



**CITY OF CUPERTINO  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
10185 N Stelling Rd, Quinlan Conference Room  
Thursday, July 10, 2025  
6:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Das called the Public Safety Commission meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Quinlan Community Center Conference Room, 10185 N Stelling Rd.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Nirmalendu Das, Sidharth Rajaram, Sashikala Begur, Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam (6:14 p.m.)

Commissioners absent: None

City/County Staff present: Marta Drown, Jessica Suntay, Luke Connolly, Piu Ghosh, West Valley Patrol Division Captain Neil Valenzuela, Assistant Fire Chief Hector Estrada

Guest Speakers: Jacqueline Prostman Rohr, Tammy Seale

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: May 8, 2025 Public Safety Commission Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Review and approve the May 8, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Rajaram motioned to approve the May 8, 2025 Public Safety Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Begur seconded. Motion carried with 3 yes and 1 absent.

**POSTPONEMENTS**

None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Sonali Padgaonkar, Cupertino resident, discussed the need for emergency alerts.

Adwait Sathye, Cupertino resident, discussed speeding on Rainbow.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Subject: Study Session on a state law mandated update to the Health and Safety Element. (Application No(s): GPA-2025-001; Applicant(s): City of Cupertino; Location: citywide)

Recommended Action: That the Public Safety Commission receive the report and provide input on the recommended policy areas and/or programs in the Health and Safety Element.

Luke Connolly, Assistant Director of Community Development, introduced Jacqueline Prostman Rohr, Placeworks Project Manager Consultant, to present on the item. Presented on a state law mandated update to the Health and Safety Element.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and made comments.

3. Subject: Public Safety Subcommittee Update

Recommended Action: Receive an update from the Public Safety subcommittee.

Vice Chair Rajaram presented his findings from a deputy ride along and conversations from Sheriff's Office staff.

Vice Chair Rajaram presented the findings on what needs are felt at the Sheriff's Department (attached as a desk item under supplemental reports in the July 10 meeting details).

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and made comments.

Chair Das opened public comment and the following people spoke on the item.

Sonali Padgaonkar, Cupertino resident

Chair Das closed public comment.

4. Subject: Presentation on the Block Leader Program

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation from Staff Liaison on the Block Leader Program.

Marta Drown, Block Leader Coordinator, presented an overview of the program including its history, goals, and recent changes.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions and made comments.

## **REPORTS/UPDATES**

5. Subject: Monthly Update Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Monthly Update Reports from:

- Santa Clara County Fire District
  - o Reported as submitted.
- Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
  - o Reported as submitted.

## **STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

Block Leader Coordinator Drown presented the staff update as submitted.

## **FUTURE AGENDA SETTING**

Chair Das motioned to assign Commissioners to do research:

- Chair Das to study Sheriff's Office recruitment, and possible promotion of positions.
- Vice Chair Rajaram to study how to streamline the Sheriff's Office procurement process, especially in relation to ALPRs.
- Commissioner Begur to study the procedure for the Sheriff's Office to close cases and increase transparency about the process.
- Commissioner Sapaharam to examine potential means of leveraging the Block Leader and Neighborhood Watch programs for increased communication and engagement with the community.

Commissioner Sapaharam motioned to receive a presentation from the Sheriff's Office on the effectiveness of ALPRs, the procurement process, and return on investment from the City. Commissioner Begur seconded.

Vice Chair Rajaram motioned to add discussing Hazard Mitigation for Rainbow Dr (per written email correspondence to the Commission). Commissioner Begur seconded.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Das adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m. to the September 11, 2025 meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

*Marta Drown*

Marta Drown, Block Leader Coordinator

Parks and Recreation Department

*Minutes approved at the September 11, 2025 regular meeting*