

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
July 21, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on July 21, 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
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 16, 2014)

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Gadams the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of June 16, 2014 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

Absent: Commissioner Hayes

The Police Crime Prevention Commission presented Daniel Joseph Galvan with a certificate recognizing him as an honorary block captain for the Neighborhood Watch program.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Candy Duperroir, Victory Outreach Church of Antioch, invited the community to participate in a Stop the Violence march at 9:00 A.M. on July 26, 2014 beginning at "A" and 10th Streets.

Tim McCall, Antioch resident, reported his house was burglarized while his wife was home and a week later they returned to take their vehicles. He stated he had located the responsible parties and recovered his vehicles and most of their belongings. He noted he had reported information that identified the suspects to the Police Department., however, a police report had not been filed and they had not returned his phone calls.

Lieutenant Aguinaga requested Mr. McCall provide his contact information so that she could follow up on the incident.

Residents attending the Police Crime Prevention meeting for the first time introduced themselves.

Coordinator Ho provided contact information for anyone wishing to become involved in the Neighborhood Watch program.

6. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

a. Presentation by: Shannen Enos, CPR basics

Chairperson Cook introduced Shannen Enos to give the presentation this evening.

Shannen Enos introduced herself and stated she was pleased to see the large amount of volunteers present this evening. She gave the CPR basics which included the following information:

- In adult victims, breaths are not recommended
- CPR can facilitate the donations of organs in the event the victim passes
- Infants and children receive breaths with CPR
- Puberty is the defining line between adult and child victims
- Compressions should be given one-hundred (100) times per minute and hard enough that lungs are compressed
- If possible, yell for help and/or contact 911
- Compressions should not be stopped until the victim or emergency personnel responds
- Automated External Defibrillators (AED) used in conjunction with CPR gives a 91% chance of life
- Samaritans cannot be held liable for assisting with CPR

She announced she was available to give CPR/first aid classes to Neighborhood Watch groups. Contact information was available in the community room this evening.

In response to Commissioner Gadams, Ms. Enos explained the following:

- Compressions should be given to victims struggling to take in air and not responding to stimulus

- Hands should be placed in the center of the chest, two finger widths from the tip of the breast bone
- Compressions should be given as hard as possible
- If possible, switch with another person who can immediately take over CPR
- If the victim starts to vomit and is coming to, stop compressions and turn them on their side facing you to avoid choking

Coordinator Ho stated he would be sending out Ms. Enos contact information to the Neighborhood Watch Block captains.

The Commission awarded gift certificates to Block Captains for National Night Out.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Taylor acknowledged Lori Cook and her Facebook group *Cleaning Up Antioch One Home at a Time* for their efforts to improve Antioch. She reported she had witnessed someone dumping garbage and she taken down the license plate number and reported the incident to Antioch Police. She stated she would be willing to prosecute and encouraged residents to report illegal dumping. She requested a presentation on the gang unit, be agendized for a future meeting.

Lieutenant Aguinaga reported that the gang unit had been increased to six (6) and they would be attending school next month to become certified through the State. With concurrence of the Commission, she stated she would agendize a gang unit presentation, for September.

Commissioner Taylor reported her Neighborhood Watch group had reorganized their telephone tree and she had copies available this evening for anyone interested.

Commissioner Davis reported on his attendance at the second meeting for the Deer Meadow Way neighborhood. He encouraged those not currently active in Neighborhood Watch become involved before they were victimized.

Commissioner Gadams reported on his attendance at four (4) Neighborhood Watch meetings which he noted seemed to have similar issues. He questioned if alarms could be installed outside of residences.

Lieutenant Aguinaga explained that a majority of alarms calls were false therefore; they were a lower priority than crimes in progress. She reported that the previous night, residents had heard an alarm and witnessed someone fleeing over a fence, which increased the priority of the call.

Chairperson Cook added City ordinances did not prohibit alarms from being installed on the outside of houses and there was a benefit for neighbors being alerted to a potential crime in progress. He noted it also deterred criminals.

Commissioner Gadams suggested residents consider having alarms installed outside their residence. He questioned how to report unregistered vehicle license tags.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) issued citations and anyone can report unlicensed vehicles through the non-emergency number 778-2441.

Commissioner Gadams recommended residents frustrated from being victims of crime, voice their concerns to the City Council and offered the Commission's assistance with crime prevention. He recognized Janie Yuds for organizing her Neighborhood Watch cleanup event.

Commissioner Williams announced Coffee with the Cops would be held at 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. on July 24, 2014, at the Antioch Community Center.

Lieutenant Aguinaga announced Chief Cantando would not be attending Coffee With the Cops because he had surgery and Captain Brooks would be facilitating the event.

Commissioner Williams reported the Antioch Animal Shelter was full and she recommended residents consider adopting or fostering a pet. She stated residents are the eyes and ears of law enforcement and encouraged anyone witnessing suspicious activity report it to the Antioch Police Department non-emergency number.

Commissioner Augusta suggested residents draw a sketch of their neighborhoods with house or apartment numbers so they could provide accurate addresses, if they needed to report a crime. He announced the Military Stand Down event for Veterans would be held in Antioch in 2015.

Chairperson Cook reported he was on the Police Activities League (PAL) Board and at this time there were six-hundred forty four (644) children participating in the Jr. Giants program. He stated he was also on the Board for the Leo Fontana Foundation that would be starting youth programs afterschool and they were partnering with PAL for a six (6) week bowling league for middle school children. He stated they were also discussing how to bring sports back to the middle schools. Additionally, he reported he was on the Homeless Task Force and they had hauled three loads of refuse from the "F" Street monument area. He encouraged residents to report homeless encampments. He announced Lori Cook was working with the City to get donation stations cleaned up. He introduced J.R. Wilson with the Veteran's Affairs and stated they would be meeting with Councilmember Tiscareno to discuss the possibility of rehabilitating abandoned homes for Veterans or to be used as a possible enhancement to hire Police Officers. He reported on his attendance at a meeting in the Sycamore area, that was attended by seven (7) people. He stated a recent news article

recognized Neighborhood Watch Block Captains for directing police to a suspect. He commended Neighborhood Watch groups that were adopting parks and encouraged other groups to consider taking ownership of their neighborhoods and doing the same. He acknowledged Park and Recreation Commissioners Keith and Janet Farr for spearheading the effort. He encouraged residents to report suspicious activity to the police department non-emergency number and noted the smallest bit of information may be what solves a crime. He thanked everyone for their participation and making a difference in the City.

b. Staff

Coordinator Ho stated he would be sending out the Victory Outreach event information to Block Captains. He committed to participating in the event and encouraged others to participate. He requested Commissioners scheduling Neighborhood Watch meetings send him the information as soon as they are scheduled so he can calendar the event and provide the handouts needed. He stated he would be sending Commissioners their National Night Out assignments by the end of the week.

Lieutenant Aguinaga reported Lieutenant Kelley suffered a brain aneurysm and was expected to make a full recovery. She noted with her absence as well as Chief Cantando, she would need the Commission and volunteers help to visit block parties. She explained that full staffing was at eighty eight (88) however twelve (12) were off or injured. She noted with people in the academy and field training they were down to seventy three (73) full duty officers.

Chairperson Cook reminded everyone that Coffee with the Cops would be held from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. on July 24, 2014 at the Community Center. He explained that the first Tuesday in August, from 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. was National Night Out and Neighborhood Watch groups throughout the United States and Canada hold block parties. He noted Neighborhood Watch groups who informed the City they would be holding an event, were visited by a City representative.

Coordinator Ho stated if the Block Captains had not notified the City by now, they would not be able to visit their block party.

8. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- a. August 18th, 2014 – Crime Prevention Commission Meeting Meeting Cancelled due to National Night Out
- b. August 2nd, 2014 – Neighborhood Clean-up, Marsh Elementary School

Chairperson Cook announced the meeting, presentation and event schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Continued

In response to Eddie Pacheco Chairperson Cook clarified National Night Out was associated with the police department not the fire department; however groups could invite them to their events.

Stephanie Sterling reported last year she invited the fire department to her event and they had attended.

J.R. Wilson, Executive Director of the Delta Veteran's Group, reported the Stand Down event in 2015 at the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds would be called Stand Down on the Delta.

John Strickland stated he worked for a security company and exterior sirens were an option that could be installed on the outside of a house. He stated they were a great visual deterrent, tamperproof and available for a nominal fee.

In response to Jeff Clark, Chairperson Cook stated he would resubmit his request for their Neighborhood Watch signs.

A resident identified herself as Hilda, reported crime was occurring at a park in her neighborhood and suggested the PAL hold events there to discourage the behavior.

Chairperson Cook suggested Hilda discuss the issue with Public Works Director/City Engineer Bernal.

Hilda reported she attempted to adopt a kitten from the Antioch Animal Shelter and it was a negative experience. She noted she ended up adopting a kitten elsewhere.

In response to Hilda, Lieutenant Aguinaga clarified there was a policy that kittens are spayed or neutered prior to adoption and they cannot be reserved. She apologized for the bad experience and noted the staff at the Antioch Animal Shelter does a phenomenal job with limited staffing.

Keith Farr, Neighborhood Watch Block Captain reported a neighbor had his alarm go off and called him to check his house which he determined to be a false alarm. He encouraged residents to consider giving neighbors their contact information and anyone checking on homes, remain cautious.

Charity Miranda, reported there had been a reoccurring issue with a grow house in their neighborhood and she questioned what could be done with the paraphernalia that remained and how they could prevent it from reoccurring.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated that because of the California laws related to medicinal marijuana, certain people were allowed to have a specific amount of marijuana. She noted confiscating and storing equipment had become cost prohibitive for the Antioch Police Department. She encouraged Ms. Miranda to talk to Lori Cook regarding contacting the legal owner of the house to request that they address the issue.

Chairperson Cook reported the Facebook page *Cleaning up Antioch One Home at a Time* had information on how to contact legal owners.

In response to Marsha Rasso, Lieutenant Aguinaga clarified the neighborhood cleanup would not be occurring on the south side of the freeway. She noted maps were available on the City's website and included "G" Street up to the freeway and the areas around Marsh elementary.

A resident reported he lived near Deer Valley High school and there were frequent fireworks being set off in the area. He questioned if they should be reported to the fire or police department. He suggested residents use google maps to record neighbor's addresses in the event they had to report the location of a crime in their neighborhood. He questioned how residents could address code enforcement issues.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated fireworks should be reported to the police department.

Chairperson Cook added Code Enforcement was in the process of hiring staff to address problems south of highway 4. He encouraged residents to continue to call to report code enforcement issues. He reported Lori Cook has had some success in her efforts to clean up Deer Valley Plaza.

Lori Cook stated during a recent visit to Code Enforcement they had two-hundred fifty three (253) cases opened. Additionally, there were 45-50 cases that they had determined needed to be immediately addressed. She stated calls for service were being addressed; however it was an extensive process. She noted there was a house on Merrill Drive that had burned down and they City had liens against the property. She noted last week a company had started hauling debris away from that site. She commended Code Enforcement for doing a great job with limited resources.

Cheryl Wilson, suggested residents request windows be boarded up and locks changed on abandoned properties. She announced there were high school exchange students available, if anyone was interested in hosting.

In response to a speaker, Chairperson Cook stated there were no volunteers in the Code Enforcement Department.

In response to Mort Peterson, Lieutenant Aguinaga reported the CHP had agreed to assist the City with traffic detail and they were directed to the Gentrytown area.

In response to Hilda, Chairperson Cook encouraged her to report drag racing in her area and stated that issue would be discussed at their Neighborhood Watch meeting. He encouraged residents reporting crimes be very accurate with their information.

Alexis Fisher suggested people reporting crimes, log all calls in ink so that it would be legally admissible in court.

Sharon Ballero, reported a house on the corner of Garrow and East Tregallas was boarded up.

Chairperson Cook noted Lori Cook had reported that residents often trespass onto that property.

A resident suggested writing the owners of the property requesting they clean up the property.

A resident suggested photos be taken of cars drag racing, for evidence.

9. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner ? 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 8:34 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.