

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

**February 19, 2020
Police Department Community Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on February 19, 2020 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eubanks, Morales Corona, LaPoint and Chairperson White
Absent: Commissioner Lewis (arrived at 7:01 P.M.)

Staff: Lieutenant, Powell Meads
Coordinator, Hans Ho

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited first time attendees to introduce themselves. She discussed the manner in which the meeting would be conducted.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (November 18, 2019 and January 22, 2020)

On motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner LaPoint the Police Crime Prevention Commission unanimously approved the minutes as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

"Neighborhood Watch at Chateau Mobile Home Park" – Commissioner Dwayne Eubanks

Commissioner Eubanks introduced Block Captain Diana Russio Assistant Manager of Chateau Mobile Home Park. They gave a presentation of their Neighborhood Watch group which included the following information:

- The Chateau Mobile Home Park Neighborhood Watch group was established in October/November 2019 and the meeting was well-attended
- The Chateau Mobile Home Park consists of 122 spaces with 160 children ages 1-18
- The Main concerns at the park was speeding and a resident who was selling drugs and allowed homeless to move into his unit
- It took almost a year to get this problem resident out
- People were stealing from residents and intimidated families to a point where they were fearful of letting their children play outdoors
- The person involved with the unit was in attendance at the initial Neighborhood Watch meeting and she was also a victim of the situation
- Every time the APD were notified of an issue the resident would present a letter indicating that they were renting a room
- There were also reports of repetitive auto burglary and break-ins at the park
- There was an expectation that once dispatch was called someone would respond in a timely manner for an issue related to a property crime; however, they reset expectations on APD responses to non-violent property crime
- It was important to listen to the Neighborhood Watch group as they had pent up emotions
- In listening to the group they developed their own solutions such as improving communication among residents by setting up a closed Facebook group, installing a controlled entrance gate and repairing fencing
- What was done –
 - A survey was sent out on crime
 - A contact list for residents was created
 - Training on APD online reporting was held
 - Neighborhood Watch signs were provided
 - Resource listing for city departments was provided
 - A seeclickfix app demonstration was provided
- Results of survey –
 - Most residents lived there greater than 6-years
 - The Level of crime was very high
 - Types of crimes were vehicle break-ins, thefts, robbery and trespassing
 - 1-2 residents had been a victim of crime in the last 12-months
 - Trend was that crime had increased or remained the same
 - They would like to see more APD presence
- Crime prevention tools used included surveillance cameras, security alarms, maintained fences and gates, parking enforcement and a single entryway
- The importance of reporting crimes was discussed
- Crime Reports were available on the city's website
- Between December 17, 2019 – February 17, 2020 there were two crimes reported in the area
- Their Neighborhood Watch meetings were held in the community room

In response to a speaker, Ms. Russio stated the property manager was Morgan Cline who was aware of the Neighborhood Watch meetings. She noted that they had one main entrance and an emergency entrance.

A speaker stated that his experience in another community was that police services do not come into communities like this unless there was a violent crime. He noted it was the property owner and managers responsibility to take care of these duties.

Chairperson White thanked Commissioner Eubanks for the presentation.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation – Report by Commission

Commissioner Eubanks announced Marina Business Watch met and they were concerned regarding the insanitary conditions related to the homeless encampments along the river.

Chairperson White suggested Code Enforcement be contacted regarding this issue.

Lieutenant Meads stated that homeless encampments moved around the City and Code Enforcement dealt with these issues because homelessness was not a crime.

Commissioner Eubanks on behalf of the Marina Business Watch group thanked Coordinator Ho for the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) who were patrolling in the marina area.

Coordinator Ho stated the VIPS provided foot patrols in the area when they were able to do so; however, they did not go into the wetlands area due to safety concerns.

Commissioner LaPoint reported that she would be meeting with the Hillcrest Restaurant and Taphouse manager this month to set up additional meetings with other businesses to develop the Business Watch group for the area.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee – Report by Commissioner White

Chairperson White announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee was March 7, 2020 in the Antioch Police Department community room at 10:00 A.M. She noted a signup sheet was on the back table this evening for anyone wishing to attend. She explained that they provided additional information at those meetings.

Community Outreach Sub Committee, “Bridging the Gap” – Report by Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis reported that due to scheduling conflicts the Community Outreach Sub Committee, “Bridging the Gap” had been unable to meet in February. He explained that the program was designed to reach populations that had not been represented such as the youth.

He noted that he would be reaching out to Commissioners Eubanks and Morales Corona after the meeting to schedule a future meeting of the subcommittee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Eubanks reported that he had attended the Council meeting last month and the City would be moving forward with the traffic calming program. He noted that Madill Street had had an application in and he was assured that they would be contacted. He questioned if it would be appropriate for the Commission to follow up on this matter.

Coordinator Ho responded that it was not an Antioch Police Department or Crime Prevention issue; however, updates could be provided under Commission Communications.

Chairperson White cautioned everyone that there was a limited amount of money for the traffic calming program. She noted that the entire neighborhood would have to approve the program.

Commissioner Eubanks reported that there had been issues of speeding on Madill Street and recently a vehicle crashed into a house.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Eubanks asked about the surveillance camera certificates.

Lieutenant Meads responded that he was in the process of finalizing the design and he would then order the certificates.

Commissioner Lewis thanked the Neighborhood Watch Captains and those actively involved in Neighborhood Watch as well as those who attend Police Crime Prevention Commission meetings.

Chairperson White recommended that residents remove all belongings from their vehicles to prevent criminals from breaking into their vehicles. She encouraged residents share this information with their neighbors. She noted with daylight saving time approaching there would be more activity.

Staff

Coordinator Ho clarified that the agenda had a typographical error and the Neighborhood Clean Up would be taking place on March 7, 2020 at "D" Street and Drake Street. He reported that eighteen people attended the February 1, 2020 Neighborhood Cleanup event and twenty-four bags of trash were collected.

Lieutenant Meads reported that in the near future APD would be reaching out to Block Captains and assign officers to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings. He noted he would start coordinating these efforts next week.

Chairperson White suggested that once Block Captains receive notification that an officer would be attending the meeting that they notify their Neighborhood Watch participants and encourage attendance.

Commissioner Lewis suggested residents unable to attend list their concerns so the Block Captain could share that information with the officer.

Chairperson White announced the following meeting/presentation/events schedule.

11. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- March 7, 2020 – Neighborhood Clean Up – 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. at “D” Street and Drake Street
- March 16, 2020 - Crime Prevention Commission meeting – 7:00 P.M. at Antioch Police Department Community Room

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk