

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
May 19, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on May 19, 2014 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Davis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Augusta, Taylor, Williams, Davis, Gadams and
Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Hayes

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 21, 2014)

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gadams the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of April 21, 2014 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Hayes

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident introduced herself as Susan and expressed interest in becoming involved in Neighborhood Watch.

Keith Farr presented the Commission with a handout of an Adopt-A-Park program and encouraged Neighborhood Watch groups to become involved.

Coordinator Ho requested Mr. Farr send him the informational flyer and offered to distribute it to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

Chairperson Cook recognized Neighborhood Watch groups who had adopted parks.

Charles Slatten requested the Antioch Police Department become involved in nextdoor.com.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated she would discuss the issue with Mr. Slatten after the meeting.

Betty Ramey, Neighborhood Watch Co-captain for Stamm Drive, reported her group had developed a call log to keep track of calls for service and copies of the form were available in the community room this evening. She encouraged anyone logging calls to do so in ink so that if necessary, they could be used as a legal document.

Coordinator Ho stated he would send a copy of the call log sheet out to Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

Chairperson Cook recognized Councilmember Wilson in attendance this evening.

6. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

a. Presentation by: Lt. Tammany Brooks – P.A.L.(Police Activities League) Program

Lieutenant Brooks gave a professional history and an overhead presentation of the Police Activities League program (P.A.L.) which included the following:

- What is P.A.L.
- What P.A.L. isn't
- P.A.L. programs and activities
- How P.A.L. is funded
- Sponsors
- Success of the Program

In response to the Commission, Lieutenant Brooks explained cost of programming varied and depended on the event. He stated that expected approximately seven hundred (700) children to participate in the Jr. Giants program and three-five hundred (300-500) participated in other programs. He noted parental consent was required for children to participate and they advertised the program through schools. He further noted at times they charged a nominal fee to encourage those who sign up for the event to participate.

Chairperson Cook reported he had recently attended a P.A.L. bowling event that was attended by approximately sixty (60) children.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Taylor reported on her attendance at a Neighborhood Watch meeting where an attendee shared that “gazelle” was a free app which allowed users to document medical and personal information for emergency responders. She encouraged residents to be watchful of a white Crown Victoria that appeared to be impersonating law enforcement. She stated if the car was spotted it should be reported immediately to law enforcement.

Lieutenant Aguinaga added that she had witnessed the vehicle and when she notified the state, she was informed there was an investigation into the company the vehicle was registered.

Commissioner Davis reminded residents to be observant and report suspicious activity to the Antioch Police Department. He noted non-emergencies should be reported to dispatch at 778-2441.

Commissioner Gadams reported successful Neighborhood Watch groups had been holding regular meetings and reporting suspicious activities. He reported two groups had discussed concerns related to dogs running loose.

Lieutenant Aguinaga responded that Animal Control was open four (4) days per week and unless there was an issue regarding an aggressive dog, they would not respond to calls for service on the days they were closed. She stated non-emergency issues could be reported to the Antioch Police Department non-emergency line 778-2441.

Chairperson Cook reported a resident and his dog were attacked by two pitbulls and he had used a stun gun to defend them.

Commissioner Williams reported on her attendance at Coffee with the Cops and noted the Antioch Police Department had a crime prevention burglary video on their facebook page. She requested staff agendize a presentation from the Contra Costa County Housing Authority, for a future Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting.

Chairperson Cook suggested residents like the Antioch Police Department facebook page.

Commissioner Augusta reported he had researched and printed fifty-one (51) pages of calls for service for the Antioch Police Department, for a one-week period. He explained that unless a call was a high priority, the response times may be longer than expected.

Chairperson Cook reported on his attendance at the Suburban Task Force meeting and discussed various ideas to combat homelessness. He announced he participated in the Antioch School Educational Fund and they had interviewed teachers for Teacher of the Year. He stated there were excellent teachers and students in the Antioch Unified School District. He mentioned that they had taken pizzas to Black Diamond Middle School to recognize their good behavior. He explained that City Council would be discussing a landlord tax at the City Council meeting on May 27, 2014.

A resident reported she had taken the petition for the ballot measure to her Neighborhood Watch meeting and had received negative comments due issues related to Measure C funding.

Chairperson Cook recognized Commissioner Gadams for sponsoring four (4) police officers to participate in the Rotary Golf Tournament. He recognized Lamar Thorpe for attending the meeting and announced he was running for City Council, in November. He encouraged residents to be attentive and drive defensively.

b. Staff – NNO Grant Applications

Coordinator Ho announced National Night Out applications were available and reported six (6) grants were still available. He noted the deadline for applications and to register for visitations was June 27, 2014. He reported the Tour de Fuzz, bicycle riding event, to benefit Police Department chaplaincy, would be held on September 13, 2014 in Santa Rosa. He stated he would email the brochure to the Neighborhood Watch Block Captains.

8. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- a. June 16th, 2014 – Crime Prevention Commission Meeting
- b. June 7th, 2014 – The area around Carmen Dragon Elementary located at 4721 Vista Grande Drive.

Chairperson Cook announced the meeting, presentation and events schedule.

In response to a member of the audience, Lieutenant Aguinaga explained that the latest homicides appeared to be gang related. She noted that at this time there was one active gang officer and they were currently in the process of increasing that unit.

Lieutenant Brooks announced Antioch Police Department videos were available on the Antioch Police Department you tube channel. He recognized Commissioner Davis for being observant and calling in suspicious activity that had resulted in multiple persons being taken into custody as well as guns, illegal money and a large amount of drugs, being taken off the street.

Commissioner Davis reported that he had observed a truck that was damaged and the occupants appeared to be very nervous. He stated he called the incident into the Antioch Police Department who responded immediately, which resulted in their arrest.

Lieutenant Aguinaga added that after a brief chase an officer had apprehended one suspect and the other suspect was apprehended by citizens.

Fred Nunez reported his wife had called in a suspicious person sitting in front of their house which ended up being the boyfriend of a neighbor's daughter. He noted the neighbor thanked them for watching out for the neighborhood and stated she did not want her daughter in his company. He emphasized the importance of calling in to report suspicious activity.

Lieutenant Brooks explained that people engaged in suspicious activity will go elsewhere if residents make it uncomfortable for them to be in their neighborhoods.

A resident reported that she had obtained the license and address of someone speeding through her neighborhood. She questioned where to report the location of aggressive dogs being allowed to run loose.

Lieutenant Aguinaga suggested the resident discuss this matter with her after the meeting. She added that vicious dogs should be reported to the Antioch Police Department.

Chairperson Cook stated the smallest information could be important to solve a case.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Gadams, 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, Davis, Gadams and Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Hayes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 16, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.