

CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 9, 2025 6:00 p.m.

Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N Stelling Road

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bobby Toda called to order this meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bobby Toda
Neal Evans
Sidharth Rajaram

Commissioners Absent: Nirnalendu Das

Staff Present: Captain Neil Valenzuela, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Chief John Black, Santa Clara County Fire
Tom Chin, Emergency Manager, City of Cupertino
Marta Drown, Block Leader Coordinator, City of Cupertino
Lieutenant Shawn Flores, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Jason Vega, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Minutes from November 14, 2024

Recommended Action: Approve minutes from November 14, 2024

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

POSTPONEMENTS

Captain Neil Valenzuela introduced Lieutenant Flores and Lieutenant Vega to the Commission. Introductions were completed during Postponements to allow the Lieutenants to return to patrol.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

The following members of the public spoke:

Rhoda Fry discussed Wildland Urban Interface Mitigation Plan and building codes related to fire safety.

Roy Dickman discussed his interest in the Commission and concerns about traffic violations.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

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

OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Public Safety Forum

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

Presenter: Tom Chin

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. Commissioners additionally offered recommendations for the event, potential booths, and entertainment.

Chair Toda opened the public comment period, and the following members of the public spoke.

None

Chair Toda closed the public comment period

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

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

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

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

Presenter: Battalion Chief John Black

Battalion Chief Black reviewed the November and December 2024 Santa Clara County Fire District reports. Incident response was reviewed for each month. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Battalion Chief Black and Mr. Chin provided responses.

Chair Toda opened the public comment period, and the following members of the public spoke.

Rhoda Fry

Chair Toda closed the public comment period.

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

5. 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 November and December 2024 crime data. Captain Valenzuela reviewed call volumes and response times. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Captain Valenzuela provided responses.

Chair Toda opened the public comment period, and the following members of the public spoke.

Rhoda Fry

Chair Toda closed the public comment period.

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

6. 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: Tom Chin, Emergency Manager, City of Cupertino

Tom Chin introduced Marta Drown who coordinates the Block Leader, Neighborhood Watch and REACH (Raising Emergency Awareness of Community Hazards) programs. Miss Drown will provide a report on REACH activities in 2024 at the next Commission meeting. Tom Chin reviewed the Office of Emergency Management's current planning, preparedness, training, and exercise efforts, including the Emergency Operation Plan, the Community Wildfire Prevention Plan, and the Automated License Plate Reader program. The Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Mr. Chin provided responses.

Chair Toda opened the public comment period, and the following members of the public spoke.

Rhoda Fry

Chair Toda closed the public comment period.

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

7. Subject: Commissioner's Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' reports

Chair Toda will attend the Mayor's meeting on January 15, 2025 and plans to provide updates on the Public Safety Forum and Automated License Plate Readers.

Commissioner Evans discussed an email sent to the Commissioners in December. The email was sent by a Cupertino student concerned about their safety using crosswalks near their school. The Commissioner also discussed similar concerns from other Cupertino residents.

Vice Chair Rajaram shared his concern about crosswalk safety and traffic violations.

FUTURE AGENDA SETTING

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bobby Toda adjourned the Public Safety Commission meeting at 7:11 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Marta Drown

Block Leader Coordinator

City of Cupertino

APPROVED BY:

Thomas Chin, Staff Liaison Date