

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California  
February 19, 2014

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on February 19, 2014 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room. He led the Commission, staff and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

**2, ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner, Augusta, Taylor, Williams, and Chairperson Cook  
Absent: Commissioner Hayes, Davis, Gadams (Commissioner Gadams arrived at 7:14 P.M.).

Staff: Lieutenant, Diane Aguinaga  
Coordinator, Hans Ho  
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

**3, APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 22, 2014)**

On motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Augusta the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of January 22, 2014 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bart Miller, Antioch resident, questioned how they could integrate emergency preparedness into their Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Coordinator Ho stated he would email the emergency preparedness handouts to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, for distribution and noted that Lonnie Karste may be available to make presentations at meetings.

Jacqueline Higgins, announced Shelter Inc. was providing toiletry and supply bags for distribution to the homeless. She provided contact information for anyone wishing to participate in the program.

Larry Harrison, Antioch resident, introduced the new officers for his Neighborhood Watch group and stated he would be assisting them with the program.

Coordinator Ho asked Mr. Harrison to provide contact information for the new Neighborhood Watch officers.

Lori Cook and Barbara Cowan, Antioch resident, reported they had witnessed and taken photos of people engaged in illegal activity at Deer Valley Plaza and expressed concern that these and other illegal activity, had spread into the nearby neighborhood. They discussed their desire to begin a Neighborhood Watch group for the area.

Commissioner Gadams arrived at 7:14 P.M.

Chairperson Cook reported that Ms. Cook and Ms. Cowan had made a positive impact and the Antioch Police Department had also conducted proactive enforcements in the Deer Valley Plaza area.

## **5. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. Presentation by Teri Lynn Lowery – Center for Human Development Mobilization for Youth Alcohol Prevention (MYAP)**

Teri Lynn Lowery introduced herself and provided handouts of the presentation and gave a PowerPoint presentation of Mobilization for Youth Alcohol Prevention that included the following information:

- What is the Mobilization for Youth Alcohol Prevention (MYAP)?
- Who is involved?
- What kind of enforcement is happening?
- What can Neighborhood Watch do?
- How can I get more information?

Coordinator Ho stated he would be emailing reporting and logging forms to Block Captains.

Ms. Lowery stated she appreciated the Commission's time and support. She provided contact information for anyone wishing to receive additional information.

Two (2) youth alcohol prevention public service announcements were shown.

In response to the Commission, Ms. Lowery clarified the parents or persons of age could be cited for providing alcohol to minors. She discussed programs in place to prevent underage drinking and explained the provisions contained within a social host ordinance.

Lieutenant Aguinaga reported the Antioch Police Department conducted the decoy program.

Coordinator Ho announced he would email copies of the Mobilization for Youth Alcohol Prevention presentation to Block Captains.

## **6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)**

### **a. Commission**

Commissioner Taylor reported while out of town, she had witnessed teenage boys take items from cars at a gas station, while the owners were pumping their gas. She urged residents to be careful when leaving their vehicle at service stations. She also reported she had done a walkthrough of a neighborhood park and she would attempt to do so more often.

Chairperson Cook urged residents to stay off their cell phones and lock their cars when pumping gas.

Commissioner Gadams reported he was on vacation and ill the last month and had not participated in any Neighborhood Watch meetings.

A resident reported there was a property in her neighborhood with several code violations and residents that participated in illegal activity. She noted that after sending letters to the legal owner requesting the issues be addressed and threatening a lawsuit, the tenants were evicted and the property had been cleaned up.

Commissioner Gadams commended the residents for taking action and working together to resolve the issues. He encouraged other Neighborhood Watch participants to share ideas that were successful in improving their neighborhoods.

Commissioner Augusta warned residents of a current scam where people were falsely identifying themselves as employees of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). He noted they were attempting to collect funds and threatening people who refused to pay. He clarified that the IRS did not make contact by phone or email and anyone receiving these calls should hang up immediately.

A resident reported that they utilize caller ID and when they do not recognize the number, they do not answer unless a message is left.

Chairperson Cook announced the Antioch Police Department hired six (6) lateral officers last week and there were more interviews held on February 18, 2014. He led the audience in an exercise of identifying people he had leave the room and discussed the importance of residents being aware of their surroundings and calling in suspicious activities. He reported residents in Antioch and Oakley had been the victims of mail theft and suggested residents install locking mailboxes. He encouraged residents to stay off their cell phones in cars, parking lots and stores. He stated there was a resident in attendance this evening that was available to make presentations on alarms systems at Neighborhood Watch meetings. He announced there had been discussions

with regards to bringing forward a rental tax in November, to help fund code enforcement.

**b. Staff**

Lieutenant Aguinaga gave an update on the current staffing levels for the Antioch Police Department. She discussed the value of reciprocity to the recruitment process and announced they would be requesting the City Council consider increasing the hiring of Lateral Police Officers to fifteen (15).

Coordinator Ho announced he had several presentations available for Neighborhood Watch groups and if anyone was interested, they could contact him to schedule one. He invited Commission members to attend a presentation on fraud to senior citizens on March 10, 2014 at the Commons at Dallas Ranch. He reported the City Council was conducting interviews for members of the Measure C Oversight Committee.

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

- a. March 17, 2014 - Crime Prevention Commission Meeting**
- b. March 1, 2014 - Next Neighborhood Clean-up, DOWNTOWN Meet at City Hall, 3rd and H St.**

Chairperson Cook announced meetings/educational presentation/events schedule.

A resident questioned how long the process was for evicting section 8 tenants. He stated their group was targeting a home, however, there was no immediate impact and they were losing focus.

Lori Cook responded that the process was available on the *Cleaning Up Antioch One Home At A Time*, facebook page. Chairperson Cook added that sending the property owner letters outlining their concerns was in lieu of having to involve Code Enforcement. He reminded the resident that the goal was to get the property cleaned up and avoid having to take the owner to court.

A resident discussed a property that had been the scene of a crime and was in receivership by the court. He questioned what could be done to clean up the property.

Lieutenant Aguinaga responded that permission to clean up the property would need to be provided, in writing before the property could be cleaned up.

A resident reported a property off of 18<sup>th</sup> Street had been vacant for two (2) years and had been boarded up. He questioned what could be done to address the blight.

Chairperson Cook commented that code enforcement had received a grant to address problem properties north of the freeway.

A resident reported that three walls on 19<sup>th</sup> Street had been tagged with graffiti.

Chairperson Cook urged the resident to provide the address to the Graffiti Abatement Program (GAP).

A resident reported the curfew for juveniles was 11:00 P.M. and urged residents to report juveniles in violation of curfew.

Chairperson Cook reminded the audience that all City parks close at dusk and encouraged residents to report anyone using parks after hours.

A resident reported flyers were being taped to houses and encouraged neighbors to remove them off of vacant houses in their neighborhoods.

Chairperson Cook encouraged residents to removed garbage cans off of curbs as soon as possible.

New Neighborhood Watch members in attendance introduced themselves.

A resident expressed concern for solicitors, who after being asked would not leave their gated mobile home park.

Chairperson Cook stated when solicitors refuse to leave; the incident should be reported to the Antioch Police Department.

A speaker expressed concern regarding an individual who acted aggressive and jumped into traffic making obscene gestures. She stated she felt calls to dispatch reporting the behavior had not been taken seriously.

Lieutenant Aguinaga responded that the Antioch Police Department received numerous calls daily regarding this individual. She stated it was a mental health issue and he was not committing a crime. She noted when Antioch Police respond they have him move on or they take him home. She reported if the reporting party felt it was a health and safety issue, then she should demand a response from dispatch.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Commissioner Augusta, 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, Gadams and Chairperson Cook  
Absent: Commissioners Hayes and Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.