

ANTIOCH POLICE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION

**November 21, 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 November 21, 2005, and called to order in the Antioch Community Room.

Chair Vasquez announced the resignation of Commission Member Rocky McCants (effective today, 11/21/05). Lieutenant Markchoke will make the arrangements to begin the process for obtaining a new Commission Member. Since the elections for a new Chair and Vice Chair will be held in January, 2006, the Commission will not elect an acting Vice Chair for the remainder of 2005.

Agenda Item #2 – Roll Call

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

Present: Chair Vasquez and Commission Members: Beck, Ho, Kelly and Koch

Absent: Commission Members Talavera (excused) and Rocky McCants (resigned as of today)

Agenda Item #3- Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2005)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Crime Prevention Commission minutes, as well as the 4th Quarterly minutes of the Block Captains, for October 17, 2005.

Vote:

Ayes: Chair Vasquez and Commission Members Beck, Ho, Kelly and Koch

Noes: None

Absent: Commission Members Talavera (excused)

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

Emil Stein informed the Commission that he was almost able to get a couple of cases of comic books but red tape got into the way; Lt. Marchoke will discuss comic books further later. Mr. Stein also addressed the Commission about his concerns regarding motorists coming from the north continually running the red light in the left-turn lane at Somersville Road and Delta Fair Blvd. Lieutenant Marchoke says things are in the works about that intersection as well as the one at James Donlon Blvd and Lone Tree Way.

Agenda Item #5 – Narcotics Special Presentation

Lieutenant Marchoke introduced the guest speaker, Detective Preston Garcia, to the Commission.

Detective Garcia gave a quick background of his expertise and then gave a very informative presentation. Some topics of discussion are as follows: the small narcotics bureau (5-person); the decline of labs located within the City because of the crack down on the ingredients used in them so now the Mexican Cartel is flooding the market with cheap narcotics from Mexico; how Antioch has become a springboard for drugs for various reasons but finally DEA and FBI are starting to spend federal money to help curb the problem; the reality that the cases the Narcotics Bureau work on are primarily the big undercover cases the D.A. wishes them to focus on; Antioch is #2 city (behind Richmond) as far as crime rate within our County; and the need to contact Corporal Delavan (779-6946) regarding drug houses or other drug-related issues to be checked out.

The Commission discussed the problem of a local business selling glass pipes, scales, and bags. There currently is no ordinance on the books in Antioch against selling these things.

Agenda Item #6 – Commission/Staff Reports

a. Coloring Book Update

- b. Lieutenant Marchoke related to the Commission how Commission Beck found some old coloring books and an updated version is available through the Department of Justice's publication site. The coloring book comes in both English and Spanish. Lieutenant Marchoke will check with City Hall about the cost for copying them and Commission Member Koch volunteered to help Lieutenant Marchoke design a new cover.

c. National Night Out Event on a Saturday

Chair Vasquez had discussed with the Chief the possibility of changing the National Night Out activity to a weekend day. The consensus of the Commission is to discuss this issue with the Block Captains at the January, 2006 meeting. Commission Member Ho stated the need for better advertising of the event.

d. Holiday Potluck Sign-up and Invitations

Commission Member Ho sent around a sign-up sheet. Some of the Commission Members will arrive early to help Secretary Friedrikson with the setting up of the tables and decorating. The potluck will begin at 5:30 p.m.

e. New Brochures

Commission Beck asked for suggestions for the brochures used for the Neighborhood Watch meeting etc. Two members had their list of comments on the brochures tonight and the others will get their comments to Commission Member Beck as soon as possible.

f. New Activities Committee Update

Chair Vasquez had spoken to the Chief of Police regarding the idea of “looking backwards” to rejuvenate the block groups; the Chief was excited about the idea but he is not ready for “Business Watch.” The focus needs to be on reactivating and working with the existing and new block groups. Lieutenant Marchoke and Corporal Delavan will be organizing meetings with Neighborhood Watch groups to educate them on the reality of the how calls are handled etc.

The Commission discussed the need to keep in contact with the Neighborhood Watch groups to keep them refreshed and active. Commission Member Ho suggested a two-month period for checking back on the Neighborhood Watch Group after their 2nd meeting for a 3rd meeting. The committee was admonished to reconvene for discussing this further.

Secretary Friedrikson suggested building a library of presentations etc. which were made to the Commission. Lieutenant Marchoke will check with the City Attorney to check the legality of taping the presentations, from the City’s standpoint.

Agenda Item #7 – Neighborhood Watch Program Report

Commission Vice-Chair/Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Beck provided a summary report of activities for the period of October 18, 2005 to November 21, 2005.

Agenda Item #8 – Commission Communications/Announcements/Correspondence

a. Commission

Commission Member Beck

- reported to the Commission a price quote from Co Co Copy: 250 for \$558 and 500 for \$600. Commission Koch said it would cost about \$2 a piece for vinyl. She also agreed to get further prices.
- passed out and discussed a copy of the “interest letter” he mails out to the perspective new block captains.
- passed out the “Not in Out Neighborhood” packet. The consensus of the commission was to add this to the 2nd meeting packet for only the Presenters use. Anyone else wanting a copy can go to the website to download their own copy.

b. Staff

Lt. Marchoke

- informed the Commission of the intentions to update the “1990 Community Policy Booklet,” a wonderful document. It contains information about eviction processes etc.
- stated the Chief is not a big proponent of the Commission doing fundraising. The police department will be shortly asking for donations for other projects and doesn’t want a conflict created. If the Commission does do any fundraising, they are to focus on community-wide projects only (like the coloring books). Regarding fundraising, the Commission should come up with a list of specifics: what is the item, what is the issue and what is it for - keep it global.
- reported the need to move the location of the Commission meeting to a new location because of the Community Room expansion project beginning soon.

Commission Secretary Friedrikson

- handed out copies of 2005's Commission Goals to have the Commission think about 2006's goals for discussion at the February, 2006 meeting.
- reminded the Commission that the election for Chair/Vice-Chair will be held at the January 2006 meeting.
- will be sending invitations to the Chief, Captains and Corporal Delavan etc.

c. Future Commission Meetings/Educational Presentations/Events

- **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 1st 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. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie L. Friedrikson
Secretary