

ANTIOCH POLICE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION

**March 19, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**City Hall
City Council Chambers
3rd and H St
Antioch, CA 94509**

MINUTES

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Antioch Crime Prevention Commission was held on March 19, 2007 and called to order in the City Council Chambers. Lt. Marchoke Led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m., with roll call as follows:

Present: Chair Ho, Vice Chair Koch, Commission Members: Archuleta, De Los Reyes and Zuniga

Absent: Commissioner Vasquez

Agenda Item #3 -Approval of Minutes (February 26, 2007)

Chair Ho requested the commission make a motion to approve the minutes that he would abstain from as he was not present. Commissioner De Los Reyes made the motion and Commissioner Zuniga seconded it.

Vote:

Ayes: Vice Chair Koch and Commission Members Archuleta, De Los Reyes and Zuniga

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Vasquez

Abstain: Chair Ho

Agenda Item #4- Public Comments – Forum for Public Comment of Items not on The Regular Agenda (3-Minutes Time Limit per Person)

Mr. Stein stated that he had contacted newspaper reporters to get them to cover the commission meetings and to get beat one advertised.

Carol had a question about the radar trailers and how they would get them placed in the neighborhood. Lt Marchoke fielded the question and stated that residents could call the traffic division at 779-6945 or CSO Alcantara at 779-6935 if the first number didn't work. There is only one radar trailer that is put out on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

Another man asked if they had to call each time they wanted it there. Lt. Marchoke responded that there are so many requests that it is just put out once when called unless they need data for other reasons and then they may make subsequent placements of it.

Agenda Item #5 -Commission/Staff Reports

a. Action Plan for Beat 1

Chair Ho started of this item by saying that Commissioner De Los Reyes can do what he wants without commission approval inside his beat, and the only reason the action plan was being brought before the commission because it includes all of the commissioners.

Commissioner De Los Reyes began by stating he was glad to see the turnout compared to the last meeting. He was suggesting an action plan to motivate and inspire. Beat 1 has several challenges in the past and has not been that active. He has talked with approximately twenty people, but due to his laryngitis it was difficult. He stated that he could not do it by himself as Beat 1 is a challenge. He stated that there are misconceptions about the NHW. Some people he spoke with were interested, some were not sure why he was speaking with them, some were apprehensive, while some were very negative as to what has happened in the past.

De Los Reyes stated his goal as getting NHWG (neighborhood watch groups) organized in Beat 1, with in a three month time line. He started with three hundred copies of NHW brochures. He stated that if he can get ten percent or thirty people interested and five percent or fifteen people becoming block captains that it will be progress. He stated it would need real commitment.

Task 1: form recruitment teams (RTs)

RT1: De Los Reyes and Vasquez

RT2: Ho and Archuleta

RT3: Koch and Zuniga

He then stated that it would not be enough of a force, but that it was a good start.

Task 2: approval of the NHW Spanish brochure, the translation is pretty good according to some of his Spanish speaking friends. He then stated that Chair Ho would try to set it aside, but that he would wait until he did so.

Task 3: The main core is performing door to door recruitment as it is the primary method that has been suggested by the people he has spoken to. He has tried to contact many people by cell phone but almost none would call him back. He has tried passing out business cards at the Starbucks and the Rainbow Market. He stated that with the door to door each month the goal would be to recruit ten people and from that group ten block captains.

He stated that the higher crime rate areas should be the priority and they should conduct regular meetings in Beat 1. Then have Block Captains recruit in Beat 1 as well.

Task 4: To sustain and enhance NHW in Beat 1 with the support of the Block Captains and Commission and the police department. He stated he would need active support from the police department and the city government. He then stated he would like to mention youth violence and stated that people should please be active and get involved.

That ended his presentation and Chair Ho asked if the public had any comments or suggestions.

One woman was concerned that the other beats would become less of a priority and Chair Ho reassured her that the other beats will be focused on as well and that they will still respond to their individual beats in a timely manner. He mentioned the push on Beat 1 was due to the fact that there are currently no NHW Groups in Beat1.

Pam stated that one way would be to see if a bilingual advertisement could be placed in small retailers in Beat 1 to reach more people.

Chair Ho stated that it was a great idea and Commissioner De Los Reyes stated that he liked it as well.

Mr. Stein asked about starting Business Watch, since there are a lot of small retailers in Beat 1.

Chair Ho stated that the Commission would get to that but first they needed to finish the new commissioner training, then get recruitment going in Beat 1 and then Business Watch. He also stated that Mickie Marchetti of REACH was already recruiting in B1.

Pam stated that the commission should look into fundraising with the schools and Dow and the Fairgrounds may also provide support.

Chair Ho then suggested that Commissioner De Los Reyes meet with Pam after the meeting. Commissioner De Los Reyes stated that he had talked with Slick's about putting copies of Brochures at the shop.

A man stopped in and asked where he would be able to speak about youth violence and the youth problem at Deer Valley.

Chair Ho stated that this meeting was primarily about NHW, and then stated that Chief Hyde would be able to field this question.

Chief Hyde stated that there was a Quality of Life Forum coming up in April that youth violence will be discussed at. He stated that the Youth Intervention Network is a panel of diverse backgrounds and professions of which Commissioner Archuleta is a part that will be there as well. The forum will be posted on the city website and it should be either the third or fourth Saturday in April.

Chair Ho then asked the Commission if they had comments or suggestions regarding the Beat 1 recruitment plan.

Commissioner Zuniga suggested that he consider apartment complexes off of 18th behind the fairgrounds and to get management involved. Also he stated that the commission should see if they could get the Antioch Press to put advertisements in it for NHW.

Commissioner Koch stated that she thought it was a well laid out plan and she just needed to be told when and where.

Commissioner Archuleta just had a question about the last item, sustaining and enhancing. She asked if at some point it will become self sufficient instead of ongoing.

Commissioner De Los Reyes stated that it will be self sufficient but as he couldn't predict when that is why he wrote ongoing.

Commissioner Archuleta suggested that the surrounding beats Block Captains be contacted.

Chair Ho stated that he likes the first three items, and suggested that Ms. Gabrielle's suggestions be added. He also stated that the Property Manager's Meeting was coming up and CSO Alcantara confirmed the date as the last Thursday of the month on March 29th, at the Antioch Police Department at 4pm.

Commissioner De Los Reyes stated that he would go and Chair Ho stated that he would go to introduce him to the managers.

Chair Ho then mentioned changing the second portion of the plan and stated that all of the commissioners will help in the beginning, but then it will be handed back to Commissioner De Los Reyes since it is his responsibility to maintain his Beat.

Vice Chair Koch made a motion to approve with the changes. Commissioner Archuleta seconded the motion.

Vote:

Ayes: Chair Ho, Vice-Chair Koch, Commissioners: Archuleta, De Los Reyes, Zuniga

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Vasquez

b. Discussion on webpage

Chair Ho summarized the changes requested on the website from the last meeting.

There needs to be more resource links, a beat map, PAL applications, and the link to the Roles and Responsibilities of the Block Captains needs to be fixed as it currently is linked to the Roles and Responsibilities of a Crime Prevention Commissioner. Other suggestions for the website would include a link to the Block Captain information. He also stated that the page would be dynamic and they would take suggestions by block captains.

Commissioner De Los Reyes made a motion to accept the proposed changes and Commissioner Zuniga seconded it.

Vote:

Ayes: Chair Ho, Vice-Chair Koch, Commissioners: Archuleta, De Los Reyes, Zuniga

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Vasquez

c. Spanish Translation of the NHW Brochure

Chair Ho stated that he wanted to move this issue away from the commission as three of the commissioners can't speak Spanish and to move it to a task group of Commissioner Zuniga, De Los Reyes and the Police Department.

Lt Marchoke stated that he would have the people who qualify our officers as bilingual review the brochures for accuracy and that Spanish instructors at the high school could also review them.

d. Antioch Crime Prevention Commission Vacancies Update

Lt. Marchoke stated that he spoke with the Mayor was still waiting on an answer.

Chair Ho stated that this needed to be pushed forward as several of the Commissioners' terms will be coming up soon. He also stated that if there was interest in a second term that should also be considered.

Lt. Marchoke stated that he will meet with the Mayor to check on the status and the Chief will actually be meeting with him the next day.

e. NHW participation in Safety Faire at Church of Latter Day Saints

Chair Ho stated that the Commission had been invited to the April 14th Safety Faire from 10am to 2pm. The Commission could have a booth to pass out brochures and he made a motion to participate. Vice-Chair Koch seconded the motion. Chair Ho stated that he would be there to setup and that he will need a partner from ten to noon and two volunteers for noon to two. Commissioner Koch volunteered for ten to noon and Commissioner De Los Reyes volunteered for noon to two. Commissioner Zuniga was not sure if he would be available so Commissioner Archuleta may be back up. A suggestion was also made to involve the Block Captains as some have expressed interest in getting more involved.

Agenda Item #6- Neighborhood Watch Program Report

a. Summary of Previous Month

Chair Ho stated that things were picking up and there had been several NHW meetings. There was one meeting that was not included in the monthly report and that was the block party/ NWH presentation on Brookfield Ct. Every household on the court showed up and several from the next two courts.

Agenda Item #7-Commission Communications/ Announcements/Correspondence

a. Commission

Chair Ho

March 26th 7pm at the City Council Chambers there is a meeting to recruit Volunteers for PAL, and he hopes to see most of the commissioners there, as he cannot make it due to a prior engagement.

March 29th there will be an awards ceremony for the Officer of the year and the Civilian Employee of the year also held at the City Council Chambers.

Commissioner De Los Reyes

The meeting about youth violence was triggered by a sixteen year old that was shot to death. He stated that the meeting discussed the responsibilities of both parents and youth. Some youth spoke about a desire to lessen or eliminate violence and a desire to control it before it gets worse. He stated there should be collaboration with other community based organizations. He also mentioned how good it was to have such a positive chief.

Commissioner Archuleta

She found the forum encouraging that so many concerned citizens were at the table and that young people were the most compelling. She stated that the youth should be included in NHW Groups. Crime prevention lies with care and passion for youth and the more we hear from young people the better.

Commissioner Zuniga

The Brookfield Ct block party had so many people coming together, recruiting other neighbors and getting to know each other. He stated that new residents should also be included.

Chair Ho

Just as a reminder all NHW meetings and block parties must be non-alcoholic.

A woman stood up at this point and stated that she wanted to speak about the Gas City incident. She stated that she had told her daughters to wait for her there and that when the incident occurred at Gas City officers told them to leave. They then moved to the other side of the station and then three other officers came over and told them to leave or they would be pepper sprayed. She also stated that her daughters told her that the officers were saying racist comments. She stated that the kids got smart with the officers and said then “arrest me”, so the officers did so. She stated that now they were about to be kicked out of school for something so little. She stated that her daughters never get in trouble and it’s terrible. She stated one of the officers was calling the students animals and monkeys. She also stated she spoke with the school and they stated that they had to do what the police told them to do. She stated they should have been suspended and they should have left when the officers first told them to, but they should not be kicked out of the school district. She stated that sometimes her kids get smart or into small trouble, but that is not a reason to kick them out of school.

Commissioner Archuleta

She stated that she would like to address the two girls. Something’s are not worth it. It is not ok for young people to have a smart mouth and now your mother is facing the problems and the stress not you. She also pointed out that respect is earned and that if you respect others they will respect you. She mentioned that while she was speaking the girls were having a conversation.

One of the girls stated that the officers are mistreating the kids and yelling out windows and calling them racist remarks.

Chief Hyde asked if she had made a formal complaint and that to do so she needed to fill out a form at the front counter of the police department and there would be a complete internal affairs investigation.

Chair Ho

Stated that no racist remarks are ok, and also stated that when you see the police taking action and doing their job the best thing to do is to stay out of the way and let them do their jobs.

b. Staff

Lieutenant Marchoke

- Coffee with the Cops Saturday March 31st at the Rivertown Café from ten to two.
- Next Strategic Plan meeting is Wednesday March 21st at 7pm at Prewett Park
- March 29th at the City Council Chambers at 2pm there is an awards ceremony for officers: four lifesaving awards and three medal of valor awards
- The second CERT class is April 17th to May 22nd at 6pm located at the Antioch Police Department
- The radar trailer has two modes: Panel Up- you can see your speed and Panel Down- gives a true reading of how fast cars are going
- Cpl. Bias and CSO Alcantara are attending a Multi-housing Program class on April 19th
- Donna Payton requested community involvement at the Home Show May 4th, 5th, and 6th and the NHW has been invited to man a booth to pass out information there

Chair Ho stated they would check their calendars and involve the Block Captains.

At this point the public had comments.

Mr. Stein suggested using bilingual door hanger for Beat1.

A woman stated that the Antioch Press was doing a poor job reporting serious crimes and they were only covering petty crimes. She suggested sitting down with the editors to let them know that the community wants better crime reporting.

Chair Ho stated that no one can tell the press what to write. Commissioner Archuleta stated that the Antioch Press doesn't keep up with the daily news and that a letter writing campaign would be a good idea for citizens to do.

Chief Hyde stated the police department website had the crime stats and the weekly calls for service log. Only domestic violence and sex crime information was removed to protect victim information.

A woman made a suggestion saying that the press releases the police department sends to the media should be sent to the block captains or the commission and then it could be disseminated.

Chief Hyde stated that was a good idea and there was also a quarterly newsletter that they are trying to get going that will go to every home in Antioch.

Chair Ho stated that the publicity task group will work with the Chief to get the press releases on the website.

Another woman stated that the newspapers want to make the city look friendly so that is why they don't put in serious crime.

Commissioner Zuniga stated that they could advertise the upcoming meetings at Deer Valley on DVTV. He has spoken with Lt. Willerford about it and was waiting for feedback. Lt Marchoke stated he would check it out with him tomorrow.

Commissioner De Los Reyes asked Chair Ho if he could pinpoint the training dates for the new commissioners. Chair Ho stated that those dates were dependent on when people called in requesting meetings so he could not pinpoint it. However, he stated they would do so as soon as possible.

Commissioner Archuleta mentioned at the last Strategic planning meeting that they discussed not having enough officers and Antioch citizens should think about a bond measure limited to paying for officers. There was a positive response at the strategic meeting.

Chair Ho stated that they would need to check if it was appropriate, i.e, conflict of interest, before the commission could participate.

Commissioner Archuleta stated that if it was appropriate and we had approval that there would be a mass email about it.

c. Future Commission Meetings/Educational Presentations/Events

- **April 16, 2007** –Joint Crime Prevention Commission and Block Captains Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Nick Rodriguez Center
- **May 21, 2007** – Regular Crime Prevention Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. meeting place TBA

Agenda Item #8-Adjournment

Vice Chair Koch made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

CSO Alcantara