

Blackhawk Police Advisory Committee
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
Blackhawk Country Club, Board Room
599 Blackhawk Club Drive, Danville, CA

1. Call to Order – @ 6:14pm

Board Members Present: Andy Cohan, Robert Durr, Dr. Vin Mathur, Linda Kralik, Linda Vaughn, Roger Guidi. Absent: Bruce Gekko, (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 Security), In-Person: Clarisa Toth (Resident), Jennifer Eckersley (Resident), Online: None

2. Public Comments, recognize & acknowledge the Public's participation via Zoom
2-Minute limit on comments – **Ms. Eckersley:** Is there more information about burglaries? Do we receive more information? Are reports available.

Chief: 84% go unsolved nationally. Burglaries in our area this year have not been solved as far as we know. Most recent incident most likely tied to international ring but that is based upon M.O. Information on M.O. is published, but no neighborhood pockets of the crimes. Homes that back to open space or golf course are at higher risk. Updates on status of crimes in the P2A area are regularly provided through email and at this meeting. **Ms. Eckersley:** BH HOA, are cameras monitored? **Andrew Konieczny:** Yes, video would collect the information – audio and video to be viewed later. Also trail cameras where no internet. **Robert Durr:** License plate readers at the gates, both entry and exit.

Ms. Toth: Chief and staff are doing a great job. Vacation checks and keep us safe.

3. Review and Approve Draft Record of Actions for June 10, 2025 meeting
Robert Durr - Motion, Roger Guidi – Second: Motion Unanimously Passed

4. Chief of Police Report – June '25

a. 348 Calls for Service: 5 Reports, 2 Felonies, 0 Misdemeanor

b. Felonies:

1. Identity Theft – The victim was contacted by Wells Fargo bank that an unknown suspect used her identifying information to access her

checking account and make a withdrawal remotely. The funds were returned to the victim, the bank opened an investigation, the police report was forwarded to the Investigations Division.

2. Domestic Battery – Pursuant to a incident between and husband and wife, the husband was arrested and booked at the Martinez Detention Facility.

c. No Misdemeanors

d. There was one arrest in June 2025 – listed above.

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

f. Incidents of Interest

1. Fire hydrant was damaged at the entrance to the plaza causing a traffic situation. CHP provided support during the incident.

2. A 9-year old autistic child was reported missing in unincorporated Danville. In addition to Blackhawk and Danville Police personnel, Sheriff's Search & Rescue, air support, and Nixle Alerts were deployed. Community members also assisted. The child was located the next morning and returned to the family. The Chief thanked all who assisted in the search and kept the community on the look-out.

5. Chief of Police Report – July '25

a. 563 Calls for Service: 8 Reports, 2 Felonies, 3 Misdemeanors – Calls for service include self-initiated efforts by the Police Department. Having full staffing we are having more self-initiated area checks.

b. Felonies:

1. Identity Theft – In-home caretaker used the victim's bank account information to pay personal bills. Suspect identified and charges filed. Ramey warrant has been issued. Carol – New services for elder abuse victims within the County are available. Carol Mascali will get the information/cards for officer's use.

2. Grand Theft – In-home caretaker stole several pieces of expensive clothing and jewelry. Suspect identity and whereabouts are being confirmed by detectives. Suspect now identified.

c. Misdemeanors

1. Hit and Run – Vehicle struck iron fence on Blackhawk Rd near Maplewood Dr and fled prior to officer's arrival. Investigation is ongoing.

2. Reckless Driving – Driver cited and his vehicle impounded after driving recklessly leaving a car show at Blackhawk Plaza.

3. Domestic Disturbance – An argument between two adult males turned physical. Neither party pressed charges. Report only.

d. Arrests

One arrest listed in misdemeanors above.

e. Volunteers in Policing: 15 hours served by four volunteers.

Coffee with the Chief scheduled for August 20th (9:00am – 11:00am) @ corner of Deer Trail Drive & Blackhawk Drive.

Dr. Vin Mathur– Question about the gate. He was only asked for name, address, and phone number but not ID when using Uber. ID requirements are gone. Can ask HOA about changing back. **Chief**: People doing crimes are usually tailgating into the gate not going through the visitor lane. **Andrew Konieczny**: Can use QR code also by adding yourself as a guest to the account and texting/emailing the code and saving it on your phone.

6. C.H.P. Report

Recent crash into the round-about at the front gate into the mail box - hit and run. 3 crashes on Tassajara, two others in and around gates. June & July 526 crashes – over 471 are on freeways, 55 on county roads – east Livermore and Vasco, etc. No fatalities.

4200 tickets mostly speed and distracted driving, 168 arrests - 113 DUI. People getting better about taking Uber or ride sharing. Statistics suggest not as much alcohol consumption by younger people and more access to other transportation options.

680 closures should be done for a while. CHP volunteers are driving in the area, hopefully making a difference.

7. Homeowner Association Report

Nothing

8. Blackhawk Country Club Report

Nothing

9. Old Business

a. Open P2A Position - 1 Alternate – Carol Mascali announced open position to public present. Possible interest from a former HOA Board Member. Carol will send the position description and application to any interested parties.

b. Community Outreach Update – Linda Kralik: President and Events Chairman of BH Women's Group are excited about hosting a presentation which will probably be early next year. 60-80 attendees at lunches. 20-30 minutes for presenters. Hopefully in the 1st quarter. Sharing what the P2A Committee and our police serves do to service the community and keep us safe.

10. New Business

a. Bruce Gekko is on hiatus for a few months. Looking for an interim/temporary Vice-Chair to step in for 3 months. Dr. Vin Mathur volunteered to step in. Robert Durr 1st, Linda Vaughn 2nd – Motion Unanimously Passed

b. Establish date/time to update budget projects through 2032-33 – Andy Cohan proposed he meets with the Chief and makes projections. Andy will create a summary document to present to the committee. Current trajectory and differential for funding and staffing.

c. Establish process to ascertain community's needs – Develop a survey? Put together questions? Get pulse of the community as to whether they want the same staffing. Robert Durr suggested talking to the HOA about a potential survey they could support. Linda Kralik feels the survey will provide limited information.

Andy Cohan explained to the public: there will be a funding shortfall in the near future. We will need to make the decision to reduce staffing or get more money. Options include HOA assists with shortfall, or increase in parcel tax.

Other groups to meeting with? Swim team, Men's Senior golfing group, Bocce group. Perhaps use one of our P2A Meetings as a presentation night instead.
EDUCATE AND INFORM!

BH Road is County Road – interest in having delineators for exit lanes on BH Road. Researched possibility before but found no evidence of need. Also concerns about liability if it is not a county approved project if accidents occur.

Blackhawk Plaza update - Apple Cinemas has informed the public that it will not be moving forward with their theater. Most of the work has been completed and the space would be available for others to lease.

11. Adjournment - @ 7:18pm

Dr. Vin Mathur – Motion, Roger Guidi - Second: Motion Unanimously Passed

Next Meeting September 9th, 2025