

CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N Stelling Road

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Rajaram called to order this meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at 6:11 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sashi Begur
 Nirmalendu Das
 Neal Evans
 Sidharth Rajaram
 Ravi Kiran Singh Sapaharam

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Captain Neil Valenzuela, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
 Deputy Chief Hector Estrada, Santa Clara County Fire
 Pamela Wu, City Manager, City of Cupertino
 Marta Drown, Block Leader Coordinator, City of Cupertino

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Minutes from January 9, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve minutes from January 9, 2025

Commissioner Begur motioned to approve the minutes; Commissioner Das seconded the motion; Ayes: Evans, Rajaram, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: Begur, Sapaharam. Absent: None.

POSTPONEMENTS

Marta Drown suggested moving the election of Chair and Vice Chair from Item 3 to Item 2. Commissioner Begur motioned to approve the change; Commissioner

Sapaharam seconded the motion; Ayes: Begur, Das, Evan, Rajaram, Sapaharam. Noes: None Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Written communications were emailed to the commission and are included for the record.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Subject: Election of Public Safety Commission Chair and Vice Chair for calendar year 2025

Recommended Action: Elect Chair and Vice Chair for the term ending January 31, 2026

Presenter: Marta Drown, City of Cupertino

Commissioner Begur nominated Commissioner Das to serve as the Public Safety Commission Chair for the term ending January 31, 2026.

Commissioner Evans nominated Commissioner Rajaram to serve as the Public Safety Commission Chair for the term ending January 31, 2026.

Commissioner Das as Chair – 3 votes

Commissioner Rajaram as Chair –2 votes

Commissioner Evans nominated Commissioner Rajaram to serve as the Public Safety Commission Vice Chair for the term ending January 31, 2026.

Commissioner Rajaram as Vice Chair – 5 votes

OLD BUSINESS

3. Subject: Public Safety Fair

Recommended Action: Receive an updated report on the Public Safety Fair

Presenter: Susanna Khubchandani

The Public Safety Fair will be March 22, 2025 at the Civic Center Plaza to promote the public safety services available to Cupertino residents.

Commissioners provided feedback and asked questions.

Commissioner Begur motioned to receive the updated report on the Public Safety Forum; Commissioner Evans seconded the motion; Ayes: Begur, Evans, Rajaram, Sapaharam, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Subject: Sheriff's Teen Academy

Recommended Action: Receive report on the Sheriff's Office Teen Academy 2025

Presenter: Captain Neil Valenzuela

The Sheriff's Teen Academy will take place June 9-June 18.

Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback.

Commissioner Begur made a motion to receive the report by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Commissioner Sapaharam seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Begur, Evans, Rajaram, Sapaharam, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Fire District

Recommended Action: Receive a report by the Santa Clara County Fire District

Presenter: Deputy Chief Hector Estrada

Deputy Chief Hector Estrada discussed the updated Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Zone map, the map ordinance and adoption process, as well as defensible space basics. Commissioner Begur made a motion to receive the report by the Santa Clara County Fire Department. Commissioner Sapaharam seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Begur, Evans, Rajaram, Sapaharam, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

6. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Recommended Action: Receive a report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Liaison

Presenter: Captain Neil Valenzuela

Captain Valenzuela reviewed the January and February 2025 crime data.

Commissioner Begur made a motion to receive the report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Evans seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Begur, Evans, Rajaram, Sapaharam, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

7. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino Office of Emergency Management
Recommended Action: Receive a report by the City of Cupertino Office of Emergency Management

Presenter: Marta Drown, City of Cupertino

Marta Drown provided updates about the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Begur made a motion to receive the report by the Office of Emergency Management. Sapaharam seconded. Roll call vote. Ayes: Begur, Evans, Rajaram, Sapaharam, and Das. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

8. Subject: Commissioner's Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' reports

Chair Das will attend the Mayor's meeting on March 19, 2025.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

- Background of the Neighborhood Watch and Block Leader programs
- Crime data
- Effective outreach methods

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Das adjourned the Public Safety Commission meeting at 8:33 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marta Drown

Block Leader Coordinator

City of Cupertino