Area. This is a year of transition as the District is completing the study of police services to determine the future direction of the department. Whatever the study concludes, it will probably be a department that looks somewhat different – whether it's kept internally or whether the community and the Board favor a contracting option. Because of that, the POA agreed to this one-year extension. There is some language that hadn't been completely ironed out – mostly related to the appeal process. He asked for authorization to finalize the language, subject to the approval of the general counsel.

David Spath said this is a reasonable agreement, a fair increase, and the PERS contribution is consistent with some of the local jurisdictions. He noted there was no change in the medical benefit premium for 2018. He asked if it should be assumed that the District would cover that increased cost, with the exception of the \$125 per month that the employees are currently contributing.

GM Constantouros responded that there was no change to the current language about this. President Sherris-Watt responded that this was her assumption, too.

Dr. Spath said that, with respect to overall salaries, there were people in the community who thought the police officers were highly paid. If one looks to other jurisdictions for comparisons, Kensington officers are at the low end of the salary range – whether one looks at El Cerrito, Berkeley, Albany or even some of the smaller communities, such as Ross and Tiburon. The limited revenue stream needs to be taken into account. He suggested that, once the Matrix study is completed, the retiree medical benefit be changed for any new retirees to provide the minimum. The District would provide the minimum allowed under the law.

Linda Lipscomb asked about the language for which the GM said he was seeking approval and whether it had been agreed to by the POA.

GM Constantouros responded that he was seeking authorization to complete that discussion with the officers.

Karl Kruger said he agreed with many of Dr. Spath's comments. He's happy there is an understanding early in the calendar year. He endorsed the pay increase because it seemed fair. While he's happy there's a contract, he thinks the police department could use some real improvements. Some of it needs to come from the Board, some of it needs to come from the GM, some from ICOP Hull, some from the officers, and some from the community. The community could run an independent, well-organized police department in this community.

President Sherris-Watt read a statement from Director Deppe. He wrote that he supported the MOU, as presented in the Board Packet. From the data presented, the offer is fair and in line with current rates and standards. As long as the community employs its own police force, it should "do right" by its officers. The outcome of contracting versus keeping the independent police force isn't known. If it ends with the District continuing to operate its own police department, the District will need to be able to attract quality officers. This MOU reflects the District's values and a realistic assessment of the current situation. He hopes this is the last MOU that has to be negotiated under a cloud of uncertainty. Once the Matrix report is done, he wants to come to a long-term decision and commit to it.

President Sherris-Watt thanked GM Constantouros and legal counsel, Jon Holtzman, for negotiating on the District's behalf. This is a fair deal for both sides. She noted that the Board had wanted to present the MOU at its December meeting, but it hadn't been ready.

**MOTION: President Sherris-Watt moved, and Vice President Nottoli seconded, that the Board adopt the extension agreement between the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Police Officers Association, with the caveat that the authority to negotiate and execute this contract be given to our General Manager, subject to the review and approval of our General Counsel.**

**Motion passed: 4 – 0.**

**AYES: Sherris-Watt, Nottoli, Welsh, Hacaj**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT: Deppe**

GM Constantouros thanked the Board for the vote and noted that this had been a positive process. Negotiations can be adversarial and he wanted to compliment the POA for the way in which its members had conducted themselves. This is why the negotiations had been completed before the contract had expired.



Director Welsh confirmed, having served on the Board for a while, that things had been quite rancorous in the past. He's impressed by how smoothly this had been done.

President Sherris-Watt said the Board looked forward to the officers serving Kensington for the coming year and, hopefully, beyond.

- 9b. The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and considered taking action regarding the upcoming vacancies of the Special District Seats of the Contra Costa County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

President Sherris-Watt reported that each Board member of a special district within Contra Costa County could nominate a member of LAFCO. She said that, if any KPPCSD Directors wished to be considered, the Board would need to have a resolution on the Board's February 8<sup>th</sup> agenda. She asked that anyone interested send her an email.

- 9c. Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and considered approving an agreement with All City Management Services for crossing guard services.

President Sherris-Watt provided a history of the agreement: The District entered into an agreement with All City Management Services to provide crossing guard services at the intersection of Arlington Ave. and Rincon Rd. The West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) had been reimbursing the District for those fees. In November 2017, the WCCUSD decided it would terminate the contract at the end of this school year. That district set reimbursement rates at \$3,305 per quarter, not to exceed \$14,020 for the school year. She said this should not impact the current contract that the District has with All City Management. However, the Board needs to adopt the new contract provided by the WCCUSD. This change would be something to consider in the upcoming budget. Would the KPPCSD want to continue funding this out of its own pocket. At this time, the WCCUSD is not interested in continuing this reimbursement.

Director Hacaj noted that in the past, the KPPCSD had paid for the crossing guard, and then there had been a change in that arrangement: The WCCUSD paid for this through the KPPCSD. Now, however, the WCCUSD would be ending this with all schools. Kensington would have to consider whether it would resume paying for this. This would be a Fiscal-Year 2018-19 budget item.

District Administrator Wolter noted there was some history that preceded what Board members had shared. The crossing guard had been paid for by the school district. When the school district went bankrupt, school parents came to the KPPCSD because the school district had announced that it would no longer fund this service. Based on pleas from the parents, the KPPCSD agreed to pick up this cost until such time that the school district had recovered financially. When that occurred, it was contemporaneous with the Sandy Hook School incident. That was when Charles Ramsey, then a member of the school board, had come to the KPPCSD, wanting to enter into an agreement with the KPPCSD as well as other area police departments for police coverage and crossing guard services.

Director Hacaj suggested that community organizations might want to contribute to this as well.

Andrew Gutierrez said that he crossed at this intersection and that many didn't understand the traffic signal there. It's not uncommon to see people running the light, and it's a dangerous place; thus, he encouraged funding this.

Vice President Nottoli said that she was scheduled to meet with Kate Rauch and Monish Sen to discuss Colusa Circle and that it might make sense to have an actual stop light at this Arlington intersection.

Mr. Gutierrez responded that the County had declined to make this change in the past because it would impede the flow of traffic.

Director Hacaj suggested that the signal light's hours of operation be looked at.

Mabry Benson said that impeding flow was a phony argument. Drivers could speed all they want through Kensington until they get to the stop sign at the intersection of Arlington and Amherst Aves. At that point, it can be a long wait to get through that sign. Slowing traffic along the "racecourse" would help by evening out the speed.

**MOTION: President Sherris-Watt moved, and Director Hacaj seconded, that the KPPCSD enter into a contract with the West Contra Costa Unified School District to provide crossing guard services and receive reimbursement.**

**Motion passed: 4 – 0.**

**AYES: Sherris-Watt, Nottoli, Welsh, Hacaj      NOES:      ABSENT: Deppe**

- 9d. The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and made recommendations about emergency services.

President Sherris-Watt noted that she's the Emergency Services Committee Coordinator for the year and that the community would see activity on this front each month. She presented information about the Contra Costa County Community Warning System, which is designed to warn residents in the event of an emergency. Police or fire can activate the warnings. Residents must be registered to receive the call on anything other than a landline and can register either online or by submitting a paper form by mail.

President Sherris-Watt reported that there would be a presentation about Nixle next month. A representative would come to discuss this emergency warning system. She noted that the District would be completing all recommendations and activities for emergency services on the District website, in the Outlook and through a newsletter. She announced that this information would be distributed to all the churches and schools in the area.

- 9e. The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board of Directors discussed and considered taking action regarding Board and Committee meetings for calendar year 2018.

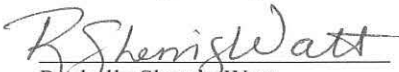
President Sherris-Watt asked that the Board table this item. She also announced that the first Finance Committee meeting would be held in early February, after the audit had been completed.

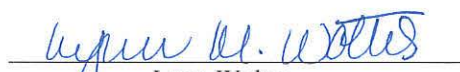
**MOTION: President Sherris-Watt moved, and Vice President Nottoli seconded, to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion passed: 4 – 0.**

**AYES: Sherris-Watt, Nottoli, Welsh, Hacaj      NOES:      ABSENT: Deppe**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

  
Rachelle Sherris-Watt  
KPPCSD Board President

  
Lynn Wolter  
District Administrator