



**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR
555 SANTA CLARA STREET, VALLEJO**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on any matter not listed on the agenda but within the jurisdiction of the Committee to resolve, may speak after stating his/her name and address for the record.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2012 MEETING

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

B. DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES IN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

a. Presentation by Antioch Police Chief Allan Cantando.

C. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS BY COMMITTEE DURING
MAY 9, 2012 MEETING

a. Discussion of additional information provided by Police Department
and Fire Department.

D. DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE(S)

a. Discussion of subcommittee(s). Committee may consider the creation of
subcommittees at tonight's meeting.

E. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

a. Discussion of draft schedule of agenda topics for future meetings and by
motion adopt schedule of agenda topics.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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(Date)	City Clerk / Designee

**CITY OF VALLEJO
AD-HOC CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
May 9, 2012**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairperson Schivley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were conducted. A roll call was conducted:

Present: Kathy Beistel, Kevin Kelley, Joanne Schivley, Robert Schussel, William Tweedy, Sid de Jesus and Pat Dunn.

Absent: Carol Heppe and Burky Worel

Staff present: Craig Whittom, John Nagel and Alan Cohen.

4. COMMUNITY FORUM

Speakers: Marti Brown and Lavone Sally.

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Committee member Schussel and carried unanimously by members present, the minutes were approved.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2012 MEETING

Moved by Committee member Tweedy and carried unanimously by members present, the minutes were approved.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

City Council Public Safety Committee member Gomes was present and provided no report.

B. DISCUSSION OF VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

Solano County Sheriff Gary Stanton and City of Vacaville Police Services

Supervisor Susanne Johnson made presentations and responded to questions.

**C. DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS BY COMMITTEE DURING
APRIL 25, 2012 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT
PRESENTATIONS**

Fire Department staff made a presentation regarding the volunteer, reserve and CERT program and responded to questions.

D. DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE(S)

The need for subcommittees was discussed. No action was taken.

E. AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The agenda topic schedule in the agenda packet was discussed. A discussion of best practices was on the schedule for the May 23, 2012 meeting. A discussion of the POST report regarding the Police Department was proposed for discussion at the June 6, 2012 meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Date: May 23, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *W*
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF BEST PRACTICES IN PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES

RECOMMENDATION

Receive information and presentation at tonight's meeting. Discuss information.

DISCUSSION

City of Antioch Police Chief Allan Cantando is scheduled to make a presentation to the Committee regarding best practices in police departments.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Contra Costa Times article regarding City of Antioch police activity.

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Antioch chief addresses rise in violence and property crimes

By Rowena Coetsee

[Contra Costa Timescontracostatimes.com](http://ContraCostaTimes.com) Posted: 03/23/2012 10:32:11 AM PDT March 24, 2012 6:34 PM GMT
Updated: 03/24/2012 11:34:54 AM PDT

The incidence of violence and property crimes has gone up over the past year, but Antioch police officials hope several new hires together with other changes will bring those numbers down.

More than 100 people turned out Thursday for a town meeting that Mayor Jim Davis had called after a cluster of shootings over the past couple of months. Only hours earlier, Antioch police fatally shot an at-large parolee who nearly backed them down with his car as he tried to flee.

"Here's the bad news," Antioch police Chief Allan Cantando told the crowd at Antioch Community Center as he compared year-to-date statistics with those for the same two-month period in 2011.

Only the number of homicides -- one -- has remained same; so far this year there have been 63 more rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. The biggest jump has been in category of burglaries, thefts and auto thefts, however.

"We're seeing a huge increase in reporting," Cantando said, noting that residents now can file a police report online.

The department began offering the service in June 2011.

Police believe Mother Nature also plays a role: Sgt. Tammany Brooks noted after the meeting that the stark contrast between the soggy weather a year ago and the unseasonably dry winter of 2011 may have been a factor in the uptick.

The result is response times that so far this year are two minutes longer on average than those a couple of years ago, and one San Francisco police officer who lives in Antioch said he now takes a gun with him when he walks his dogs at night.

But the situation could be looking up.

Cantando said the city will be hiring four more officers -- a net gain of three because one will replace an individual who retired -- to reinforce a department that budget shortfalls have depleted over the last few years.

Although the city at one point had budgeted for 126 officers, the Antioch Police Department now has only 92 and nine of those aren't currently working.

Nearly three dozen have specialized duties that prevent them from working the streets every day, which leaves 48 officers to patrol a city of 103,000 residents.

The agency has made a scheduling change that also will have the effect of bolstering its manpower.

The Police Department's two teams of patrol officers now overlap once a week. Having twice as many on duty that day means there are more police cruising the streets as well as the chance for others, freed up from their regular duties, to take specialized training without working overtime.

Additional badges enables a department to spend more time going after lawbreakers before criminal activity turns into a call for service.

Cantando noted that since the beginning of the year, his officers have conducted four sweeps of several problem areas that resulted in 14 arrests, 112 citations, the recovery of four stolen vehicles and the same number of illegal firearms.

In addition, the department has reassigned an officer to investigate burglaries so there are now two detectives working that detail.

And it's stationing empty patrol cars in certain commercial areas around town to deter panhandlers and would-be thieves.

Upcoming changes include installing surveillance cameras at Antioch Marina, Knoll Park and the baseball fields at Worth Shaw Community Park on James Donlon Boulevard, Cantando said.

Police also are preparing to upload a list of "Antioch's Most Wanted" to the city's website, where the public will see the photos of suspects who have warrants out for their arrest.

The department is considering adopting Richmond's "Ceasefire" program, Cantando added. The approach involves contacting individuals with a violent criminal history and making it clear that the police will come down on them the moment they step out of line again.

The evening's presenters emphasized that police won't be as effective fighting crime if residents don't help.

A Neighborhood Watch spokesman urged listeners to be on the alert for suspicious activity in their area, noting that by reporting concerns they can direct police to where they're needed most. "The chances of us haphazardly coming across something isn't the best way to police," Cantando said.

When the chance arrived to ask questions, residents peppered the chief and a representative of the Contra Costa County Housing Authority with questions and complaints about the sheer number of Antioch renters who have received Section 8 vouchers from the agency.

One man asked if police have determined whether there's a nexus between this low-income population and crime; others wanted to know how to lodge complaints about trash, junked cars and other code violations with the owners of these properties.

The city, which currently has no code enforcement officers, is in the process of hiring one



Date: May 23, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *CW*
SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS BY COMMITTEE DURING MAY 9, 2012 PRESENTATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss information.

DISCUSSION

Police Department staff have prepared responses to questions raised during the presentations on May 9, 2012. The Police Department responses have been posted on the Committee's section of the City of Vallejo website (Departments > City Manager's Office > City Clerk's Division > Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee) or at the following link:

<http://www.ci.vallejo.ca.us/uploads/1021/05-16-12%20Safety%20Committee%20Master%20Doc%20Submission.pdf>

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the committee to discuss this information.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

None.



Date: May 23, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *aw*
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE(S)

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the creation of one or more subcommittees.

DISCUSSION

The Committee may wish to form subcommittees to research topics related to its charge. This item provides an opportunity for the committee to discuss this topic and take action if desired.

Input from Committee members regarding the formation of committees is attached.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Input from Committee members regarding formation of Subcommittees.

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**Ad Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee –
Input regarding Subcommittees**

The following input was received from Committee members regarding subcommittee areas of interest and topics:

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Resources: Full and meaningful utilization of reservists (sworn and non-sworn), cadets, CSO's (Community Service Officers), volunteers, etc to help augment areas which are sorely lacking in resources.

Reinstatement of the Beat Health, Community Policing, or similar program (I think this has multiple benefits, not least of which is getting some positive relationship building between the police and citizens); establish virtual 'regions' as when the sub-stations were open (w/o the cost and/or resources as with physical sub-stations).

Tweedy

1. Fire related issues
2. Police related issues
3. Revenue/funding issues
4. Information dissemination



Date: May 23, 2012
TO: Ad-Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee
FROM: Craig Whittom, Assistant City Manager *W*
SUBJECT: AGENDA TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and approve by motion agenda topics for upcoming meetings.

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared a draft schedule of agenda topics. This schedule will be updated regularly by the Committee. Staff recommends that at by June 2012 target dates for production of reports from the Committee to the City Council Public Safety are established.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Draft Agenda Topics

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Ad Hoc Citizens Public Safety Advisory Committee – Draft Agenda Topics

June 6, 2012

POST report (if available)

Neighborhood Watch input

June 20, 2012

To be determined

July 2012

To be determined

Subcommittee reports

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