

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
September 15, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., on September 15, 2014 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Augusta, Taylor, Williams and Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioner Hayes, Davis, Gadams

Staff: Lieutenant, Diane Aguinaga
Detective, James Stenger
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 21, 2014)

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Hayes, Davis and Gadams

Chairperson Cook recognized City Council candidates Tony Tiscareno and Diane Gibson Gray as well as Jennifer Quallick, representing County Supervisor Mary Piepho.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Cook, announced the Rivertown Jamboree was hosting the Delta Thunder Five - Gary Agopian Memorial Race on October 3-5, 2014 at the Antioch marina and noted advertising space was available in the program. She discussed her efforts to have donation boxes removed from Antioch.

Chairperson Cook added that the boat race would be a National Championship.

6. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

a. Presentation by: Officer Morin and Detective Stenger – An education on Antioch Gangs

Detective Stenger stated Officer Morin was unable to attend this evening. He introduced himself and gave a PowerPoint presentation of Antioch Gangs, which included the following information:

- Gang Unit Officers
- Legislation and Legal Definition
- Descriptions of Local Street Gangs
- Tagging, Tattoos and Colors
- Pre-gang Behavior Indicators
- Strategic Responses
- Social Intervention
- Gang Suppression and Incarceration
- Suggestions for Parents

In response to questions from the public, Detective Stenger responded as follows:

- Latin Kings was not established in the area
- Recruitment began in elementary school and significantly increased in middle schools
- Illegal money making behavior included drug trafficking, prostitution, extortion, racketeering and robberies
- Japanese and Chinese mafia gangs were not active in Antioch
- Antioch Police Department had been conducting targeted enforcement as often as possible
- Residents were encouraged to report suspicious behavior and include gang colors, if present
- There were approximately 400 gang members in East County and gang activity had not increased in the past year
- April to May saw a significant increase in shootings however 20 of those involved two gangs
- Gang related criminal activity was decreasing however transparency in reporting made it appear worse
- 90% of drug sales were related to gangs
- Females participated in gangs however they were predominately male
- People participating in graffiti removal were not a target for gang members
- Gang activity occurred in surrounding cities, however they were more violent and vocal in Antioch
- Residents who wished to remain anonymous can report crimes through Tipsoft
- Retaliation occurred however it was extremely rare
- There were a few Hells Angels in the area however they are not prevalent in Antioch
- There were several gangs groups in the Cavallo Road, 18th Street and Sycamore areas

- Deer Valley Plaza issues were not gang related

A resident commended the Antioch Police Department for participating in multi-agency enforcement details.

Councilmember Tiscareno commended the Antioch Police Department for their work with the proactive suppression details.

Chairperson Cook recognized new Neighborhood Watch participants who introduced themselves and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Augusta suggested the Antioch Police Activities League (PAL) consider holding boxing matches for youth. He encouraged residents to consider adopting from the Antioch Animal Shelter and noted he had adopted a Pit Bull puppy that was a great dog.

Chairperson Cook stated he would bring up the suggestion regarding boxing matches at the next PAL Board meeting.

Commissioner Taylor encouraged residents to download the new Antioch Police Department mobile app. She reported on her attendance at the Disaster Preparedness event at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in August and announced information gathered from the event was available in the community room this evening. She noted vial of life kits were also available.

Chairperson Cook announced the following upcoming events:

- City Council Candidate Forum - September 16, 2014 from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.
- Measure O Discussion - September 16, 2014 from 6:00 – 6:45 P.M.
- County School Board Candidate Forum - September 18, 2014 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.
- Antioch School Board Candidates Forum – September 18, 2014 8:00 – 9:00 P.M.
- Teacher of the Year awards – September 16, 2014
- Homeless Task Force meeting – September 16, 2014
- Neighborhood Cleanup – October 4, 2014

He encouraged residents to register to vote and reported only two residents attended the last Neighborhood Watch meeting in the Sycamore area.

b. Staff

Coordinator Ho reported he had received a voicemail from a resident who had encountered a couple who said they were from the Neighborhood Watch program and

asked to be allowed into their residence to perform a security check. He clarified a Crime Prevention Commissioner would never show up at a residence unannounced and anyone doing so should be reported to the Antioch Police Department. He suggested residents make their presence known and refuse to open their door to anyone they do not know. He encouraged the community to join him and participate in the Neighborhood Cleanup event in the Sycamore corridor.

Chairperson Cook announced Coastal Cleanup event would be held on September 20, 2014 from 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. with locations at Prewett Park, Fulton Shipyard and the Antioch Marina.

Larry Harrison, Antioch resident, gave a history and overview of ballot Measure O for the November ballot. He clarified that counter to the opposition, seniors, businesses and homeowners would not be impacted unless they owned rentals. He stated anyone wishing to donate could send checks payable to “Residents for Fairness, Yes Measure O” to 3036 South Apple Court, Antioch Ca. 94509.

In response to members of the audience, he stated the following:

- He did not believe the fee would apply to those who rent a room in their home
- Enforcement was included in the projected revenue, in the amount of \$300k yearly, however once the database was completed, costs were expected to decrease

Sandra Kelly reported there had been problems with homeless and gang activity in area of the vacant plumbing business on 19th Street and the owner of the business has had a difficult time selling it, because of the issues. She stated they were also concerned regarding tenant vacancies at the Eastwood Plaza Shopping Center. She reported she had discussed implementing a Business Watch Program for the area and their Neighborhood Watch group would be working with the Bedford Center to clean up the area. She reported she and Commissioner Cook had met with City Manager Duran and Code Enforcement regarding these concerns and the homeless people were no longer residing in the vacant business. She thanked Antioch Police Department for responding to her calls for service.

Jacqueline Higgins added that there was a recent murder in the same area and expressed concern that people had spray painted the street and defaced the sidewalk to memorialize the victim. She thanked the Antioch Police Department and Public Works Department for immediately addressing the issue and encouraged residents with similar concerns notify Public Works or make a report online through the Antioch Police Department’s mobile app.

In response to Alexis Fisher, Chairperson Cook announced the date of the next Neighborhood Cleanup was October 4, 2014 from 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

In response to Sandra McKee, Chairperson Cook stated she could direct her questions regarding Measure C to Coordinator Ho who was a member of the Sales Tax Oversight Committee.

Todd Pearson expressed concern that residents were not stopping at the temporary stop sign at Sommersville Road and James Donlon Boulevard and they were making illegal left turns from the middle lane.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated she would see if it was feasible to put a radar trailer in the area with signage however she did not want to impede the project.

Todd Pearson reported his mother-in-law came home from work at 11:45 P.M. and immediately afterward a female rang the doorbell asking to use the phone. He stated when he questioned her, she got nervous, stated had the wrong address and left. He noted after reviewing his security video it appeared the female was standing by a tree in the dark when his mother-in-law arrived home. He cautioned residents to be careful when exiting their vehicles. He stated when he called in to dispatch, Antioch Police Department responded within 5 minutes.

Lieutenant Aguinaga cautioned that there was a female group in Contra Costa County who were kicking in doors and breaking into houses.

A resident reported she had received an email that appeared to be from her bank requesting that she update all her personal information. She noted she had contacted the bank who informed her it was a fraud case.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated the Police Department app was available through the various app stores and a link was available on the Antioch Police Department's website.

Coordinator Ho reported National Night Out was a very successful event.

7. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- a. October 20, 2014 – Squires – Mickie Marchetti, Director, REACH Program**
- b. September 6, 2014 – Neighborhood Cleanup – Cancelled due to September 20, 2014 Coastal Cleanup**

Chairperson Cook announced the meeting, presentation and event schedule.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.