

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**May 20, 2019
Police Department Community Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., on May 20, 2019 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Thurston, Eubanks, LaPoint, Ristau and Chairperson White
Absent: Commissioners Lewis and Corona

Staff: Lieutenant, Tarra Mendes
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Detective, Jiseok, Jeong
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed everyone to the meeting. She discussed the manner in which the meeting would be conducted. She announced speaker cards, city department phone listing, Police Crime Prevention Commission Mission Statement and requests for future presentations were available in the Community Room this evening.

4. WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chairperson White welcomed Chris Ristau to the Police Crime Prevention Commission and she announced two additional new Commissioners would be joining the Commission next month.

Commissioner Ristau introduced himself and gave a brief professional and personal history. He stated he was happy to support the Commission and the Antioch Police Department.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 15, 2019)

On motion by Commissioner Thurston, seconded by Commissioner LaPoint the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of April 15, 2019 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Thurston, Eubanks, LaPoint, Ristau and Chairperson White

Absent: Commissioner Lewis and Corona

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Mendoza, expressed interest in participating in a gang affiliation task force. She questioned what the Antioch Police Department was doing to expose gang affiliation. She noted she contacted a couple of individuals who had offered to give a presentation regarding this matter. She reported two years ago LA had come into her neighborhood and they worked with various individuals to address gang activity in her neighborhood, which had been successful.

Chairperson White explained that referral forms for presentations were available in the community room this evening. She requested completed forms be returned to Coordinator Ho.

Lieutenant Mendes reported that the gang enforcement team was very strong and knowledgeable. She noted they had two of the only certified gang experts in Contra Costa County.

Ms. Mendoza requested more information.

Coordinator Ho stated he would book a presentation on gangs, for a future date.

7. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

“Door Bells and Surveillance Cameras” by APD Investigations Division

Detective Jeong gave a brief professional history of his services with the Antioch Police Department. He provided the following information regarding Doorbells and Surveillance Cameras:

- Burglars do not want to break into occupied homes
- Burglary is an opportunistic crime such as houses without vehicles parked in the driveway, alarms, surveillance systems and lights
- Minimize chances of becoming a victim by installing a house alarm, doorbells cameras and/or surveillance cameras
- Burglaries without alarms - damage is extensive
- Burglaries with alarms - damage is minimal
- Nest cameras can detect a person on property and alert homeowner
- Nest cameras can be installed by homeowner
- Place surveillance cameras in a visible location and install low enough to capture good images
- Prosecutors love video evidence
- When DNA matches video evidence it can make a case easy to file
- Residential burglary is a one-strike offense
- A lot of camera services provide free replacement if they are stolen and a police report is made

In response to Chairperson White, Detective Jeong stated that since home surveillance cameras and doorbells have been popular, there has been a decrease in residential burglaries at homes with those devices.

Commissioner Thurston reported he recently purchased portable cameras that he placed in a visible location inside his house and they record to the cloud.

Commissioner Eubanks stated that he had suggested to Chief Brooks that a certificate or plaque be made that could be displayed in a residence that says surveillance camera is registered with Antioch Police Department.

Detective Jeong responded that he thought identifying residents with registered surveillance cameras was a good idea.

Commissioner Thurston added that signs could be purchased, that indicate a home is under video surveillance.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation

- L St and Sycamore

Commissioner Thurston reported that he had sent an email request for Business Watch signage for the Sycamore Shopping Center to Coordinator Ho.

Coordinator Ho stated that he had been on vacation and he would look at his emails to confirm if he received the request.

Commissioner Thurston stated it was a high crime area and signage would be very beneficial in the area.

- Umpqua Bank

Commissioner LaPoint stated there was no report on her Business Watch group; however she had passed out information on Business Watch at the Hillcrest Business Park and some had expressed interest in participating.

- Antioch Marina

Commissioner Eubanks announced the Marina Business Watch group had expanded to include the Antioch Historical Society, Alta Fence, Bay RV and Boats. He reported that the CPTED team had conducted an audit of the museum facility.

- Somersville Town Center

Commissioner Eubanks reported that the Somersville Towne Center was waiting for the appointment of a Security Director prior to proceeding with Business Watch meetings. He displayed a photo of Lowe's in which they had a portable rental tower with cameras informing customers that the parking lot was under surveillance. He noted the mall may be interested in looking into the portable tower for their property.

- West Tregallas Road & Lone Tree Way

Chairperson White had no report.

- Blue Rock Merchants

Chairperson White had no report. She reported that the 7/11 adjacent to the methadone clinic had requested Business Watch information and she would be providing them with Business Watch information.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee

Chairperson White reported that the next meeting would be scheduled in June and once the date and time were confirmed notifications would be sent out to Block Captains. She noted that information would also be provided at the June Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting. She stated she would provide information to anyone concerned about their homes or neighborhoods.

Rachel Mendoza stated she had been attempting to create a flow chart on activity for their community. She noted food was very important to draw attention to meetings and she had done fundraisers so she could have enough money to host events. She further noted that she works with the manager and they keep records of all receipts. She questioned how she could raise additional funds to host events.

Chairperson White stated that the Commission did not provide a stipend for events.

Commissioner Eubanks suggested Ms. Mendoza create a flyer regarding her fundraising efforts and approach local businesses and ask for donations.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Thurston stated that he had visited his Business Watch location at the Sycamore Shopping Center where he had witnessed criminal activity occurring and he had reported it to the Antioch Police Department. He suggested the Crime Prevention Commission consider the formation of an Adopt a Business Center Program for citizens who could drive through various parking lots throughout the City and report suspicious activity.

Coordinator Ho announced an Adopt a Business Center Program would be placed on the next agenda for the Police Crime Prevention Commission's consideration. He noted that any participants would need to be cautioned to not confront suspects and to keep their safety first.

10. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner LaPoint reported that her husband had purchased a pouch to protect her key fob from being copied. She noted she had also installed window locks at her residence.

Commissioner Eubanks reported that the East Madill Neighborhood Watch group was concerned regarding speeding traffic in their neighborhood. He requested the VIPS put the radar unit out to serve as a deterrent.

Coordinator Ho suggested Commissioner Eubanks make his request via email so that he could forward to it to Sergeant Meads so he could send someone out to assess the feasibility of placing the radar trailer in the area.

Commissioner Eubanks reported on his attendance at the "C" Street Neighborhood Watch meeting where there was a presentation from the CPTED team.

Sandra Kelly, "C" Street Neighborhood Watch, reported the presentation was well received.

Commissioner Eubanks noted a new Neighborhood Watch meeting was starting at Ridgecrest on Wednesday. He commented that the East Madill Neighborhood Watch group also had issues with residents who were opening private restaurants in their front yards.

Coordinator Ho responded that that item was a Code Enforcement issue.

Commissioner Thurston reported that there were email scams being sent from various businesses and he urged residents to verify URLs prior to visiting the website.

Chairperson White warned residents that there were scams involving people who identified themselves as the IRS and Social Security. She urged residents not to verify social security numbers over the telephone. She reported that there had been a lot of vehicle break-ins and she urged residents to refrain from leaving anything in their vehicles.

Commissioner Thurston encouraged residents to turn on their outdoor lights.

Staff

- National Night Out Grant Application Update

Coordinator Ho announced the deadline for National Night Out applications was June 27, 2019 and he would be sending out email reminders to all Block Captains. He informed Commissioner Thurston sign request email and it would be processed in the morning.

Rachel Mendoza, commented that the manager at her complex had received a National Night Out reminder.

Sandra Kelly invited everyone to a Public Bike Safety Event organized by Boy Scout Troop #247 and sponsored by American Legion Post 1161 and Bay Area Bike Mobile from 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. on May 25, 2019 at the American Legion hall.

Lieutenant Mendes reminded residents to leave nothing visible in cars. She announced the Antioch Police Department would be holding service awards at 3:00 P.M. on May 23, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Commissioner Eubanks reported that an arson suspect at the Marina/wetlands was arrested.

11. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- June 1, 2019 – Neighborhood Clean Up – 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. at Williamson Ranch Park
- June 17, 2019 – Crime Prevention Commission meeting

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Davidson, expressed concern that over the past two weeks he had been approached by an aggressive panhandler at Lone Tree Way and “A” Streets.

Commissioner Thurston urged Mr. Davidson to report these incidences to the Antioch Police Department.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Commissioners Thurston, Eubanks, LaPoint, Ristau and Chairperson White
Absent: Commissioner Lewis and Corona

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk