



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes

County Service Area P-2A (Blackhawk) Citizens Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Blackhawk Country Club
Lakeside Clubhouse, 599 Lakeside Drive,
Danville, CA

1. Roll Call and Introductions

The following County Reps were present: Jeff Schultz, Supervisor Andersen, Carol Mascali

Residents and guests present: Tyler Hahn (CHP) and Andrew Konieczny (HOA)

Present Ronald Banducci, Robert Durr, Bruce Gekko, Linda Kralik,
William Lipsin, Vin Mathur, and Linda Vaughn

Excused Andrew Cohan

2. Recognition & acknowledgement of community service by outgoing members of P2A. Supervisor Andersen highlighted the contributions of Ron Banducci and Bill Lipsin to the County and Blackhawk community.

3. Public Comment-None

4. Review & approve draft Record of Actions for November 12, 2024

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A motion was made to approve the November draft record of actions. Ron Banducci moved. Linda Vaughn seconded. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5 Chief of Police Report-November 2024

a. Staffing-Chief Schultz will be refreshing the staff to add 2 new deputies in January 2025. We may be running short-staffed for a period since our current 3 deputies will be leaving January 13th. Chief Schultz will be having some officers provide coverage through overtime.

Summary for November 2024

The Blackhawk and Valley Station Deputies either initiated or responded to the following calls for service:

- 383 ~ Total calls for service in Blackhawk
- 17 ~ Total police reports were taken in Blackhawk

Felonies - There were 5 felonies reported in the district.

-On 10/5/24, two vehicles were broken into while parked in the Plaza parking lot.

One vehicle was parked near the Montessorri School and the other was parked between the vacant theater and CSA gym. In both cases a rear side window was smashed and items were removed from the backseat. One vehicle had an empty Gucci purse taken, while the other had a bag of tools taken. Both breaks-ins happened within minutes of each other and unfortunately, both occurred in areas not covered by any surveillance cameras.

-On 11/8/24, two residents reported being the victim's of identity theft. One victims personal information was used to open a cellular phone line with Verizon, while a second victims identity was used to open a Cash App and Insta Cart account. Both victims were alerted to the fraud and were able to cancel the accounts without suffering financial loss. Both thefts were completed on-line in an unknown location.

-On 11/16/24, a grand theft occurred in the Plaza parking lot. In this case the victim left his vehicle unlocked with his wallet and cell phone on the center console, while having lunch at a restaurant. When the victim finished eating and returned to his vehicle, he noticed his items were missing. The value of items taken exceeded \$950.00.

Misdemeanors - There were four misdemeanors committed in the district.

1. On 11/9/24, a battery took place at a residence between two adult males. Both parties were separated, and the suspect had left the residence prior to deputies' arrival.

2. On 11/20/24, Deputies responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence. Following the investigation the husband was arrested for battery against his wife. He was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility (MDF).

3. On 11/21/24, Deputies responded to the same residence as above for a violation of a domestic violence restraining order. The male suspect from the previous battery returned to the residence, in violation of the temporary restraining order. He was arrested again and booked at the MDF.

4. On 11/30/24, An adult male crashed his golf cart into a bunker on the Falls golf course, near Blackhawk Dr. Deputy Turner responded to the scene and determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for driving under the influence and booked at the MDF.

Arrests – There were four arrests during the month.

-On 11/15/24, an adult female was arrested for a warrant during a suspicious persons call. The female had entered the community on foot, was transient and claimed she

lived in the community. She was arrested and booked at the MDF.

-The other 3 arrests are detailed in the misdemeanor section above.

Incidents of Interest

-There were no significant incidents of interest during the month.

It is not uncommon for there to be an increase in thefts from vehicles during the holiday season. Thieves know this is a good time to prey on those who are out shopping, dining and enjoying holiday events. They also know that many people leave valuable items and gifts inside their vehicles while shopping or dining.

For this reason, it is always wise to make sure you secure your vehicles when unattended and take the time to conceal items inside, so they are not visible to thieves looking for an opportunity. Most vehicle break-ins occur because the responsible sees an item inside, such as a bag, backpack, purse, phone, etc. (often times within arm's reach). The suspect then breaks a window, simply reaches inside, removes the item and flees. This all happens within seconds, with minimal disturbance to the vehicle, so no evidence is left behind.

One should also be extra vigilant when parking their vehicles in areas more prone to break-ins. While break-ins unfortunately can happen anywhere, they are typically more common in large parking lots that serve retail businesses, restaurants, gyms and movie theaters.

A new gym and yoga studio recently opened in the Plaza, and construction just began to remodel the movie theater, which is set to open in 2025. With these amenities comes the increased risk of break-ins, as thieves often target these parking lots for obvious reasons.

Please take the time to use these crime prevention tips so you don't have the unfortunate experience of becoming a burglary/theft victim.

Blackhawk Police Services will continue to monitor the Plaza and provide as much presence and security as possible, to keep you and your belongings safe.

Calendar of Events

-December 10th - Police Advisory Board Meeting – Blackhawk Country Club, Lakeside Clubhouse, 6 p.m. (not available via Zoom)

- December 18th – Coffee

6 Homeowners Association Reports-nothing to report.

7 Blackhawk Country Club Report-nothing to report

8 CHP Report:

-Over 2900 crashes YTD - 330 on county roads (1/month on Blackhawk Rd; 1.5/mo. on Tassajara); the remainder on the highways. There were 13 fatalities reported YTD.

-146 DUI crashes/640 DUI arrests YTD

-13 fatalities YTD

9 Old Business

a. Open positions for P2A Committee: 1 full voting member and 1 alternate position available

b. Recommendations to fill open positions

c. Timing & process to increase parcel tax for FY'27 budget

- 10 New Business:
- a. Discuss goals & objectives for 2025: Create a sub-committee to develop a communication plan to educate the community regarding the Blackhawk Police.
 - b. 2025 Board roles
 - c. Consider cancel December meetings going forward
 - d. Blackhawk Country Club contribution
 - e. Include Ron Banducci and Bill Lipsin for being recognized by County Supervisor Andersend for their years of contributing to Blackhawk Police.
- 11 Adjourned at 7:03pm. The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 14, 2025.