

**ANTIOCH CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Antioch, California
November 18, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., on November 18, 2013 in the Antioch Police Department Community Room.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Hayes, Taylor, Davis, Williams, Gadams, Augusta, and Vice Chairperson Cook

Staff: Acting Captain, Robin Kelley
Lieutenant, Diane Aguinaga
Coordinator, Hans Ho
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

Coordinator Ho welcomed the new Commissioners and presented them with training manuals.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (October 21, 2013)

On motion by Commissioner Gadams, seconded by Commissioner Taylor the Crime Prevention Commission unanimously approved the minutes of October 21, 2013 as presented. The motion carried the following vote:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lori Cook, Antioch resident, presented Commission members with packets of information from her presentation on how to deal with problem properties. She announced she would be leaving additional information in the Police Department community room, this evening.

Michael Davidson, local business owner, reported he was providing security in the "L" Street/Sycamore area as well as the industrial site on West 10th Street. He noted he was in attendance this evening to gather further information how to clean up these neighborhoods.

Vice Chairperson Cook encouraged Mr. Davidson to contact Coordinator Ho for information on the Business Watch program.

5. COMMISSION / STAFF REPORTS

Introduction of three (3) new Police Crime Prevention Commissioners

Acting Captain Kelley and Vice Chairperson Cook welcomed the new Commissioners.

A student in attendance introduced himself.

New Block Captains in attendance introduced themselves.

Teri Lynn Lawerly, Coordinator for the Prevention of Underage Drinking, reported she was working with various City officials to prevent underage drinking, in Antioch. She announced a Neighborhood Watch Party Patrol training class would be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 19, 2013, in the Police Department community room. She encouraged everyone to sign up for the event and notify Coordinator Ho that they would be attending. She wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked them for their commitment to Antioch.

In response to a speaker, she reported the papers had been filed with the City regarding a social ordinance and that item was pending.

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence)

a. Commission

Commissioner Taylor reminded the community to be careful when ordering items online and be sure the website Uniform Resource Locator (URL) has Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (https), which indicates it is not a fraudulent website.

Commissioner Davis stated he was looking forward to serving as a Commissioner and it was an honor to be back on the Police Crime Prevention Commission. He reported he had served on the Commission 16 years ago, served on the City Council for 14 years and currently he and his wife serve as Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS). He voiced his support for the Antioch Police Department and all the volunteers.

Coordinator Ho reported he was appointed to the Commission by former Mayor Freitas and former Mayor Davis had extended his term. He noted that now he was serving as former Mayor Davis' training officer.

Commissioner Davis stated he was proud to have appointed four of the Commissioners currently serving and he looked forward to working with them.

Commissioner Williams stated she was happy to be on the Commission and wanted to do the best job she could to be the eyes and ears for law enforcement.

Commissioner Gadams wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reported on his attendance at Neighborhood Watch meetings. He stated positive feedback was a tool the Commissioners could use to assist their other Neighborhood Watch groups.

Lieutenant Diane Aguinaga reported there had been an increase in stolen and recovered vehicles, and so far this month there had been one-hundred ninety five (195).

Commissioner Gadams cautioned residents to be aware of the condition of their fences particularly during storms.

Commissioner Augusta reported his neighbor had had a car stolen which was recovered in the library parking lot. He suggested residents obtain anti-theft devices for their vehicles.

Commissioner Cook announced a benefit barbeque would be held on November 21, 2013 at Roddy Ranch with all proceeds to help the Agopian family to defray out-of-pocket medical expenses. He encouraged residents to be vigilante this holiday season, stay off cell phones, be aware of people sitting in cars, store packages out of sight and call in suspicious activity. He commented that the passing of Measure C would help fund police services; however those funds would not be available until the second half of 2014. He reported on his attendance at Neighborhood Watch meetings and stated many people were interested in traffic calming measures for their neighborhood and he believed that issue warranted discussion. He suggested residents with concerns; bring those issues to the attention of the City Council at their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., in Council Chambers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Douglas Dunn announced the National Alliance of Mental Illness Contra Costa Chamber would be sponsoring an educational meeting on Laura's Law from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. on December 19, 2013 at John Muir Medical Center.

7. FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS / EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS / EVENTS

- December 7, 2013, 9:00 A.M. – Neighborhood Clean-up – Bidwell Elementary School
- December 16, 2013 7:00 P.M. – Crime Prevention Commission meeting

6. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS (Announcements and Correspondence) - Continued

b. Staff

Acting Captain Kelley reported the last neighborhood cleanup event at Gentrytown Park was a huge success with approximately eighty (80) people participating. She thanked the Church on the Rock for participating and Republic Waste Management for picking up the excess waste. She announced the next neighborhood cleanup event would be at Bidwell Educational Center on Gary Avenue.

Responding to a public speaker, Acting Captain Kelley reported there were currently eighty three (83) Police Officers however some of them are out for various reasons. She noted Lieutenant Aguinaga was recruiting new officers, as quickly as possible.

Lieutenant Aguinaga reported that as soon as Measure C passed lateral applications started coming in and they were fast tracking the process. She noted that there were currently eleven (11) officers in background however some of those may be lost through the hiring process. She further noted they had one-thousand (1000) entry level applications and after they were reviewed, four-hundred (400) were left. She commented that those remaining applicants may or may not be invited to the physical agility, before the written test.

Commissioner Cook announced they were seeking volunteers for the fundraiser Barbeque and anyone wishing to help could sign up after the meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 16, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.