

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California  
January 21, 2015

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on January 21, 2015 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Williams led the Commission and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Parham, Augusta, Taylor, Williams and Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Davis and Gadams

Staff: Lieutenant, Diane Aguinaga  
Sergeant, Trevor Schnitzius  
Sergeant, Desmond Bittner  
Coordinator, Hans Ho  
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

Chairperson Cook introduced new Police Crime Prevention Commissioner, Hilda Parham.

Lieutenant Aguinaga announced Chief Cantando sends his regrets noting he wanted to attend the meeting; however it was his son's birthday.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 15, 2014)**

On motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Augusta the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of December 15, 2014 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Augusta, Taylor, Williams, Parham and Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioners Davis and Gadams

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Keith Farr, Antioch resident, passed out a signup sheet requesting anyone participating in the adopt-a-park program describe their participation. He announced pickup sticks and safety vests could be purchased at Harbor Freight and Dollar stores.

Chairperson Cook reported anyone interested in adopting a park could contact Deputy Director of Public Works Bechtholdt for supplies.

Linda Soliven, Antioch resident, expressed concern regarding unsafe traffic conditions on Golf Course Road. She requested the City install speed limit signs and traffic calming measures in the area, to mitigate her concerns.

Chairperson Cook explained Director of Public Works/City Engineer Bernal was the City's contact road improvements. He encouraged Ms. Soliven voice her concerns to the City Council.

Lieutenant Aguinaga added that Chief Cantando lived in the area being discussed and took traffic concerns seriously. Additionally, she noted he was committed to reinstating the traffic unit this year and the Antioch Police Department would make the neighborhood a priority.

Bob Horel, Co-Captain for Neighborhood Watch, thanked Lieutenant Aguinaga for addressing his concerns regarding the closure of Laurel Road and reminded her that closures in the area had not been completed.

Chairperson Cook explained that road closures were a function of the City and that issue should be brought to the attention of the City Council.

Lieutenant Aguinaga added that the next neighborhood cleanup was in the Canada Valley and Laurel Road area.

Sheryl Wilson, reported her friend's dog had been attacked by dogs who were unleashed and questioned if leash laws could be enforced in the area.

Lieutenant Aguinaga responded that Animal Services Supervisor Helgamo would be making a presentation at the Feb 18, 2015 Police Crime Prevention meeting and she would be available to answer questions at that time.

## **6. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. Presentation by: Karste Consulting - Emergency Preparedness**

Lonnie Karste gave an overhead presentation on Personal, Family, Neighborhood and Community Disaster Preparedness, which included potential disasters, shelter in place protocols and a checklist and calendar for assembling emergency kits and plans. He announced information had been made available in the Police Department Community room regarding CERT training and disaster preparedness, for distribution by Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

Lori Cook reported they were recently involved in an auto accident and found themselves without a key to their home. She suggested residents carry an extra house key with them at all times.

A speaker suggested including pet supplies in emergency kits.

A speaker suggested scanning important documents and storing them outside of their immediate area.

In response to a speaker, Mr. Karste stated the average person required approximately one (1) gallon of water, per day.

Janet Farr suggested storing a list of phone numbers in the event cell phones were not available.

Mr. Karste suggested car chargers for cell phones be included in emergency kits.

In response to a speaker, Lieutenant Aguinaga explained that during a major incident a majority of the Antioch Police Department would be called in and many live locally.

Sergeant Schnitzius added the Antioch Police Department had mutual aid agreements with surrounding jurisdictions. He clarified that residents did not need service for a land line to make a 911 call.

In response to a speaker, Mr. Karste commented that school employees become disaster workers and their service was directed by school administration.

Chairperson Cook thanked Mr. Karste for the presentation. He recognized new Neighborhood Watch participants who introduced themselves and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reported on his meeting with the Delta Associations of Realtors regarding implementing the Looking Out for You Program. He announced the City had surpassed five hundred (500) block captains which had resulted in more calls for service and more arrests.

**b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Chairperson Cook announced this item would be continued to February 18, 2015, when there would be a full Board present.

**7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)**

**a. Commission**

Commissioner Parham cautioned residents that there was a scam involving Bank of America whereas customers were receiving emails requesting they update security information on their accounts. She stated anyone receiving this type of email should

report it to their bank's fraud department. She noted she was bi-lingual and she was looking forward to reaching out to the Latino population. She announced she would be meeting with First 5 on February 2, 2015.

Commissioner Taylor cautioned residents that counterfeit bills were being passed around and there was a waitress working local restaurants who had been taking photos of credit cards and making purchases. She suggested residents accompany their credit card to the point of sale when they were being processed. She announced there would be a Disaster Preparedness Fair at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in April. She questioned if anyone was involved in a Neighborhood Watch group in the Lemontree area. She noted there was a resident in the area that wanted to initiate the process; however she was afraid to approach neighbors.

Chairperson Cook responded that the group in that area was not meeting at this time due to lack of participation.

Commissioner Williams urged residents to turn on their porch and garage lights at night. She encouraged residents to become part of the solution and pick up trash when they see it. She noted large illegally dumped items could be reported to Republic Waste.

Commissioner Augusta encouraged residents to voice their traffic/speeding concerns to the City Council and request traffic calming devices be installed in residential areas. He reported the cities of San Francisco, Berkeley, Concord, Pittsburg and Brentwood effectively utilized traffic calming measures in their residential areas.

Chairperson Cook reported he had received many complaints regarding mail theft and suggested residents consider installing locking mail boxes.

In response to Chairperson Cook, Lieutenant Aguinaga responded that dispatch would instruct residents to file online reports for mail theft and an officer may be dispatched if suspect information was available.

Chairperson Cook spoke to the value of the REACH program and announced informational flyers were available in the community room this evening. He reported he had been involved in a vehicle accident which occurred at Garrow Drive and Davidson Drive and urged residents to pay attention and stay off cell phones. He stated unsafe driving in Antioch needed to be addressed.

#### **b. Staff**

Coordinator Ho reported Neighborhood Watch was not successful in the Sycamore area due to lack of participation. He stated they had changed focus and were working with property managers to form the Sycamore Area Coalition and their focus was on writing a request for bid a security company to service multiple developments in the area. He stated the property owners were also working together to repair a fence along Sycamore Drive adjacent to the Chevron property.

In response to a speaker, Lieutenant Aguinaga reported an arrest had been made regarding a shooting that occurred December 21, 2014 on Peppertree Way.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - Continued**

Gil Murillo stated the Crime Free Housing Program was very successful at creating safe areas and suggested the City of Antioch research the program. He stated he had advocated for speed bumps in his neighborhood and had been told repeatedly that they were not financially feasible however research indicated there was a reduction in crime and injuries when speed bumps were utilized. He further noted if the community approached City Council together, they may be more likely to respond.

Chairperson Cook stated the Sycamore Area Coalition was working to address the issues in the area. He agreed that a request for speed bumps, needed to come from the community.

Jacqueline Higgins, "C" Street Neighborhood Watch, commented that when going before the City Council if you indicated your issue impacted your quality of life and property values, it was more likely to get attention.

Lori Cook, Antioch resident, recognized the Antioch Police Department who assisted when they had their vehicle accident. She announced her facebook page, *Cleaning up Antioch One Home at a Time* was active in cleaning up illegally dumped items in Antioch. She encouraged residents to bag litter for pick up by Republic Waste and provide accurate location descriptions for illegally dumped items. She noted anyone needing trash pick-up supplies could contact her for further information. She further noted she was attempting to obtain solar security cameras for problem areas. She thanked the volunteers who picked up garbage and noted they were still attempting to address donation box issues.

Mario Vasquez, reported when police responded to a call for service in his neighborhood the person involved stated he did not want Neighborhood Watch involved. He encouraged residents not to be intimidated by people who were not supportive of the Neighborhood Watch program.

Larry Harrison, Antioch resident, stated the purpose of designing streets was to make them smooth for a comfortable ride and speed bumps are not helpful to achieve that goal. He stated roundabouts work well and encouraged residents to advocate for them in lieu of speed bumps.

A speaker stated he had information regarding a marijuana grow house in his neighborhood.

Chairperson Cook suggested the speaker discuss the matter with Lieutenant Aguinaga after the meeting.

Stephanie Sterling thanked the Antioch Police Department for addressing the issues at CVS Pharmacy.

Janie Yuds reported her Neighborhood Watch group held regular cleanup events and Republic Waste responded to pick up the bags of trash.

Chairperson Cook announced furlough Friday's had been eliminated and City employees were now working five (5) days a week.

A speaker reported men wearing yellow reflective jackets were picking up trash and casing neighborhoods.

Chairperson Cook encouraged residents to report all suspicious activity.

Lieutenant Aguinaga clarified City workers wear orange jackets.

A speaker reported there was excessive garbage at AAA on Auto Center Road.

In response to a speaker, Chairperson Cook reported all lights were on at the AMC Theatre; however the lights in front of CVS were not operational.

Sergeant Bittner reported Deer Valley Plaza Shopping Center had been quiet.

Chairperson Cook reported he had recently shopped at Food Maxx and they had repaired their shopping corrals and there were no problems in the area. He noted the issues behind Burger King had also been resolved.

A speaker reported the cost of speed bumps was approximately \$10,000.

A speaker reported it had taken her neighbor five (5) years to get speed bumps installed in her neighborhood.

Chairperson Cook announced the following events.

**8. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS**

- a. February 18, 2015 – Crime Prevention Commission Meeting this will be on a Wednesday because of President's Day.
- b. February 7, 2015 – Neighborhood Clean-up - Canada Valley Road and Laurel Road.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Parham, seconded by Commissioner Taylor the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously adjourned the meeting. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Augusta, Taylor, Williams Parham and Chairperson Cook  
Absent: Commissioners Davis and Gadams

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.