

# **ANTIOCH POLICE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION**

**October 17, 2005  
7:00 p.m.**

**Antioch Police Department  
Community Meeting Room  
300 "L" Street  
Antioch, CA 94509**

## **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission was held on October 17, 2005, and called to order in the Antioch Community Room.

Chair Vasquez introduced new Commission Member John P. Kelly. Commission Member Kelly gave a brief background history.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call**

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m., with roll call as follows:

Present: Chair Vasquez and Vice Chair McCants (arrived later) and Commission Members: Beck, Ho, Kelly and Koch

Absent: Commission Members Talavera (excused)

### **Agenda Item #3- Approval of Minutes (September 19, 2005)**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Crime Prevention Commission minutes of September 19, 2005.

Chair Vasquez questioned Commission Member Beck's "unexcused absence" last month. It was determined his vacation should be considered excused. The minutes of September 19<sup>th</sup> will be changed to reflect this.

Vote:

Ayes: Chair Vasquez, Vice Chair McCants and Commission Members Koch and Ho

Noes: None

Absent: Commission Members Talavera

Abstain: Commission Members Beck (absent last month) and Kelly (first meeting)

**Agenda Item #4 Public Comments – Forum for Public Comment of Items not on the Regular Agenda**

There were many comments from the public. Some of the topics discussed were: to call the Abandoned Auto Hotline (779-6981) regarding motor homes parked on San Jose Drive for several months; to call Corporal Delavan at (779-6946) regarding suspicious vehicles in the area; the importance of being a better witness (giving appropriate, useful information to dispatch); problems with short-time renters; the laws concerning the video taping of suspicious activities; that gang related issues are to be given to Officer Tom Lenderman; a request for more police feedback to the reporting parties; the need to going to the City Council meetings to request more police staffing etc.; and how one neighborhood deterred crime by just “turning the lights on” their porches etc.

**Agenda Item #5** – Neighborhood Watch Block Captains’ Work Study Session (refer to Block Captains’ Agenda for October 17, 2005)

**Agenda Item #6 – Commission/Staff Reports**

**a. 2005 Rivertown Jamboree Review**

Commission Member Beck discussed with the Commission the lack of success at the Jamboree. There seemed to be half as many people and well as half as many booths this year. He recommended to the Commission a serious look at those community events they plan on participating in and the need for something to attract the people to the booth. More press coverage is one of the areas being pursued.

There was a discussion and some of the topics were: having the Commission put more effort into keeping the existing and new Neighborhood Watch groups actively involved rather than spending so much effort at community events; Lt. Marchoke suggesting analyzing the successful National Night Out parties; Commission Member Kelly asking about getting corporate contributions, Lt. Marchoke will check into this area; and the idea of having a “group march” in different areas wearing special vests.

Commission Members are to come back with ideas.

**b. 2005-2006 Commission Budget Review**

Lieutenant Marchoke informed the Commission that the Crime Prevention Budget is part of another budget for community crime prevention. The Commission can give input as to the spending of the funds.

- 1. Halloween Bag Distribution:** The consensus of the Commission is to relay to Administrative Police Manager Karste that the Commission thinks it is not a good idea to spend funds on the purchasing of Halloween bags and would like funds perhaps allocated to ordering coloring books. Commission Member Beck informed the Commission that they will not have to be involved in this year’s Halloween at the Mall activity.
- 2. Neighborhood Watch Window Plaques:** Commission Beck will work with Lt. Marchoke to purchase plaques with the UV coating.

3. **Coloring Books:** Commission Member Koch had presented samples of the coloring books to the Commission last month and she e-mail the price list to Lt. Marchoke and he had checked on getting some free coloring books from the suggested source of the CHP. It is possible to get some free coloring books but CHP is also having budget related issues. Lt. Marchoke has a legislative source to checkout and will report back. A suggestion was made to approach restaurants to have coloring books with the Antioch Crime Prevention Commission logo made.

### **Agenda Item #7 – Neighborhood Watch Program Report (summary of two months)**

Commission Vice-Chair/Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Beck provided a summary report of activities for the period of August 15 to September 19, 2005.

Commission Vice-Chair/Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Beck provided a summary report of activities for the period of September 20 to October 17, 2005.

Chair Vasquez stated he felt the key to revitalizing and reorganizing the Neighborhood Watch groups lie in the statistics.

A motion was made by Chair Vasquez and was unanimously approved to create a sub-committee to use the statistics to work on revitalization of existing Neighborhood Watch groups. Commission Member Ho, Beck and Kelly volunteered to on the committee and will report back at the January, 2006 meeting.

### **Agenda Item #8 – Commission Communications/Announcements/Correspondence**

#### **a. Commission**

##### **Commission Member Beck**

- thanked Lt. Marchoke for covering for him by checking the Neighborhood Watch hotline while he was on vacation.
- had a conversation with Administrative Police Manager Lonnie Karste and was informed about a new City website. He suggested getting the email addresses of Block Captains to relay information to them. This is an area the new committee can address.
- had a call from Corporal Delavan to contact Corporal Bias regarding a string of burglaries in the Alhambra Lake area. Commission Beck relayed information to the existing Block Captains in that area to inform them of the description of the suspect. The Commission would like to help the police department more in ways like this.
- discussed problems with the Block Captains certificates getting prepared in a timely manner for presentation.
- expressed a need to re-look at National Night Out being held on a Tuesday night. He suggested checking into having the celebration on a Saturday at 1:00 p.m. because Tuesday is a workday. Chair Vasquez will check with the Chief regarding this issue.
- needs to order Commission Member Kelly's shirts etc. and will contact him regarding an orientation meeting date.
- reminded the Commission that after the end of "Daylight Savings Time", the Commission will be back to wearing the blue shirts.
- suggested leaving the sign-up sheets, after the second meeting, with the Block Captains to help them start up their phone tree. It was also suggested to add another column on the sheet to include the email addresses.

**b. Staff**

**Lt. Marchoke**

- addressed the Commission about the attendance policy for the Commission. Absences are excused if due to personal or family illness, member's regular annual vacation or absence is due to Commission related business.
- complimented the Commission on the direction it is going.

**Commission Secretary Friedrikson**

- suggested having the Commission holiday Potluck begin at 5:30 p.m. this year. Also she asked that one or more Commission members volunteer for that committee. Commission Member McCants and Commission Member Koch volunteered.
- requested the Commission decide on what dates to hold the January and February, 2006, meetings due to holidays falling on the third Monday of those months. It was the consensus of the Commission to hold the meetings on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Future Commission Meetings/Educational Presentations/Events**

- **November 21, 2005** – Regular Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- **December 19, 2005** - Regular Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission Meeting, 7 p.m. (Commission Holiday Potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m.)
- **January 23, 2006** – a Joint Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission and the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Block Captains meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- **February 27, 2006** – Regular Antioch Police Crime Prevention Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further items of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie L. Friedrikson  
Secretary