

**ANTIOCH POLICE
CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
and
BLOCK CAPTAINS MEETING**

**April 16, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**Nick Rodriguez Center
213 "F" Street
Antioch, CA 94509**

MINUTES

Agenda Item #1- Call to Order

A joint meeting of the Antioch Crime Prevention Commission and Block Captains was held on April 16, 2007 and called to order in the Nick Rodriguez Center. Chair Ho informed the meeting of Commissioner De Los Reyes resignation. This leaves two positions open and the City Clerks office has applications.

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, Vasquez and Zuniga

Absent: None

Resigned: Commissioner De Los Reyes

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

Chair Ho requested the commission make a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Archuleta made the motion and Vice Chair Koch seconded it.

Vote:

Ayes: Chair Ho, Vice Chair Koch and Commission Members Archuleta, Vasquez and Zuniga

Nays: None

**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 wanted to thank the Church of Latter Day Saints for inviting us to the most successful safety faire. He got 75 names for the CERT program and passed out a large number of brochures.

Lt. Marchoke thanked Mr. Stein for putting the CERT participation in the faire together. He also mentioned that there is a CERT class starting tomorrow at 6 PM at the REACH institute. We will be having another one in September.

Agenda Item #5 -Commission/Staff Reports

a. Primary role of the Crime Prevention Commission

Chair Ho stated that the primary function of the Crime Prevention Commission was to maintain and serve the Neighborhood Watch Program in the City.

b. Reminder of National Night Out in August

Chair Ho reminded everyone that National Night Out is on August 7th this year. He stated that it is essentially a nation wide block party night, where neighbors can get together and BBQ on the First Tuesday of August every year. He then stated that he would draft a letter to the editor about it for approval in the May meeting. He also stated that the commission would send a press release about it to the Antioch Press and the CCC Times, but it is up to the newspaper if they want to publish it or not.

A question came up as to why it is on Tuesday and it is just the tradition that had been started.

Shelly Daly stated that there is an online site nationalnightout.org where people can get a free brochure or kit on things to do for that event.

Chair Ho stated that CSO Alcantara would be passing out National Night Out Block Party Grant applications during the Block Captain breakout session. The grants will be first come first served and there will only be 15 grants given out this year.

c. Procedure on letters referencing the Crime Prevention Commission

Chair Ho stated that if a commission member was going to be writing a letter representing the commission, then that letter should be passed through the commission for approval prior to sending it out. This is so that one person will not misrepresent the commission as a whole. This does not prevent commission members from writing letters under their own names.

d. Update on direction of Bond Measure from Lt. Marchoke

Lt. Marchoke stated that he had spoken to the mayor and the city manager as well as the city attorney and that the commission can not take an active role if and until it is decided what they are going to do. When they let him know what they plan to do he will bring it to the commission.

e. NHW participation in the Home Show at the County Faire Grounds in May

Chair Ho pointed out that May 5th is the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and that the commissioners would be attending that so he did not know if there would be anyone available to staff the Neighborhood Watch table at the Home Show.

Commissioner Archuleta stated that the commission should find out if the block captains would be interested in participating.

The Block Captains requested more information about times they would be needed.

Chair Ho stated he would email them with the information when Lt. Marchoke emailed it to him.

Lt. Marchoke stated that it might not even be a good venue as many of the people coming to the Home Show would be from outside of Antioch.

f. Request for a gang officer Presentation for the July Meeting

Chair Ho stated that there had been a request by the block captains for a gang officer to do a presentation at the July Meeting.

Chair Ho stated that he would try to keep the majority of the Commission business to the June meeting so that the presentation could take place without taking time away from the Block Captain Breakout session.

Agenda Item #6- Neighborhood Watch Program Report

a. Summary of Previous Month

Chair Ho stated that the commission was busy in April especially last weekend; they went to the Safety Faire in the Morning and a Neighborhood Watch BBQ in the evening. There is a meeting scheduled for April 25st, and there was another meeting scheduled for the 26th of April that did not have a chance to be put into the monthly report.

Agenda Item #7- Review and Comments on the New Curfew Ordinance

Lt. Marchoke stated that the Chief had wanted the Commission to review and forward comments to Chair Ho who would forward them on to Lt. Marchoke. It is also posted on the City of Antioch website.

Agenda Item #8-Commission Communications/ Announcements/Correspondence

a. Commission

Commissioner Archuleta

Commend block captain and co –captains. Kent Broom lost his life on Highway 12 they had already preplanned a Neighborhood Watch BBQ. The Rock Ct. BBQ in honor of Kent Broom was wonderful because so many people stepped up to the plate and there was also a proclamation from the County Supervisors Office.

Commissioner Vasquez

He stated that the Chief had spoken about organizing more neighborhood watch groups in communities. He has given an endorsement to the programs to help with the safety and security of our communities.

Commissioner Archuleta

She also stated that one of her neighbor's landlord got an anonymous letter in the mail telling the owner that the renters of that property were causing a great deal of police activity and giving other false information to the property owner. She also stated that there has been spray painting of "No Section 8" at homes as well. They are sending fictitious letters to owners of Section 8 properties. She wanted to stress that the Neighborhood Watch members should report this to the commissioners and the police if they see this occurring.

Chair Ho

Chair Ho stated that Neighborhood Watch is not about vigilantism and it is not condoned at all.

Lt. Marchoke

Lt. Marchoke stated that there has also been someone who has been claiming to be a block captain harassing a renter and entering their property. He stated that he researched this and that neighborhood does not even have a neighborhood watch. He stated that people impersonating block captains will not be tolerated.

b. Staff

Lieutenant Marchoke

- Thanked commissioners who were able to attend the First Annual awards ceremony for APD officers: four lifesaving awards and three medal of valor awards were given out. The ceremony was a success and there was front page coverage in the Antioch Press and a photo on Page 5 of the Daily Ledger
- The March 31st Coffee with the Cops was a joint venture with the commission to revitalize the Beat 1 area. He also wanted to thank Beats 5 and 6 for being there to support the 19 people from beat 1 who were there.
- A block captain requested at this point that the Coffee with the Cops dates be put on the police department website. He also stated that the website only functions well with internet explorer and that should be remedied. It is also placed in the newspapers.
- Email contacts are also now on the website as well.
- Another woman stated that she tried to use the statistics function and it did nothing.
- The next meeting of the Commission will be at the City Council Chambers on May 21st, as the community room will not be ready yet.

Prior to the Block Captain Breakout session two people had comments:

The first was a woman who wanted clarification on when she should be calling the police. Lt. Marchoke stated that it would be a case by case basis related to what the issue was.

The second was a woman who is the mother of a shooting victim at Deer Valley Plaza. She wanted to find out why it took twenty minutes for police to arrive and stated she was not allowed to go to her son at the scene.

Lt. Marchoke stated that the records show it did not take twenty minutes, but that he would not debate the issue as this was not the venue for it. He stated that he would be happy to speak with her after the meeting and he did so.

c. Future Commission Meetings/Educational Presentations/Events

- **May 21, 2007** – Regular Crime Prevention Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m. meeting place The City Council Chambers

Agenda Item #9- Break Out Session for the Block Captains

The block captains separated to discuss issues and National Night out information was passed out to them.

Agenda Item #10 – Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

CSO Alcantara