

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California  
April 15, 2013

Due to the lack of a quorum at 7:00 P.M., Coordinator Ho made a presentation on alarms prior to the meeting being called to order. In response to an audience member, he stated he would put the presentation in a handout format for the Neighborhood Watch email network.

Vice Chairperson Cook announced there were alarm company representatives in attendance this evening for anyone wishing to receive additional information.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M., on April 15, 2013 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

**2, ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Koch, Hayes and Gadams (arrived at 7:11 P.M.) and Vice Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Augusta and Queiroz and Chairperson Headd

Staff: Lieutenant, Robin Kelley  
Coordinator, Hans Ho  
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

**3, APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 18, 2013)**

On motion by Commissioner Gadams, seconded by Commissioner Koch the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of March 18, 2013, as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Koch, Cook, Hayes and Gadams

Absent: Commissioners Augusta, Queiroz and Chairperson Headd

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mary Lopez, Antioch resident, discussed an incident that had occurred in her neighborhood and thanked Chief Cantando and the Antioch Police Department for their quick response. She announced she would be taking medical leave to deal with health issues.

Keith Farr, Antioch resident, gave a brief overview of the Graffiti Abatement Program (GAP). He thanked the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) for providing their safety vests and Crystal Clear Logos for stenciling the logos.

In response to Commission Gadams, Mr. Farr reported typically they go out once a week for approximately three (3) hours during daytime hours when the maintenance yard is open. He provided information with regards to how to report graffiti and contact information for anyone who wished to participate in the program.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported the GAP volunteers do an excellent job and graffiti has significantly been reduced in the city.

Gilbert Orosco, Antioch resident, discussed a rental property issue and thanked Vice Chairperson Cook for his assistance and the Antioch Police Department for their rapid response to his call for service.

Vice Chairperson Cook recognized Mr. Gilbert's efforts to participate in Neighborhood Watch and help the neighborhood where his rental property was located.

In response to a member of the public, Lieutenant Kelley reported the Antioch Police Department is working in conjunction with Code Enforcement to address squatter issues and trespassers should be reported to the Antioch Police Department.

A speaker advised residents to look up adverse possession to obtain information on squatter issues.

Sheila Clark, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain., reported there was a homeless encampment behind the 99 cent store on Delta Fair Blvd.

Lieutenant Kelley responded that she should call the police department as the Antioch Police Department and Code Enforcement could assist with the issue. She noted business owners could possibly address this issue with crime prevention through environmental design.

Ms. Clark reported she had contacted the manager of CVS, who stated they had contacted Antioch Police regarding this issue and they had not responded.

Lieutenant Kelley responded that if the Antioch Police Department was contacted they would show up, however calls are based on priority, so it may have been at a later time.

A speaker encouraged Ms. Clark to be diligent, call Antioch Police Department and request contact from the responding officer. Lieutenant Kelley added that Ms. Clark should obtain the dispatchers name and event number so she could check on the event to see what had occurred.

Ms. Clark expressed concern regarding a man in the neighborhood that made rude gestures and jumped into traffic.

Ed Antrim mentioned in the past, he had contacted Public Works regarding a homeless encampment in the area, which had been cleaned up. He noted he had recently made contact with the homeless lady in the area and he would once again attempt to get the area cleaned up.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported Mr. Antrim was a member of Take Back Antioch who participated in graffiti abatement and helped address the homeless situation, in Antioch.

A speaker reported the homeless hide their possessions in the bushes at Wells Fargo Bank.

Cory Elliott, Neighborhood Watch, thanked the Antioch Police Officers who responded to a call for service in his neighborhood. He reported a lady had been assaulted in his neighborhood and he attempted to catch the perpetrators but failed to do so. He noted her call to dispatch was not responded to. He announced they were attempting to address rental property problems in his neighborhood.

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

### **a. Chair Lovece Headd – NNO Announcement**

In the absence of Chairperson Headd, Lieutenant Kelley announced National Night Out would be held on August 6, 2013. She stated grant applications were available this evening and posted on the city's website. She noted the first 25 grant applicants, would be receiving a \$100.00 gift certificate to help pay for food costs. She requested anyone wishing to hold an event fill out a block party permit form on the city's website and let her know so the address could be placed on the list for visitation. She noted a representative from the city attempts to visit every location.

In response to a member of the audience, Lieutenant Kelley stated National Night Out events have also taken place in community rooms and parking lots.

Lt, Kelley added that she and Coordinator Ho are in the beginning stages of starting up a Business Watch Program.

Vice Chairperson Cook welcomed new Block Captains in attendance this evening.

### **b. Hans Ho to give Crime Prevention Presentation on Alarms**

Due to the lack of a quorum at 7:00 P.M., this presentation was given prior to the meeting being called to order.

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

### **a. Volunteer Recognition Awards**

Commissioner Gadams reported on his attendance at Neighborhood Watch meetings. He stated residents could go to [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com) to receive information on criminal activity in their areas. He questioned how residents could get speeding car issues resolved.

Lieutenant Kelley reported the city did not support the use of speed bumps or tables and the city's traffic unit was disbanded during the budget crisis. She noted speeders could be reported to the Antioch Police Department and residents could also request the use of the city's speed trailer to slow traffic.

In response to Commissioner Gadams, Lieutenant Kelley reported illegal fruit stands could be reported and the Antioch Police who would move them along, however, it was difficult to cite or arrest these individuals due to storage requirements for the items confiscated. Additionally, she noted that if residents believed a car leaking oil on the street was a hazard, it could be reported to the Antioch Police Department.

A speaker reported the speed trailer was effective when utilized in her neighborhood.

Vice Chairperson Cook reported on his attendance at Neighborhood Watch meetings. He acknowledged members of the audience who addressed problem properties by sending letters to property owners. He urged residents to document all information from their calls to the Antioch Police Department noting that the information could be utilized if the issue had to be resolved in Small Claims court. He encouraged residents to get involved and take ownership of their neighborhood.

A speaker reported that by being diligent neighbors had become involved in their Neighborhood Watch program.

In response to a speaker, Vice Chairperson Cook provided information on how to start a Neighborhood Watch in his area.

Vice Chairperson Cook stated there would a future presentation regarding waste management drivers from Republic Services becoming involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Lieutenant Kelley acknowledged that the Commissioners involved in that program would been meeting with Waste Management from 3:00 – 5:00 A.M.

Vice Chairperson Cook added that the United States Postal Service employees were also becoming involved in Neighborhood Watch.

A speaker reported there were people going door to door requesting to see resident's PG&E bills.

Vice Chairperson Cook cautioned that all the information needed for identify theft would be on that bill. He urged residents not to answer the door if they do not know the person. He encouraged residents to be aware of their surroundings when out in public and to report crimes in progress to 911 and all other crimes to the Police Department non-emergency line. He discussed incidences when he reported suspicious activity.

A speaker stated she had witnessed shoplifting and the use of illegal drugs however when she reported it to management of the store, they informed her that they did not enforce those issues. She also stated she had reported fruit vendors and was informed the Antioch Police Department did not have the ability to address the issue.

Vice Chairperson Cook stated he understood how frustrating it was but urged the speaker to continue to report illegal activity. He noted it may be a choice of which business to support.

A speaker urged residents who witness illegal activity to give a description of the vehicle and the license plate, so that if an officer sees the vehicle on patrol, they will have probable cause.

In response to a speaker, Lieutenant Kelley stated if residents had information regarding a crime that had been committed or who the responsible person was, that information should be reported.

A speaker reported that they took pictures of suspicious vehicles in their neighborhood and emailed that information to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

Lieutenant Kelley reported the Volunteer Recognition Annual Awards Ceremony for Antioch Police Officers would be held from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. on May 8, 2013 in Council Chambers.

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

- a. April 17th, 2013 6:00 pm to 9:00 P.M. - Chili's "Tip a COP"
- b. April 20th, 2013 8:30 A.M. - "Keep Antioch Beautiful Day" / City-Wide clean-up
- c. May 4th, 2013 9:00 am to 11:00 A.M. - "Neighborhood Clean-Up." Location TBA.
- d. May 20th, 2013 7:00 P.M. - Next Crime Prevention Commission Meeting  
\*Additional law-enforcement-related topics may be requested based on the interest of the Commission.
- e. April 27, 2013 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. - Coffee with the Cops

Lieutenant Kelley suggested residents check the calendar of events on the city's website and reminded the audience that alarm companies were in attendance this evening if anyone was seeking additional information on their services.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Ayes: Commissioners Koch, Cook, Hayes and Gadams

Absent: Commissioners Augusta, Queiroz and Chairperson Headd

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 20, 2013.

## **9. Block Captains Breakout Session**