

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**October 21, 2019
Police Department Community Room**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson White called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on October 21, 2019 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Eubanks, Lewis, Morales Corona and Chairperson White
Absent: Commissioner LaPoint

Staff: Sergeant, James Stenger
Detective, Jon Adams
Detective, Rob Gerber
Detective, Lauren Bledsoe
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson White welcomed everyone to the meeting. She discussed the manner in which the meeting would be conducted and invited new attendees to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 16, 2019)

Chairperson White announced that the agenda for this evenings meeting inadvertently shows that the Police Crime Prevention Commission would be considering approval of the July 15, 2019 minutes. She explained that what was actually before the Commission this evening was the September 16, 2019 Police Crime Prevention Commission meeting minutes.

On motion by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Morales Corona the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of September 16, 2019 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rachel Mendoza questioned if there were evacuation procedures for her senior independent living apartment complex.

Sergeant Stenger stated he would look into this matter and provide Coordinator Ho with the information to forward to Ms. Mendoza.

Laquetta Franz questioned what was being built at Lone Tree Way and Jeffery Way in Brentwood. She also requested an update regarding a recent incident that occurred at In and Out in Brentwood.

Sargent Stenger responded that a Taco Bell, gas station and 24 Hour Fitness were being constructed in the area.

Detective Adams responded that the incident at In and Out involved a local crime ring and it was an argument among their own.

6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

“Gangs” by Detective Adams, APD

Detective John Adams and Detective Rob Gerber, Special Operations Unit, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Gangs which included the following information:

Criminal Street Gang Defined

- Any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, having any of the 33 predicate acts as one of its primary activity and whose members whether acting alone or together engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

The list of criminal offenses includes violent felony crimes such as:

- Assault with a deadly weapon
 - Robbery
 - Murder
 - Drive-by shootings
 - Arson
 - Kidnapping
 - Dealing with narcotics
 - Property related crimes – burglary, grand theft, money laundering, weapon offenses
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- Noteno Gangs (rival of Sureno) – claim the color red and number 14, use XIV, X4 representing the letter “N” for Norteno, typically wear an article of red, can have tattoos of gang subsets and are predominately Hispanic

- Noteno Gangs - Nuestra Familia, Crazy Ass Latinos, Elite Northern Empire, Lone Tree Nortenos, Varrio North Side (Concord), West 19th Street, East Bay Riders, Bully Boyz (Pittsburg), Dime Block
- Sureno Gangs (rival of Noteno) – claim the color blue and the number 13 representing the letter “M” affiliated with the Mexican Mafia, typically wear an article of blue, can have tattoos of gang subsets and are predominately Hispanic
- Sureno Gangs - Los Monkeys Trece, South Side Locos, Little Town Surenos, MS13
- Tattoos are earned through crimes and participating in a street gang
- Gang hand signs represent 13 or 14 or one of the subsets
- East County Gangs (predominately black) - Broadday/LO MOB, Broad Day Killers, Klap Shyt
- Oakland Based Gangs (predominately black); CASE, Ince City, ENT, Ghost Town
- Richmond Based: (predominantly black) Deep C, Manor Boys, Swerve Team, Narf, Main Line Boyz
- To show disrespect, hand signs of rival gangs are shown facing down
- Photos posted on social media are utilized to help prove gang association in court
- Undercover work was surveillance related

In response to a speaker, Sergeant Stenger explained that he had been working street gangs for 12-years, testified in high profile murder cases and as long as gang members were treated with respect, it was reciprocated.

In response to a speaker, Detective Adams stated there were no specific areas where gang members congregated. He noted many people that they tracked did not committed crimes in the community in which they lived.

Sergeant Stenger added that socioeconomics and broken families played a part in the recruitment of gang members, and that was why there was gang presence at high density housing projects. He r noted that gang percentage to population was a fraction of 1% but they were responsible for a majority of the violent crimes. He explained that gangs were very loyal and treated younger members very well, giving them a sense of family.

In response to a speaker, Sergeant Stenger explained that gang activity was cyclical and typically had approximately 400 participants.

A speaker expressed concern regarding white supremacist gang activity in Antioch.

Sergeant Stenger stated that he would like information regarding this matter since he had not seen it occurring in Antioch. He noted that typically it was a southern California matter where Mongols recruited out of Soreno gangs.

In response to a speaker, Detective Adams stated that the 19th Street gang was generally a name and many of their members did not live in the area. He noted they were doing their best to keep those numbers down.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

Business Watch Implementation – Report by Commission

Commissioner Eubanks reported that the Business Watch for the Marina was working well with good partnerships from the participants. He announced the next meeting would be October 24, 2019, at the Antioch Historical Society Museum. He reported a kayak had been stolen from Delta Kayak Adventures and employees at Smith's Landing had been intimidated by people who approached them. He explained that they were meeting and working on solutions to issues occurring in the area.

A speaker stated she worked at Riverview Lodge and suggested when the Antioch Police Department patrolled the area, that they exit their vehicles and show a presence.

Commissioner Eubanks encouraged the Riverview Lodge to participate in the Business Watch program.

A speaker reported there were several homeless individuals at the wetlands and she suggested APD patrol the area.

A speaker reported that the portable toilets had been vandalized.

A speaker reported that there were several homeless parked at the fairgrounds and she heard motorcycles being ridden all weekend long in the area.

Coordinator Ho explained that the fairground was under the County's jurisdiction.

Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee – Report by Chairperson White

Chairperson White stated that she hoped to schedule a Neighborhood Watch Best Practices Committee by the end of 2019. She noted she would email and post the date and time once it was determined.

Suggestion to APD re Surveillance Camera Window Plaque – Closed, Suggestion forwarded to APD

Coordinator Ho reported he had submitted the Surveillance Camera Window Plaque suggestion to Lieutenant Meads and had not received a response yet.

Community Outreach Sub Committee, "Bridging the Gap" – Commissioner Lewis

Commissioner Lewis explained the "Bridging the Gap" program. He reported that they were unable to meet in October; however, there should be a meeting in November.

In response to a speaker, Commissioner Lewis stated they were building the program and once they did so, they would be conducting outreach into the community.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Eubanks asked if he could do a presentation on the Marina Business Watch program.

Coordinator Ho stated he would agendaize the presentation for November.

Commissioner Eubanks reported the data statistic were not consistently updating for crime reports.com.

Sergeant Stenger reported that the Crime Analyst Virginia Johnson had been looking at crimes in a different way in order to develop strategies to decrease their occurrence. He noted that she would be willing to run specific reports.

Commissioner Lewis requested a staff agendaize a presentation on crime statistics.

Sergeant Stenger stated he would work with Coordinator Ho to schedule a future presentation. With regards to crime reports data, he explained that there may be discrepancies because there were times when a case had to be closed before it was reported.

9. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Commission

Commissioner Lewis announced the Kiwanis were hosting their annual Restaurant and Pub Crawl on October 27, 2019, and tickets were available this evening.

Commissioner Eubanks announced the grand opening of the basketball courts at Contra Loma Estates Park would be taking place at 10:00 A.M. on October 26, 2019.

Commissioner Lewis announced that Trunk or Treat at Lone Tree Elementary would take place on October 25, 2019.

Staff

Coordinator Ho announced the Antioch Police Department Halloween Trick or Treat event would take place from 3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. in the Antioch Police Department community room. He stated Commissioners wishing to volunteer should arrive by 3:00 P.M.

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

10. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- November 2, 2019 – Neighborhood Clean Up – 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. Kimball Elementary School, 1310 August Way
- November 18, 2019 – Crime Prevention Commission meeting – 7:00 P.M. Antioch Police Department Community Room

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kiran Singh, Antioch resident, expressed concern that people were tailgating and weaving in and out of traffic.

Sergeant Stenger reported that the Antioch Police Department added three new traffic officers for a total of five full-time traffic officers. He explained that the freeway was the jurisdiction of the CHP. He noted that once a month Pittsburg, Brentwood and Oakley traffic officers worked together to patrol in high complaint areas.

Kiran Singh expressed concern regarding loud sounds coming from car stereos and lawn mowers.

Chairperson White explained that during the day, there was not much that could be done regarding this issue.

Coordinator Ho added that grass cutting was not a law enforcement issue and they could not prevent people from cutting their grass.

Mark Davidson reported that gunshots were being reported on the Chichibu website and he questioned if there was a phone number that they could call to report these incidences.

Sergeant Stenger reported actual gunshots should be reported to 911; however, fireworks were prevalent and it was hard to distinguish between the two. He noted a large majority of gunshot calls received were actually fireworks.

Mr. Davidson reported that his neighbors had no license plates on their cars and when he reported it, the situation was not addressed.

Sergeant Stenger explained that if a registration had been expired for over six-months, they could tow the vehicle off the street and if it was on private property, Code Enforcement could issue a citation.

Mr. Davidson stated he had called Code Enforcement and Abandon Vehicles Hotline and the car was moved; however, it was only temporary.

Coordinator Ho reported Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS) tagged over 700 cars in August, over 500 in September and towed 125. He stated there were two shifts of volunteers Monday-Saturday for the entire City. He noted if people kept moving their vehicles, they would continue to tag them. He encouraged Mr. Davidson to be persistent.

In response to Mr. Davidson, Sergeant Stenger stated if tags were expired more than 6-months and they only returned to the residence at night, it could report it to the APD non-emergency number. He also explained that they could tow a vehicle if black tape was placed over the VIN number.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden
KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk