

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**September 21, 2020
Meeting Conducted Remotely**

The City of Antioch, in response to the Executive Order of the Governor and the Order of the Health Officer of Contra Costa County concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), held Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting live stream (at www.antiochca.gov/apcpc/meeting/). The Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting was conducted utilizing Zoom Audio/Video Technology.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M., on September 21, 2020.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, Bruckman, Munton, LaPoint and Chairperson White

Staff: Lieutenant, Powell Meads
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden
Officer, Brock Marcotte
Sergeant, Hoffman

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed staff and Commissioners to the meeting this evening.

She announced that Public Comment could be submitted utilizing the following:

- a) By filling out an online speaker card, located at https://www.antiochca.gov/apcpc/speaker_card/
- b) By emailing the Lieutenant Meads prior to or during the meeting at rmeads@ci.antioch.ca.us
- c) By dialing (925) 779-6977 during the meeting.

She explained that the city cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the Police Crime Prevention Commission receives your comments, you are strongly encouraged to submit your comments in writing in advance of the meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 17, 2020)

On motion by Commissioner Eubanks, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of August 17, 2020 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona, LaPoint and Chairperson White

Commissioners Munton and Bruckman abstained from voting on the minutes since they were not seated as Commissioners for the September 21, 2020 meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

“Problem Oriented Policing Team (POP Team)” – Sergeant Hoffman and Officer Marcotte, APD

- The POP team found different ways to address problems in the community by connecting with business owners, people in problem areas and different neighborhoods as well as apartment managers to discuss their concerns and how they could be addressed by the APD (ex. graffiti, loiterers, crime problems, problem residences)
- Community members were pleased with their outreach efforts and the success of the program
- They initially contacted business owners they had previously contacted as well as those they wanted to get familiar with
- A lot of feedback had been received
- The POP team provided the community with their personal work cellphone numbers and email addresses
- Each week they received calls from business owners explaining their issues and providing feedback as to how their issues could be resolved
- Information on the POP Team had been provided on social media
- Community members were pleased that the unit was able to invest more time to address their issues
- Because of connections they had established and their familiarity with people in neighborhoods, they had been able to take some of the caseload away from detectives
- The POP team had a strong presence and provided proactive policing in problem areas
- The POP team had a targeted approach to address large groups of people engaged in loitering, illegal gambling and drug crimes
- The POP team schedule was adjusted so that they could address specific issues
- The POP team linked up with the crime analyst to identify hotspots in the City which allowed them to do directed enforcements in those areas
- During directed enforcements they had been able to identify subjects involved in criminal activities and get drugs and weapons off the street

- The POP team also utilized social media platforms to investigate people and reach out to get information as to where issues were occurring
- The POP team linked up with patrol units so that when they witnessed an issue that needed additional investigation, those complaints were sent to the POP team to follow up
- They pinpointed major problem areas and attempted to go after specific issues that were creating most of the problems
- Their three prong approach included working with the community, asking people in problem areas to report issues that they were experiencing and what can be done to help them, taking investigations further as a team and having a strong presence in directed proactive policing in problem areas
- POP team was assembled in July and they had taken several of guns off the street and made good arrests

In response to the Police Crime Prevention Commission, Sergeant Hoffman and Officer Marcotte provided the following clarifications:

- There were four officers and one Sergeant on the POP team
- Hours varied week to week based on community feedback
- POP team officers wore police uniforms
- Police Crime Prevention Commission could assist by forwarding any complaints received
- They focused on Beat 2, 3 and 6 as well wherever they received citizen complaints
- Email to send complaints – popteam@antioch.ca.gov
- The POP team worked with dispatch which was where they receive most of their complaints
- Dispatch was notified of which complaint calls they were following up on
- The POP team tried to have a presence in the entire City
- The POP team had not received specific complaints about the Marina
- Direct enforcement had occurred in the Bucannon area such as on San Jose Drive and Hudson Court
- A patrol group may report specific issues in their areas
- They prioritized community complaints
- They worked in the same office space as the traffic unit, so traffic complaints were forwarded to the traffic Sergeant
- The POP team was available to connect with Neighborhood Watch groups and it was one of their priorities

Coordinator Ho explained that Neighborhood Watch meetings were scheduled through him so when that occurred he could ask Neighborhood Watch Block Captains if they wanted an officer present and then he could reach out to the POP team to see if anyone is available to attend the meeting. He reported that one of their Neighborhood Watch Block Captains was specific in not wanting someone in uniform or with a patrol vehicle showing up at their house. He stated he would be sending the POP team email address to the Commissioners following this meeting.

In response to Commissioner Munton, Sergeant Hoffman explained that each situation was different and calls involving mental health crisis would typically be handled by a patrolman. He reported that officers responded to those types of calls daily and they were trained, and very good at crisis intervention.

Chairperson White thanked Sergeant Hoffman and Officer Marcotte for the presentation. She stated the POP team was very beneficial and she appreciated their hard work in the field.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation – Report by Commission

Commissioner Eubanks reported that he had been attempting to set up a meeting for the Marina Business Watch group.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee – Report by Chairperson White

Chairperson White reported she was in the process of trying to schedule the next Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee meeting and she hoped they would be successful in next two weeks.

Community Outreach Sub Committee, “Bridging the Gap” – Commissioner Lewis

Coordinator Ho reported the City was doing the Bridging the Gap project and the Crime Prevention Commission would be dovetailing their efforts. He announced the City would be hiring a facilitator to assist with the program and once that was completed he would bring it to the attention of the Community Outreach Sub Committee and hopefully they would be working together with the City to go forward on that project.

8. NEW ITEMS TO BE AGENDIZED FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Additional New Business – Input from the Commissioners and/or Antioch Police Department

Commissioner Eubanks reported that the Police Crime Prevention Commission Bylaws and Responsibilities was over 20-years old and it did not reference the Business Watch program. He commented that the document indicated that the Police Crime Prevention may advise the City Council and/or Police Department on all local legislative proposals reviewed. He suggested the Commission revisit the document and update the rolls and responsibilities.

Coordinator Ho stated this item could be agendized for the next meeting.

Following discussion, Commissioners Eubanks, Munton and Bruckman agreed to work together to discuss the proposed changes to the Bylaws and bring them back to the Commission for consideration to ultimately be passed onto Chief Brooks and the City Council.

Coordinator Ho stated he would send out the new Commission Roster to Commissioners. He noted that prior to the October Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting they could meet to draft out proposed changes and actions. He commented that under the Brown Act, a majority of this Commission was four members so any three could meet to make proposals to go forward. He stated he would send the committee members the same documents.

In response to Commissioner Munton, Lieutenant Meads explained his role as the liaison for the Police Crime Prevention Commission.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Munton introduced himself and explained his interest in becoming a Police Crime Prevention Commissioner.

Commissioner Eubanks discussed his experience with the Antioch Police Department and noted that he understood current issues in the County. He stated he was unsure if those currently protesting were aiding the situation. He noted he hoped that the Commission could open a dialogue between the community and the Antioch Police Department.

Commissioner Morales Corona welcomed Commissioners Munton and Bruckman. He introduced himself and discussed his involvement in Neighborhood Watch.

Commissioner Bruckman introduced herself and discussed her interest in serving the community. She stated she looked forward to being a liaison between the Antioch Police Department and community.

Commissioner Lewis introduced himself and welcomed Commissioners Munton and Bruckman to the Commission.

Antioch Police Department

Coordinator Ho announced he would follow up via email with Commissioners Bruckman and Munton to schedule their orientations. He reported Commissioner Morales Corona's term would expire in October and Commissioner White's term expired in June. He encouraged Commissioners that were interested in continuing to serve, apply for another term.

Chairperson White welcomed Commissioners Munton and Bruckman to the Police Crime Prevention Commission. She introduced herself and spoke to the value of the Neighborhood Watch program. She stated she was happy to hear the POP program was involved in community outreach and commended the Antioch Police Department for the work they do in the City. She stated she was interested in continuing to serve the community.

Lieutenant Meads reported that the Police Crime Prevention Commission vacancy was posted last week and the deadline date for applications was October 16, 2020. He announced window stickers were available for the Camera Registry program.

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

10. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- Neighborhood Clean Up – Program Suspended due to COVID-19
- October 19, 2020 – Crime Prevention Commission meeting at 7:00 P.M.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

12. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Commissioner Eubanks, seconded by Commissioner Lewis the Crime Prevention Commission adjourned the meeting at 8:02 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk