# ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

February 17, 2021 Meeting Conducted Remotely

The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), held Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting live stream (at <a href="https://www.antiochca.gov/apcpc/meeting/">www.antiochca.gov/apcpc/meeting/</a>). The Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting was conducted utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on February 17, 2021.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eubanks, Morales Corona, Munton and Chairperson White

Absent: Commissioner Lewis (arrived at 7:04 P.M.)

Staff: Sergeant Stenger

Sergeant Chang Coordinator, Hans Ho

# 3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November 16, 2020)

On motion by Commissioner Morales Corona, seconded by Commissioner Munton the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of November 16, 2020 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Morales Corona, Munton and Chairperson White

Absent: Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis arrived at 7:04 P.M.

## 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

# 6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

This item was moved to later in the agenda due to technical issues.

### 7. OLD BUSINESS:

# **Business Watch Implementation – Report by Commission**

Commissioner Eubanks reported that they attempted to hold a Business Watch meeting with the Antioch Marina group; however, they were unsuccessful due to lack of availability of participating members.

# Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee - Report by Chairperson White

Chairperson White reported committee meetings had not been scheduled and to date no pending meetings had been scheduled.

# Community Outreach Sub Committee, "Bridging the Gap" – Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis reported that he was unable to schedule a "Bridging the Gap" subcommittee meeting because there was a misunderstanding that he was required to step down from the Commission because he could not concurrently hold positions on the AUSD School Board and as a Commissioner. He noted moving forward he would be scheduling subcommittee meetings.

Coordinator Ho added that the City Attorney Smith ruled that Commissioner Lewis, if willing, could remain on the Police Crime Prevention Commission while serving on the AUSD Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Lewis stated he would be remaining on the Police Crime Prevention and he was happy to be serving.

# Proposal to Change Mission Statement and Responsibility for Crime Prevention Commission – Commissioner Eubanks

Commissioner Eubanks announced that he had met several times with Commissioners Munton and Bruckman over the last 6-months to review the existing 1999 Mission Statement. He reported the had developed interim findings and recommendations. He noted they found the existing Mission and Responsibility Statement if amended and executed in an appropriate manner authorized and empowered the Commission to serve in a capacity that would align with the expectations of the community, appointed Commissioners, and the Antioch Police Department. He stated at a previous meeting they had questioned if it was still appropriate for the Police Crime Prevention Commission to meet with the City Council.

Coordinator Ho responded that in the absence of Lieutenant Meads who was to discuss this matter with Chief Brooks, he would suggest following up with Lieutenant Meads in the next week so something could be brought back to the Commission next month.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Continued from earlier in the agenda due to technical issues.

# Traffic Division Update - Sergeant Chang

Sergeant Chang thanked the Commission for allowing him to make the presentation this evening. He gave a PowerPoint presentation which outlined the following:

# **Before Law Enforcement:**

- Grew up in the Bay Area
- > Lived oversees
- > Bachelor of Science in International Business from San Jose State University
- Worked as a Hotel Manager at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose and the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco

# **Career in Law Enforcement:**

- Started career in law enforcement with the Walnut Creek Police Department in 2002
  - Patrol Officer
  - Detective
  - o Bomb Squad
- ➤ Lateraled to the Antioch Police Department in 2007
  - Patrol Officer
  - Detective
  - o Corporal
  - o Sergeant
  - SWAT Operator
  - Sniper Team Leader
  - Moved over to the Traffic Unit last August

The primary goal of the Traffic Unit is to reduce the number of traffic collisions and to encourage traffic safety for our city streets and neighborhoods. The positive impact on this "quality of life" issue is achieved by working together with the community, the city's **Engineering and Development Services Division**, and other local and state agencies through, education, engineering, and enforcement.

One of the greatest benefits of Motor Officers is the connection to the community. Motor Officers are highly visible and are often found at our community schools, parades, and ceremonies. So, if you see one of our Motor Officers, please come up and say hi.

#### **2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS**

Expansion and appointments to the Traffic Unit

- ➤ Officer Ben Padilla #5319
- Officer Calvin Prieto #5936
- Officer Andrea Rodriguez #5949

- Sergeant Ted Chang #4362
- Officer Justin Hamilton #5561

## Rotations out of the unit

- Officer Robert Solari
- Officer Eric Johnsen

## **MORE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Three new 2020 Harleys, making a total of 5, plus a trainer
- New in-house motorcycle training course
- New Traffic Unit workspace
- > (2) new radar trailers, one with ALPR
- Refreshed website: https://www.antiochca.gov/police/traffic-unit/
- Online traffic enforcement request form
- TRAC open/close class (contact every complainant)
- > Traffic Officer assigned beats

# **HOURS OF OPERATION**

- ➤ W8 Sergeant Chang Every Day All Day
- ➤ M1 Officer Padilla Monday Thursday 0600-1600
- ➤ M2 Officer Hamilton Tuesday Friday 0600-1600
- ➤ M3 Officer Prieto Monday Thursday 0900-1900
- ➤ M4 Officer Rodriguez Tuesday Friday 0900-19002019-2020 METRICS

#### 2019-2020 METRICS

	Vehicle Fatalities	2019–6	2020-5
$\triangleright$	Traffic Citations	2019-2530	2020-3835
$\triangleright$	Call Outs	2019-*	2020-11
$\triangleright$	Online Requests**	2019-**	2020-110+
	TRAC Closing Class**	2019-**	2020-7

<sup>\*</sup>Unknown

# **OTS STEP GRANT**

# (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program)

Grant period from 10/1/2020 through 9/30/2021. \$53,000 of Federal Funds were allocated. So far:

- Conducted 4 DUI Saturation Patrols
- Conducted 2 DUI Collaborative Details
- Conducted 1 Traffic Enforcement Detail

<sup>\*\*</sup>The online requests and the TRAC closing class went live on 9/1/20

- Conducted 1 Traffic Safety Education Campaign
- > 18 more details scheduled which include a DUI checkpoint

# **Contact Information:**

Sergeant Ted Chang #4362
Field Services Division
Traffic Unit/Community Engagement Team
Antioch Police Department
300 L St. • Antioch, CA 94509
Phone: 925.779.6900 ext. 84362
Current Work Schedule:

Mon-Fri & every other Sat-Sun 0630-1630

In response to Commissioners, Sergeant Chang clarified the following:

- ➤ If a vehicle has been identified as participating in a sideshow, they can obtain a warrant, post a 24-hour notice (if vehicle is on private property) and impound the vehicle
- ➤ There is measurable standard for alcohol but there are no measurable standards for cannabis, prescription medication or illegal drugs, so the officer must determine by observation if there is impairment
- > Tests for cannabis only determined if there was any present
- > The issue with cannabis was that it remained in the system for 3-30-days depending on use

Chairperson White stated it was encouraging to hear the traffic unit had expanded and she thanked Sergeant Chang for the presentation.

Commissioner Munton reported that he had recently spoken with Officer Rodriguez when he was riding his BMW motorcycle.

#### 8. NEW ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Commissioner Munton suggested agendizing a discussion on Animal Control.

Coordinator Ho responded Animal Services had made a presentation to the Commission in the past and if it were desired by the Police Crime Prevention Commission, he could arrange a presentation for a future meeting.

Commissioner Munton stated that most animal complaints go through dispatch who redirected the call to Animal Control and so issues occurring in the evening hours are not addressed until the next day, which did not solve the immediate issue. He questioned how they operated, what their plans were for expansion, and enforcement efforts.

Coordinator Ho responded that he would arrange for a presentation from Animal Services for a future meeting and he would be specific in identifying the points that they were interested in being addressed.

In response to Commissioner Eubanks, Coordinator Ho clarified that the Mission Statement would automatically be added to future agendas until the project is completed.

## 9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

# Commission

Chairperson White reported that mobile COVID-19 testing was available at Prewett Park.

Commissioner Lewis announced John Muir Health would be providing free COVID-19 vaccinations and he would send additional details on the event to Coordinator Ho to forward to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Munton reported Contra Costa County was providing vaccinations at the Nick Rodrigues Community Center.

Coordinator Ho reported he received his first dose and would receive his second dose on March 11, 2021.

Chairperson White reported she would receive her second dose on February 24, 2021. She encouraged the Commission to disperse information regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccination availability.

# **Antioch Police Department**

Coordinator Ho announced that with more people receiving vaccinations against COVID-19, they are getting closer to reinstating the VIPS program.

In response to Commissioner Munton, Coordinator Ho stated they were not prepared yet to assign Neighborhood Watch groups; however, a zoom link was available to conduct virtual meetings should anyone be interested, and they can be arranged through Lieutenant Meads. He stated he would forward the Block Captain information to Commissioners if they want to contact any groups to schedule virtual meetings. He noted that he was waiting for appointments to the Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancies prior to assigning Neighborhood Watch groups.

# 10. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- ➤ Neighborhood Clean Up Suspended due to COVID-19
- Crime Prevention Commission meeting March 15, 2021 via Zoom

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

# 12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona and Chairperson White

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

<u>Kítty Eíden</u> KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk

Respectfully submitted: