

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**June 17, 2019
Police Department Community Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on June 17, 2019 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Thurston, Eubanks, Morales, Lewis and Chairperson White

Absent: Commissioners LaPoint and Ristau

Staff: Lieutenant, John Fortner
Sergeant, Rick Martin
Officer, Eric Johnson
Officer, Robert Solari
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed everyone to the meeting. She invited new attendees to introduce themselves. She discussed the manner in which the meeting would be conducted. She announced various documents were available in the Community Room this evening.

4. WELCOME TO NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lewis thanked the Commission and Antioch Police Department for appointing him to the Commission. He gave a brief personal and professional history.

Commissioner Morales gave a brief personal and professional history. He thanked Council for selecting him to serve on the Commission.

Chairperson White welcomed Commissioners Lewis and Morales to the Police Crime Prevention Commission.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (May 20, 2019)

On motion by Commissioner Thurston, seconded by Commissioner Eubanks the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of May 20, 2019 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Lambrose, Antioch resident, expressed concern regarding the littering that is occurring on Golf Course Road and Frederickson Road. He reported that he personally picked up a lot of trash in the area. He questioned who he could contact to discuss installing cameras in the area to deter littering.

Chairperson White responded that Code Enforcement was responsible for litter issues.

Coordinator Ho suggested Mr. Lambrose email Code Enforcement Manager Michael to inform him of what was being observed and advised him to make use of the seeclickfix app. He noted Public Works would be the point of contact for the installation of security cameras.

Mr. Lambrose stated he believed citations issued for litter could generate revenue for the City.

Coordinator Ho stated that following the meeting, he would provide Mr. Lambrose with contact information for Code Enforcement and Public Works departments.

In response to Mr. Lambrose, Chairperson White encouraged him to contact the post office to determine if something could be done regarding the flyers that were being left on mailboxes.

In response to Mr. Lambrose, Commissioner Eubanks clarified that the railroad policed their own property.

A resident suggested contacting the business that generated the flyers to inform them that they were being left on mailboxes.

7. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

“Traffic Enforcement Team” by APD Traffic Bureau

Sergeant Rick Martin and Officers Eric Johnson and Robert Solari introduced themselves as the Traffic Enforcement Unit and provided the following information:

- The Traffic Enforcement Unit consisted of one (1) supervisor and two (2) traffic officers for a City of 115,000
- The number one complaint in the City was traffic
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit worked 6:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit had an educational component which included a warning program and community relations

- The three “E” components for traffic – Education, Enforcement and Engineering
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit responded to all major injury and fatalities within the City
- Fatal collisions were treated like homicides to determine if it was an accident
- DUIs, reckless driving, gross negligence presented potential manslaughter cases and in order to investigate, the Traffic Enforcement Unit participated in specialized training
- A new traffic officer would be put through the basic and intermediate collision investigation schools and after they were on patrol for a while, they participated in advanced investigation school
- Officers Johnson and Solari attended a vehicle dynamics class dealing with producing speeds from energy equations derived from crush
- Using damage to the vehicle and skid marks on roadways, they could determine speeds of vehicles which went towards investigating what occurred
- Other classes included - reconstruction class, motorcycle courses, vehicle versus pedestrian classes (formulating the speeds of vehicles based off of pedestrian reaction) and visual speed estimations
- Officers Johnson and Solari were trained instructors
- Information gathered from collisions was put back into enforcement efforts
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit worked with other local agencies (Oakley, Pittsburg and Brentwood) – every first and third Tuesday of the month (mornings in one city, afternoons in another) to get a higher saturation of enforcement
- Chief Brooks was dedicated to getting more personnel and they were hoping in the next shift rotation, that they would get two additional officers for the traffic division
- Antioch had no traffic division between 2009-2015 due to the recession
- There was no leeway but typically most jurisdiction did not conduct enforcement until it was 8-10 MPH and sometimes 12 MPH over the limit due to rules of evidence and what the courts wanted to see

Commissioner Thurston suggested all residents call in and report speeders to the Antioch Police Department.

- When the Traffic Enforcement Unit receives multiple calls for a certain area, they conduct enforcement in the area to address the situation
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit attempts to hit the major thoroughfares - Lone Tree Way, James Donlon Blvd., Somersville Road, Buchanan Road

Commissioner Eubanks stated that it was unfortunate to see all the memorials and suggested the use of the radar trailer to deter speeding.

- The radar trailer can have adverse effect due to people seeing it as a challenge
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit works James Donlon Blvd. Monday – Thursday
- Seven tickets were issued today on James Donlon Blvd and the fastest speed was 66 MPH
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit tried to work residential streets; however, if speeding was occurring from a residential area and they turned onto a major thoroughfare, they would be caught
- James Donlon Blvd was increased to a 40 MPH zone was due to lack of enforcement
- In order to use radar and lidar they have to have a specific set of circumstances

- An engineering and traffic survey determines the speed on the roadway based upon travel of traffic on the roadway
- Speeds increased on James Donlon Blvd when there were minimal enforcement efforts (2009-2015) which resulted in the speed limit being increased to 40 MPH

In response to Commissioner Lewis, Sergeant Martin stated the public could help by being a good witness and calling in their concerns.

- Public Works Department determines if traffic calming measures are warranted
- If residents want traffic calming measures installed, they should work together with their neighbors or Neighborhood Watch groups, write a petition and contact City Hall

In response to Commissioner Lewis, Sergeant Martin stated that if traffic calming plans were developed with Neighborhood Watch groups they could be vetted through the traffic unit; however, the decision would be with City Hall.

- Speed bumps also slowed down emergency response vehicles

Chairperson White commented that speed bumps also negatively impact property values.

A speaker reported that recently someone was hit by a vehicle at Gentrytown Dr. and James Donlon Blvd. He suggested decoy cars be placed in the neighborhood to slow down traffic.

- Antioch Police Department was trying to get more officers trained in the use of radar
- Decoy cars were typically used throughout the City to prevent theft from vehicles, stores and banks

A speaker reported that the curve on Gentrytown Dr. before James Donlon Blvd. was a blind spot.

Chairperson White thanked Sergeant Rick Martin and Officers Eric Johnson and Robert Solari for the presentation.

In response to a speaker, Officer Solari clarified the additional:

- The Traffic Enforcement Unit patrolled on motorcycles
- Traffic tickets do not generate a lot of revenue – (example a \$160.00 cell phone violation, base fine is \$25.00 and the City received approximately 80% of that)
- The State and County received a majority of traffic ticket revenue
- Using enforcement as a revenue sources does not work and is against the law
- The Traffic Enforcement Unit on a good year could typically earn their salary

In response to a speaker, Officer Johnson stated that they did work the area around In and Out Burger on Lone Tree Way and Brentwood Police Department also provided enforcement efforts for that intersection. He noted in summer months they could not sit in the sun all day to provide enforcement in the area.

Sergeant Martin stated that his phone number was on the City's website and anyone with traffic concerns could contact him so that he could pass the information on to the traffic patrol officers.

8. INVITATION TO A JOINT MEETING WITH PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION IN JULY

Chairperson White stated that last year the Police Crime Prevention Commission was invited to a joint meeting the Parks and Recreation Commission at Chichibu Park.

Coordinator Ho stated that this year's invitation was for Contra Loma Estate Park at Manzanita Way and Mahogany Way. He announced that the City was applying for a grant from the State to refurbish underserved parks in the community. He noted as part of the grant process, they needed to solicit community input and because the Police Crime Prevention Commission had a lot of contact with the community, they were being invited to participate in a joint meeting.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser explained that voters approved Proposition 68, the parks and water bond program. She noted one of the key grants was for the Statewide Park Program. She further noted it was a competitive grant program with an emphasis on turning around underserved neighborhoods. She reported that Contra Loma Estates Park was the only park in Antioch that met the criteria. She commented that a required element of the grant application was community-based planning and the community's guidance as to how they would like to see the park renovated within the guidelines, and parameters set forth in the program. She noted to receive the maximum points in the grant program, five community engagement meetings needed to be held between now and August 1, 2019. She announced that Council had adopted the resolution of local support and authorized the filing of a grant application. She noted they would receive the maximum points if the community engagement meetings were creative and unique. She invited the Police Crime Prevention Commission to host a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on July 15, 2019 in Contra Loma Estates Park to engage residents and hold a discussion regarding what makes a park safe.

In response to the Commission, Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser clarified the following:

- The basketball court at Contra Loma Estates Park was out to bid
- Fixed elements in the park would remain and the grant application would be packaged around them
- Fencing around the basketball court would be suggested to the community

Commissioner Eubanks expressed interest in working with local organizations to organize activities at the new basketball facilities.

- Points are assigned based on the application
- Two community meetings had to be held in the park at night and on the weekends
- Staff was proposing that three of the five meetings be held in the park

- State Park Project Officers were very excited about Antioch's concept and participation in the program and they received high points in the two categories

Commissioner Thurston stated that he felt this was a good opportunity to reach out to a neighborhood and provide this community the ability to have direct contact with the Police Crime Prevention Commission.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated if there was consensus of the Commission to hold a joint meeting, staff would follow up with a mailer advertising this date as well as a Saturday meeting date. She noted their annual drop-in Adventures in Fun and Fitness roaming day camp would also be held in July at Contra Loma and participants would be encouraged to participate.

Coordinator Ho suggested holding the joint meeting on the next scheduled Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting date at 7:00 P.M. on July 15, 2019.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser agreed with the time and date suggested.

Coordinator Ho stated he would meet with Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser to set up the agenda. He noted that Chief Brooks supported this proposal and noted everyone would like to see improvements to this area, and this was an opportunity to get State money to improve the park.

In response to Commissioner Lewis, Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated that she would not have an estimated amount for the grant until she heard from the residents regarding what they want included in the park design; however, the average ask in previous grant programs was \$4M and the most they could ask for was \$8M. She noted that she believed this neighborhood, which had a high number of children, would be interested in a restroom for the park. She noted once input was received from the community, it would not be difficult to put a package together.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eubanks, seconded by Commissioner Lewis to approve the Police Crime Prevention Commission attending a joint planning meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission at 7:00 P.M. on July 15, 2019.

A speaker suggested Code Enforcement clean the homeless out of the area prior to the meeting.

Coordinator Ho responded that the next Neighborhood Cleanup would be held on July 6, 2019 at Contra Loma Estates Park. He invited the previous speaker and the Parks and Recreation Commission to participate.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated that she would contact the State to determine if a joint effort to clean up the park could be counted as one of their five meetings.

Commissioner Eubanks suggested the non-profit church-based community groups be contacted to participate.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser responded that she would attempt to reach out to the community groups. She explained that the Park bond passed in 2018, which provided a short time frame for the State to mobilize. She noted that the guidelines accepted community meetings from June 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019, so she was contacting other groups to determine if previous meetings had been documented, so that they could be included.

A vote taken on the previous motion to hold a joint planning meeting carried the following vote:

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

Chairperson White encouraged everyone to attend the meeting and noted that it would be concluded before dark.

Coordinator Ho commented that Lieutenant Mendes had indicated that there would be proper security.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated chairs would be provided; however, anyone wishing to bring their own could do so.

A speaker stated that they could not attend meetings held in the park or food truck night because they were elderly and there were no restroom facilities available. He questioned if the City had considered providing mobile restroom facilities for events.

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser stated that they would be adding temporary restrooms facilities for City events.

Chairperson White thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser for the presentation

Director of Parks and Recreation Kaiser thanked the Police Crime Prevention Commission for their time.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation

Commissioner Thurston reported that Business Watch signage had been installed at the Sycamore Center and "L" streets.

Commissioner Eubanks reported that a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) audit was given at the Antioch Historical Society Museum and announced their next Marina Business Watch meeting would be held at the Museum on June 26, 2019.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee

Chairperson White announced that the next Neighborhood Watch Best Practices committee meeting would be held at 10:00 A.M. on June 29, 2019 in the Police Department Community

Room. She noted flyers for the event with her contact information were provided in the Community Room this evening. She further noted she would be giving a safety presentation and invited everyone to attend.

“Adopt a Shopping Center” Project

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. He asked for the Commission’s support of this item and requested that they reach out to Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch Captains to determine if citizens would be willing to participate.

Commissioner Eubanks stated that he liked the idea; however, he was concern with vigilantism. He discussed the importance of training individuals or holding an orientation regarding the parameters around the program.

Coordinator Ho stated if the Police Crime Prevention Commission supported the program, they could make a motion to formalize the program and then choose a subcommittee to work out the details to bring back to the Commission, at a future meeting.

On motion by Commissioner Eubanks, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Police Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously formed a subcommittee to study the Adopt a Business Center Program and discuss parameters.

Coordinator Ho explained that a subcommittee of three members or less could meet without a Brown Act violation. He noted the goal of the committee would be to bring back information to the Commission, at a future meeting.

Commissioner Lewis suggested having four focus groups that involved business owners, community members at large, educators and the religious community to partner with law enforcement to develop strategies that could address the challenges those groups are facing.

Commissioner Eubanks suggested the subcommittee discuss this idea.

Commissioners Lewis, Eubanks and Morales volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

10. NEW ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Input from the Commissioners and/or Antioch Police Department

11. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Eubanks asked residents from the East Madill Neighborhood Watch group if the radar unit was successful at deterring speeding traffic in their neighborhood.

A speaker responded that they believed it had been helpful.

Commissioner Thurston reported he had received an email scam from someone who identified themselves as representing Amazon and requesting contact. He urged residents not to call or visit websites that have not been verified. He stated many times viewing the email address will show that it is not an authentic address.

Commissioner Eubanks proposed the Antioch Police Department produce a sign for those who register their surveillance/security cameras, to display their windows. He requested this item be agendaized so the recommendation could come from the Commission.

In response to a speaker, Chairperson White explained that the Antioch Police Department had a surveillance camera registry program and they encouraged the community to participate.

Commissioner Eubanks added that the program allowed the Antioch Police Department to build a database of all locations for surveillance cameras so if a crime happens at a specific location, they could ask if anyone in the area had footage regarding the incident. He encouraged everyone to register their cameras and noted that he believed a sign would serve as a deterrent for illegal activity.

Commissioner Eubanks requested this item be agendaized for the next meeting.

Chairperson White thanked Commissioner Thurston for serving on the Commission noting he was appreciated.

Commissioner Thurston stated it was a pleasure to serve and it was good to see new Commissioners willing to serve the community.

Staff

Coordinator Ho reminded Commissioner Thurston that according to the bylaws a Commissioner remained on the Commission until he was suitably replaced.

Commissioner Thurston stated he would serve for two additional months, if necessary.

- National Night Out Grant Application Update

Coordinator Ho announced that the deadline for National Night Out grant applications was June 27, 2019. He reminded Commissioners to calendar National Night Out for 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. on August 6, 2019. He also announced that the Commission would be participating in a Safety Faire on August 24, 2019 at the Church of Latter Day Saints on Jeffrey Way in Brentwood. He reminded the Commission that this event would take place at Mayor Wright's church so participation would be noted. He stated with three Commissioners departing and three coming on, he would review Block Captain assignments and send out emails with the

new Commissioner's assignments. He noted once orientation for was set up he would provide all pertinent information.

12. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

Chairperson White announced the following meeting/presentation/event schedule.

- July 6, 2019 – Neighborhood Clean Up – 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M at Contra Loma Estates Park, Mahogany and Sycamore Area
- June 15, 2019 – Crime Prevention Commission meeting - 7:00 P.M. at Contra Loma Estates Park, Mahogany and Sycamore Area

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Davidson reported that he received a scam email regarding the lottery and they had obtained his bank account information. He stated he had not provided anyone with his bank information and he did not know how they were able to acquire it. He noted Wells Fargo stated they would investigate.

Commissioner Thurston stated that these individual want people to respond back so they could get hold of additional information. He urged residents to verify email addresses.

Chairperson White commented that she had received two emails from her CEO and CFO email addresses with requests to change their direct deposit information. She stated she called to confirm and determined that it was a scam. She encouraged everyone to always follow up with a phone call.

14. 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, Lewis, Morales and Chairperson White
Absent: Commissioner Ristau and LaPoint

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on July 15, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk