

Blackhawk Police Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Blackhawk Country Club, Board Room –
599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville, CA

1. Call to Order – 6:08 pm

Board Members Present: Robert Durr, Bruce Gekko, Linda Vaughn, Roger Guidi, Dr. Vin Mathur. Absent: Andy Cohan, Linda Kralik (Alternate – Open)

County Reps: Jeff Schultz (Blackhawk Police Chief), Carol Mascali (Supervisor Andersen's Office), Tyler Hahn (CHP Officer)

Residents and guests present: Andrew Konieczny (HOA), Ron Banducci

2. Public Comments, recognize & acknowledge the Public's participation via Zoom
None

3. Review and Approve Draft Record of Actions for April 8, 2025 meeting
Roger Guidi – Motion, Robert Durr - Second

4. Chief of Police Report – April '25

a. Chief provides overview on annual budget and projected year-end financial position on cash. Finished the year better than projected, due to vacancy. With new hire on board the savings will not continue.

b. 302 Calls for service: 5 Reports, 2 Felonies, no Misdemeanors, and no Arrests.

c. Felonies included:

1) Fraud/Email Scam – Potential victim received an email posing as PayPal advising of a failed transaction. Victim called the associated number and recognized it was a fraud and ended the call. No financial loss occurred.

2) A domestic dispute – Two adult males engaged in a dispute where one battered and threatened the other. The physical aggressor was arrested and transported to the Martinez Detention Facility and booked for criminal threats.

d. There were no misdemeanors in April 2025.

e. There was one arrest (above) in April 2025.

f. Volunteers in Policing: 21 hours served by four volunteers.

- g. Deputy Nicholas Guido-Serrano will join Blackhawk Police Services in early July. This will fill the Department's staffing; 3 deputies and the Chief dedicated to the District.
- h. Coffee with the Chief scheduled for May 21, 2025 (9:00am – 11:00am) at Blackhawk Drive and Blackhawk Meadow Drive.
- i. Officers driving on the golf courses for visible patrol. Detering crimes on the courses and those accessed from the courses.

More cameras have been placed around the open spaces. Perhaps rallying neighborhoods to collaborate to purchase and install live cameras. Discuss with HOA.

Outside assist is BH helping other agencies with something they are doing. Expect some increase in Plaza calls when cinema opens. Perhaps late June/July?

5. C.H.P. Report

Statistics are not unusual for the last month. 296 crashes: 132 on 580, 104 on 680, 40 on Niles/84, remaining scattered in the area. 1 inside the gate – illegal u-turn by delivery truck – property damage only. 95 arrests - 52 DUIs.

CHP created new position for unsheltered on the freeway. CalTrans will be cutting back the trees unveiling larger unhoused issues. Three-prong approach: ask to leave, tell to leave, force to leave. New Dodge Durango being introduced to CHP fleet vehicles intended to blend looking for egregious driving violations. They will most be found along the Dublin corridor.

CHP volunteers are driving in the area, hopefully making a difference.

6. Homeowner Association Report

None to report

7. Blackhawk Country Club Report

None present

8. Old Business

- a. Open P2A Position - 1 Alternate. No applicants yet. Promote to friends and neighbors.

b. Update on P2A community outreach to other Blackhawk organizations; deferred to next meeting as Linda Kralik is taking the lead with the Blackhawk Women's Group

Perhaps approach group to generate additional interest and awareness of the value of the BH Police Services and the Advisory.

Public Comment: Ron Banducci – Suggestions. Safety of the community – Safest in the Bay Area? Because dedicated Police Staff. Helpful to discuss the District Budget. Members think it is funded through the HOA. Educate the Community on funding, and highlight the actual cost per Deputy.

9. New Business

a. Parcel Tax Increase – Begin background work for the campaign. Need to get clear clarification about what we can and cannot do to promote the campaign.

b. Timeline to review P2A budget – Chief met with Andy Cohan. Although better than expected now full staffing will negate the savings. Costs are only going up. All reserves will be exhausted by 2027-28. Parcel Tax will take time. Set up takes approx. 3 months, then develop marketing message and materials. Total of a year to fully implement a campaign.

Recommend looking at 5 year and 10 year projections for costs. Committee to begin looking at budgets and making projections to be used to determine path forward.

Public Comment: Ron Banducci – Annual 3% inflator in perpetuity approved at last election. Ensure using actual cost currently being charged within the 3 classes of tax payers.

Carol Mascali – Supervisor Andersen wants to know what the community wants. She feels it is important to have their input. Doesn't have to be a survey. Town Hall style or other gatherings to discuss and get the temperature /pulse of "clients."

Further discussion at the next meeting.

c. Robert Durr confirmed cash contribution from Blackhawk Homeowner Association to fund future parcel tax campaign. Currently \$20K allocated.

10. Adjournment – 7:03pm

Dr. Vin Mather – Motion, Roger Guidi - Second