

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
June 17, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M., on June 17, 2013 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2, ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Queiroz, Koch, Hayes, Augusta, Gadams Vice
Chairperson Cook

Absent: Chairperson Headd

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

3, APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 20, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner Koch, seconded by Commissioner Gadams the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of May 20, 2013 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Queiroz, Koch, Hayes, Augusta, Gadams, Vice
Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Headd

Commissioner Hayes gave a brief explanation of Roberts Rules of Order as they pertained to speakers rules for public comments.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

W. Marie Taylor, Antioch resident, stated she resides at the Casa Del Rio Senior Apartment and there had been an increase in criminal activity in the area. She requested assistance from the Crime Prevention Commission for help to resolve the issues.

Coordinator Ho provided Ms. Taylor with contact information and offered to send her information on the Neighborhood Watch program. He stated she could schedule a Neighborhood Watch meeting, when residents were prepared to organize a group.

Nancy Kelly, Antioch resident, provided information sheets explaining the impacts of the (½) one-half cent sales tax ballot measure. She reported a friend who resides in Oregon had heard about the *We're Looking Out For You* program, through the news media.

Linda Crossen, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, stated she had been unable to obtain a report on what had occurred when the radar trailer was placed in their neighborhood. She reported there had been a string of robberies on a street adjacent to their Neighborhood Watch area and one resident had been victimized twice. She noted that the resident had now armed himself and prepared to defend his property. She questioned how she could assist a street that was not in her immediate Neighborhood Watch area.

Coordinator Ho stated he would provide Neighborhood Watch brochures for Ms. Crossen for distribution in the area. He noted if residents expressed interest, a Commissioner would be sent to help them organize a group.

Commissioner Cook responded that he lived in the area and he would most likely be the Neighborhood Watch coordinator for the area.

Lieutenant Kelley responded that the radar trailer was used as a deterrent and did not record information. She noted the Antioch Police Department was attempting to purchase a new trailer that would record information.

Pam Gabrielli, Antioch resident, spoke in support of the sales tax and business tax ballot measures to support Police Services in Antioch. She reported the City of Concord was distributing "the club" to prevent auto thefts and questioned if a similar program was possible for Antioch.

Lieutenant Kelley suggested Ms. Gabrielli forward program information to her and stated she was unsure if the program would be financially feasible for Antioch.

Janie Yuds, Antioch resident, expressed concern regarding cars that excessively speed in her neighborhood and questioned if the city would install "Slow Down Children At Play" signs.

Lieutenant Kelley suggested Ms. Yuds request the radar trailer and noted the Police Department does not have those signs.

Ms. Yuds reported a neighbor had purchased a wheel lock as an anti-theft device for his vehicle.

Commissioner Cook stated speeding occurred in every neighborhood and that was why Antioch needed more Police Officers. .

Steve Huddleston, Antioch resident, questioned why Antioch would not install speed bumps as traffic calming devices.

Larry Hopwood, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and retired Antioch Police Officer responded the City had not installed speed bumps to prevent claims for vehicle damage.

Coordinator Ho announced the issue of speed bumps should be brought to the attention of the City Council and Public Works staff.

Steve Huddleston reported the traffic trailer had been unsuccessful at reducing speeds along Gentrytown, Drive. He commended Antioch Police Dispatcher, Carol, for her professionalism.

Larry Harrison, Antioch resident, stated his daughter-in-law suggested Antioch install traffic barriers similar to the city of Berkeley, as traffic calming devices and to reduce criminal activity.

Vice Chairperson Cook suggested Mr. Harrison contact the Public Works Department with his suggestion.

5. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

a. Mike Gadams to give a presentation about how the Crime Prevention Commission is enhancing Neighborhood watch.

Commissioner Gadams played a video of the news coverage and gave a brief overhead presentation of the *We're Looking Out For You* program. His presentation included the following information:

- How the program works
- Why the program was named "We're Looking Out For You"
- Antioch Dispatch reporting information cards
- How the program was developed locally
- The type of training required
- How to ensure a successful kick-off and implementation of the program
- Should accomplishments be recognized

Steve Huddleston suggested when attempting to identify a suspect to police, reporting parties include a description of shoes and tattoos.

Commissioner Gadams stated he would distribute reporting information cards at a future meeting. He reminded residents when they put their garbage cans out to leave a space between their cans. He commented that he would be monitoring the response to calls for service from the Republic Waste Services drivers.

Commissioner Cook reported the two ballot measures, if passed, would help staff additional code enforcement officers. He noted residents had been sending letters to landlords of blighted residences, requesting they clean up their properties and they had achieved a 65% – 70% success rate. He noted the residents involved would be making a presentation at a future Crime Prevention meeting.

Commissioner Cook acknowledged Commissioner Gadams for bringing refreshments to the meeting with Republic Waste Services.

Commissioner Gadams acknowledged Janie Yuds for holding a meet and greet hour prior to the Neighborhood Watch meeting in an effort to keep her Neighborhood Watch group energized.

b. National Night Out Update

Lieutenant Kelley acknowledged Councilmembers Tiscareno and Wilson as well as Mickie Marchetti representing REACH, in attendance this evening. She reported she had received twenty-four (24) applications for National Night Out and applications were available on the City's website for anyone wishing to participate. She announced she had been speaking with a representative from Target who may be adding to the grants and providing gifts for children, who attend the event. She also stated July 15, 2013 would be her and Commissioner Koch's last Crime Prevention Commission meeting.

Coordinator Ho announced a presentation would be made at the July Crime Prevention meeting, by Iris Archeletta, on the AB109 re-entry program. He added the August Crime Prevention meeting would be cancelled due to the National Night Out event and the September meeting would include a presentation from Lori Cook and Nancy Kelly on how to address problem properties.

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Augusta reported he had made a Neighborhood Watch presentation at the Antioch Post Office, which had been well received. He invited the community to attend the "C" Street Neighborhood Watch group barbeque at City Park at 6:00 P.M. on June 20, 2013.

Commissioner Koch announced the Crime Prevention meeting on July 15, 2013 would also include the Block Captain's quarterly meeting.

Commissioner Cook stated a few years ago he had the idea for the city to partner with the Post Office for the Neighborhood Watch program. He noted the program failed to come to fruition until Commissioner Augusta initiated contact with the Post Office and it had been very well received.

Coordinator Ho commented that due to work obligations he would be out of town for the next Crime Prevention meeting so he was taking this opportunity to express his appreciation to Commissioner Koch and Lieutenant Kelley for their support and hard work with the Crime Prevention Commission.

Commissioner Queiroz requested an update on the Business Watch program.

b. Staff

Lieutenant Kelley responded that they were in the process of placing Business Watch brochures on the city's website.

A representative from the Business Watch program stated she had spoken to her tenants and had sent out brochures. She stated she was looking for someone to make a presentation to the group and reported tenants were very receptive.

Commissioner Cook reported Tony Kesslinke had remodeled the former ABC building at "A" and "20th" Streets, The Friendship House Assisted Living on Cavallo Road and he was attempting to purchase Kelly's Card Room. He stated Mr. Deslin had expressed interest in the Neighborhood Watch program.

7. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- a. July 15th, 2013 7:00 P.M. Next Crime Prevention Commission Meeting – Presentation regarding AB 109 by Iris Archuleta.
- b. July 6th, 2013 9:00 A.M. Next Neighborhood Clean-Up in the downtown area following the 4th of July.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chairperson Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.