

CROCKETT POLICE LIAISON COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 4, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Angell. Present were Committee members Botta, Cardwell, Melero, Valentini and Wais. Also present were Joe Losado from Contra Costa County Code Enforcement and Dominic Aliano from Supervisor Glover's office.
2. AGENDA ORDER: No requests for items out of order.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: A complaint from a citizen regarding a pit bull attacking her lab through a locked fence. The attacking dog had to be fought off with a fireplace poker. The sheriff was called and Animal Control was contacted and didn't respond for 46 hours. She gave Lt. Bufford from Sheriff's Department the case number and he will follow up and reply. The Crockett Signal is out and ready for purchase. Questions were asked about cars with extremely dark tinted windows. Officer Wilkenfeld answered questions on the regulations of tinted windows.
- 4.a. REPORT FROM DEPUTY: Deputy Spangler reported that car break-ins were down at the Dead Fish, she felt due to cold weather and rain. An arrest was made for a stolen vehicle. She is still working on abandoned vehicles at the Nantucket. She was not aware of stolen license plates in Crockett but reminded all present to get locking screws to fasten their plates to their cars. Reminder was given to call in suspicious activity with as much information as possible. Discussion was held regarding the homeless in and around Crockett. The sheriff's department is working with different agencies to evict homeless downhill from the Dead Fish. The private property owner does not want to press charges. The sheriff's office has its hands tied. They cannot evict if the property owner will not cooperate and press charges. A citizen complained about the loud noise after 2:00 am on 2nd Avenue on the weekends. The sheriff will pass on this information to the weekend officers. A reminder if you see junk being dumped to call the sheriff's non emergency number at (925) 646-2441.
- 4.b. REPORT FROM CHP ON TRAFFIC ISSUES: Officer Wilkenfeld reported he wrote 25 parking tickets in Crockett in January. He said mainly for illegal parking in red zones and too close to fire hydrants. He had a couple of vehicles called for expired tags and also found a couple of stolen cars abandoned up on Cummings Skyway. He reminded attendees that abandoned property can make a difference in the community. Vacant buildings with broken windows have a theory that nobody cares about the property, making it an attraction for break-ins. Officer Wilkenfeld urged citizens to contact their legislators if they feel misdemeanor crimes, such as illegal sideshows, should be elevated to felonies.
- 4.c. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: No report.

5.a. RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER: We are happy to have two citizens interested in the open committee position. A motion to recommend appointment of Raina Currington and Greg Mauler as an alternate to the Crockett Police Liaison Committee carried unanimously (jm/sm).

5.b. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY: Mr. Losado from Code Enforcement gave his report. The building above Toot's was closed due to improper wiring. Our Fire Marshall is going at a fast pace to inspect businesses. Code Enforcement said that Nantucket is closing and he will make sure the power is cut. He said another group is interested in taking over the Nantucket facility to start their own restaurant business. Nothing has been determined yet. He is concerned if the building is abandoned then homeless will move in. He reminded the community that they can go online at www.cccounty.us/codecomplaint to register a complaint. Please include the address of concern rather than a general description of the property and include your contact information on the online form so the code enforcement officer can contact you with any follow-up questions.

5.c. AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLEGAL SIDESHOWS: An ad-hoc committee has been formed to investigate sideshows. The committee members are Beth Souders, D'Arcy Trask, Greg Mauler, Jerri Ann Daniel, Lani Pallotta, Wendy Harris, and Vince and Jill Gorden. A motion to create Ad-Hoc Committee on Illegal Sideshows carried unanimously (mw/jv). This committee will meet and report their findings at future Police Liaison Committee meetings. Mr. McDonald to provide County contact information to committee.

5.d. REPORT ON ILLEGAL SIDESHOWS: Mr. McDonald reported that Monish Sen of Public Works had appointed Mark de la O to assist our Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Angell reported that it is not strictly a law enforcement issue. There's a lot of red tape and bureaucracy to go through. Eliminating sideshows will not be an easy task. We cannot put anything down that will shred tires. The majority of the time the District Attorney does not have enough information to prosecute. The bad guy wins and it starts all over again.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS: None

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: The consent items were approved unanimously (me/db):

- a. Approve Minutes of January 7, 2019
- b. Approve Financial Report
- c. Receive 7-month actual expense report for FY 18/19 and draft FY 19/20 budget

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: There was discussion from the public on improvements that would make it safer to walk around town. Mr. McDonald suggested compiling the requests and inviting County Public Works to a future meeting. A few requests were given.

- Invite Animal Control speak on roaming dogs and enforcement (March).
- Invite County Public Works to speak about their responsibilities (April).
- Consider zoning issues.
- Consider survey to identify community priorities.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM until March 4, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cardwell