

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
November 17, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on November 17, 2014 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Augusta, Taylor, Gadams and Chairperson Cook
Absent: Commissioner Davis and Williams

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Oct. 20, 2014)

On motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Gadams the Crime Prevention Commission members present unanimously approved the minutes of October 20, 2014 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Eiden, Antioch resident, read a letter he sent to Mayor Harper and Chief Cantando expressing concern regarding a recent shooting at Somersville Towne Center. He requested the City increase their focus on crime suppression and making the City safer for residents.

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

Daryl Thomas, Antioch resident, expressed concern that Burger King adjacent to Deer Valley High School had been an area for truant students to gather and engage in conflicts. He reported he had notified Police Dispatch, however they had indicated there were higher priority calls at the time.

Lieutenant Aguinaga explained calls were dispatched based on priority and the Antioch Police Department had been working with the School District and Deer Valley Plaza to address issues occurring in the area. She encouraged residents to always call to create a record for calls for service and apologized if dispatch was rude.

Kerry Siler Antioch resident, expressed concern for foster group homes and businesses being run out of homes in his neighborhood, that were negatively impacting residents in the area.

Lieutenant Aguinaga encouraged Mr. Siler to always report disturbances to the Antioch Police Department. She explained that Community Care Licensing was the entity to contact regarding foster group homes and Code Enforcement was the department to contact regarding a home occupation business.

Chairperson Cook noted a resident in attendance had similar issues and he could be contacted to discuss how he was addressing those concerns.

Mr. Siler added that there was also an issue with semi-trucks frequently driving through his neighborhood.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated she was unsure if his neighborhood allowed truck traffic and noted reinstating the traffic unit was a priority once Antioch Police Department staffing improved. She further noted the location and description of abandoned vehicles could be reported to the Abandoned Auto Hotline.

6. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

a. Presentation by: HANS HO – CrimeReports.Com

Coordinator Ho, gave a background of the Police Crime Prevention Commission, crimereports.com, tipsoft program and the Antioch Police Department mobile app which included the following information:

- CrimeReports.com could be accessed via computer or mobile app, users could focus on location, type of crime, date and the registered sex offender data base via search functions, zoom in and out to define location and submit tips directly through the website or mobile app
- Tipsoft.com and CrimeReports.com worked in conjunction with each other
- Tipsubmit could be accessed via computer, mobile app or by texting to 274637 and entering Antioch
- Tips should contain accurate information and utilized for crimes that are not in progress
- Antioch Police Department non-emergency number is 778-2441
- Crimes in progress should be reported to 911
- The Antioch PD app was available for free in the app store for mobile devices

- Antioch PD app had the following functions: File A Reports, Alerts, Submit A Tip, Directory, Scanner, Crime Maps, Photos, Facebook, Videos, News, APD Web and Twitter

In response to the audience, Coordinator Ho explained the following:

- Crimereports.com was updated every thirty minutes
- Tips could be submitted to Crimereports.com regardless of when or where the incident occurred
- Crimereports updates could be sent via email
- The Isitstolen app was available for free in the app store for mobile devices
- Tips submitted were not assigned a case number
- Information regarding the registered owner of a vehicle was available through the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Abandoned cars should be reported to the Abandoned Auto Hotline and cars that appear to be stolen, should be reported to Antioch Dispatch

Lieutenant Aguinaga explained the Antioch Police Department used event and case numbers; however Crimereports.com only displayed incidents by case number.

Velma Wilson, Antioch resident, discussed her efforts to engage children at Deer Valley Plaza, to promote safety and good behavior. She reported Chairperson Cook had recently participated and she challenged the community to take part Tuesday and Friday afternoons between 3:00 – 4:30 P.M. She noted restaurants in the area were unlocking their doors when they were there because they knew they would keep activity controlled. She stated many students faced challenges at home where bad behavior was encouraged by their parents and as a result, they were in need of someone to care and listen to them. She added that children who had exhibited bad behavior in the past, when shown respect, were now reciprocating. She encouraged the community to participate and/or donate refreshments. She reported they were in the process of reaching out to churches and other organizations to take part in these efforts.

An audience member commended Ms. Wilson for making a difference and offered to assist her in her efforts. He questioned if programs to raise money had been considered.

Chairperson Cook responded as a member of the Police Activities League (PAL) Board and the Leo Fontana Board they were attempting to raise funds for Ms. Wilson's endeavors. He reported Ms. Wilson was a hero and had spearheaded the eighty (80) pizzas for good behavior, at Black Diamond Middle School. He recognized Ms. Wilson for engaging the children and encouraged the community to participate and donate to the cause. He announced Deer Valley Plaza had hired Strategic Threat Security who had resolved the issue with older children in the area. He noted Chevron and Burger King remained a concern, however once the Plaza issues were resolved, they could expand their efforts.

Coordinator Ho stated he would be participating in Ms. Wilson outreach efforts at Deer Valley Plaza on November 21, 2014.

7. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Taylor stated she was pleased Measure O passed, which would increase City revenues by approximately \$3M annually. She expressed concern Proposition 47 passed, which reduced several felony crimes to misdemeanors. She stated it reinforced that residents needed to remain diligent and call in all suspicious activity. She reported on November 11, 2014, there were one hundred (100) cases on the ballot for resentencing and thirty-five (35) were released. She cautioned residents there was a phishing email distributed related to a child predator. She announced Pizza with the Cops would be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 18, 2014, at the Police Department Community room.

Commissioner Gadams welcomed new members to the meeting and encouraged everyone to invite their friends and neighbors to future meetings. He noted there was a wealth of knowledge that could be shared from other participants. He acknowledged David Yuds and his Neighborhood Watch group for hosting a Neighborhood cleanup event and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Augusta urged Neighborhood Watch groups to not be discouraged by low attendance at meetings noting small groups could be very powerful. He reported on his attendance at a Neighborhood Watch meeting at Hudson Court comprised of all women, who were very effective. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairperson Cook reported on his attendance at the Deer Valley Plaza stakeholder meeting, which he noted was very successful at addressing issues however they were still attempting to address insufficient lighting. He stated Mayor Harper had participated in engaging the youth at Deer Valley Plaza with Ms. Wilson and he had met some well-behaved and talented children. He reported the women who participated in the Hudson Court Neighborhood Watch group were very committed and the new management company had made tenant improvements to advance the area. He discussed an incident where two individuals were in an altercation and the mother of one child took him back to the scene with a gun to confront the other one. He noted the girlfriend of the potential shooter, was able to prevent him using the weapon, however the incident was never reported to the Police Department. He announced information was available in the community room for R.E.A.C.H. and the Squires programs. He reported the "C" street Neighborhood Watch group had been complaining about a residence on "D" Street, which was the focus today of an Antioch Police Department Swat Team operation. He discussed the importance of calling in suspicious activity.

Lieutenant Aguinaga reported the SWAT vehicle was free and the paint job was donated.

Chairperson Cook reported on his attendance at Spanish Coffee with the Cops and announced a Spanish speaking resident had applied for the Police Crime Prevention Commission, which was a segment of the population they had been unable to reach. He expressed concern that Proposition 47 passed and acknowledged he had not advocated against it since he had not anticipated it would be approved. He expressed concern that some felonies were now reclassified as misdemeanors.

Chairperson Cook stated calls for service had increased due to more residents calling in suspicious activity. Speaking to recent events at "A" and 18th Streets he reported suspects were apprehended as a result of people calling in information and identifying them and their vehicles. He encouraged residents be good witnesses by practicing giving good descriptions. He suggested residents consider placing alarms on the outsides of the residences.

Commissioner Augusta reported there was a recent robbery and one of the suspects hid in a garage. He noted the homeowner's dog began barking at the garage door when they returned home and she had contacted Antioch Police Department who went through the house with a K9 that apprehended the suspect. He spoke to the value of the K9 unit as police force multipliers.

b. Staff

Coordinator Ho announced Bill and Lori Cook received a proclamation from the City Council for performing beyond the call of duty in their efforts to improve the City.

Chairperson Cook announced the following events.

8. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

a. December 15th, 2014 – TBD

b. December 6th, 2014 – Neighborhood Clean-up – Eagleridge Park neighborhoods. (Eagleridge and Greystone Drive)

Steve Huddleston, Antioch resident, questioned how many Block Captains were active ten years ago, when he started participating in the program.

Coordinator Ho reported there were less than one-hundred (100) Block Captains ten (10) years ago and now there were close to five-hundred (500).

Steve Huddleston, acknowledged the management company of the Save Mart Shopping Center for their tenant improvements.

Lieutenant Aguinaga stated Save Mart corporate was the parent company that owned Deer Valley Plaza and she and Chief Cantando had a conference call scheduled with

them for November 20, 2014. She stated they were taking the improvements on a step by step basis with the next issue being the removal of the smoke shop.

Chairperson Cook added lights had been repaired around the building however more lighting was needed in the area of the theater. He noted in the past the owner of the Plaza had been unresponsive, however recently, she had been more willing to participate in discussions.

Linda Crossen, Antioch resident thanked Lori Cook for assisting in resolving her issues related to a neighbor who had refused to obtain garbage service.

Wayne Steffen, Antioch resident, and member of the Board of the El Campanil Theatre, questioned if the Antioch Police Department was addressing issues related to Boutique Seven hosting parties.

Lieutenant Aguinaga encouraged Mr. Steffen to report the issue to the Code Enforcement Department.

Chairperson Cook encouraged Mr. Steffen to discuss his concerns during Public Comment at the next City Council meeting.

Manny Soliz reported he had never had any issues with the responsiveness of Antioch Police Department Dispatch and he felt the news article that indicated the City of Brentwood was eliminating their contract with Antioch due to issues with Dispatch, left the wrong impression. He questioned if a referendum had been initiated to overturn Proposition 47.

In response to Mr. Soliz, a resident reported a referendum had been initiated to overturn Proposition 47.

Chairperson Cook encouraged residents to support the referendum.

In response to Darnell Shaw, Chairperson Cook announced the community meeting for the Downtown Specific Plan and City-wide General Plan Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Update would be held at 6:30 P.M. on November 19, 2014 in Council Chambers and Pizza with the Cops would be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 19, 2014 in the Police Department Community room.

Todd Pierson, Antioch resident, stated he had contacted many people who indicated they had not understood Proposition 47. He noted individuals against the proposition stated they had not released enough information and they would attempt to initiate a referendum.

Chairperson Cook wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded residents not to talk or text on cell phones, while driving.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

Ayes: Commissioners Augusta, Taylor, Gadams and Chairperson Cook

Absent: Commissioners Williams and Davis

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.