

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday February 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Huang called to order this regular meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A, located at 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Present: Andy Huang  
Yvonne Chao  
Robert McCoy  
Neha Sahai  
Hymanand Nellore (arrived at 6:10 pm)

Commissioner Absent:

Staff Present: Jacqueline Guzman, Deputy City Manager  
Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Fire Chief John Justice, Santa Clara County Fire District

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Kathy Chole  
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Julia Miyakawa  
Linda Wyckoff  
Benita Vemula

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve the January 11, 2018 Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approval of the January 11, 2018 Minutes

Commissioner McCoy motioned to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting; Commissioner Sahai seconded the motion; Ayes: Huang, McCoy, Sahai. Noes: None. Abstain: Chao. Absent: Nellore.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Ms. Chole presented a Power Point presentation of the proposed bike trail on the Regnart Creek Trail. She explained to the Commission that this bike trail would certainly provide children a safer route to and from schools; however she worries about the safety of children who may use the trail as it is secluded. She further asked for guidance from the Commissioners to have their message heard by a broader audience.

Ms. Wyckoff expressed her concerns on the Regnart Creek Trail. She and her neighbors are against this trail moving forward. Opening this alley way would create a new area for unwelcomed activities. There appears to be no access for any emergency vehicles if an emergency were to arise. Lighting is a concern as the area is currently dark and if lights are installed, the lights will illuminate homes nearby.

Ms. Daston explained that the route is not safe for children. Traffic and streets are not a straight route and due to many crossings along the trail, and going between traffic as they were to cross Blaney Street, the trail is unsafe. Mrs. Daston explained her three main concerns:

- 1) City council denied this proposal in 2005 and no changes were made to the trail.
- 2) The trail does not make it a short cut to the schools due to the street crossing.
- 3) It will be huge cost to the city to get this trail up and running.

Ms. Miyakawa explained that she walks this area on a regular basis and does not think this would be a wise proposal. She has almost been hit by a car once, even though there is a 3-way stop there. Some of the homes face the trail directly, which would affect their privacy, should the trail be built.

Deputy City Manager Jacqueline Guzman explained to the public speakers that the best audience to express their concerns to would be the Bike Pedestrian Commission since they are already working on this proposal.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Huang advised of a Disaster Council Meeting on Thursday February 15, 2018 at 2pm as well as an email he received in regards to Sheriff Smith's upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> term election as he wants to make sure all commissioners are aware.

**OLD BUSINESS**

2. Subject: Participation in AlertSCC and Pulse Point including migration progress from Cupertino Alert System to AlertSCC (Huang/McCoy),

Recommended Action: Discuss Participation in AlertSCC and migration progress of the Cupertino CAS; Discuss Pulse Point and receive status of cards related to crime reporting/fire/incidents and situational awareness (McCoy)

No report on AlertSCC and not update on crime cards.

3. Subject: Public Safety Education and Outreach; a) Discuss Senior Safety Forums (Sahai), b) Transportation Safety Educational Program Progress (Nellore), c) Neighborhood Residential Burglary Prevention Seminars (Nellore), d) Public Safety Forum (McCoy); e) Proposals for future Forums/Workshops

Recommended Action: Receive updated report on the next Senior Safety Forum (Sahai); receive report on Transportation Safety Educational Program Progress (Nellore); receive report on Neighborhood Residential Burglary Prevention Seminars (Nellore); receive report on Public Safety Forum (McCoy); Discuss proposals for future Forums/Workshops

Commissioner McCoy explained he is planning on hosting his community safety forum on a Friday evening in October, he will be arranging with the City to book a community room and set a date for the event.

Commissioner Nellore will be obtaining some more information on the Transportation Safety updates and will bring back safety concerns at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Nellore plans on having 3 more neighborhood block meetings this year, one in each quarter; he will be contacting Mrs. Turini to arrange areas and date for the neighborhood watch events. Commissioner Nellore inquired about how to enable a seminar in order to have a weekly training for neighborhood watch groups. Ms. Guzman responded by adding that the person to contact for any Neighborhood Watch training would be Mrs. Turini. Block Leaders meet on a quarterly basis and more information is posted on their website.

Commissioner Sahai explained she would like to add child safety to the forum.

4. Subject: OES Readiness quarterly status report including; a) any and all OES updates; b) City emergency preparedness; c) Cross training of volunteer groups (All)

Recommended Action: Receive OES readiness quarterly status report; receive OES updates; receive city emergency preparedness updates; receive cross training of volunteer group updates

Commissioner Huang did not have a report as the Disaster Council meeting is up an coming.

## NEW BUSINESS

5. Subject: Cupertino Social Host Responsibility Ordinance

Recommended Action: Recommend the City Council adopt draft Social Host Ordinance

Teen Commissioner Benita Vemula explained her support for ordinance No. 17. She added that both parties should be held responsible (child and parent). Teen Commissioner Vemula thinks the kids should have to do community service and the parents should pay fines, in hopes that this will make them think about the consequences of their actions. The Teen Commission would like to sponsor a seminar for kids to educate them on the use of drugs and consumption of alcohol, in particular the side effects and what kind of negative activity it can lead to.

Commissioner McCoy asked if a child is sent to serve community service, what organization will subsequently be holding them accountable. Ms. Guzman gave an example of how an organization would verify the hours. She added if a child served their community hours at the WV Pantry, then at the end of their time served the workers from the pantry will have to sign off on their slip. Commissioner Huang also asked about the medication that contains alcohol as the ordinance makes medicine an alcoholic beverage subject to ordinance rules. He further added that he would like to see language similar to the definition of "Controlled Substance" as the definition has a provision which allows for use of a substance with a prescription.

Ms. Guzman responds it depends on the consumption of the medication. As an example, is the kid taking medication for an illness or was it consumed at a party and multiple kids are having the same symptoms. Those actions would be something that would have to be taken into consideration when the situation arises.

Commissioner McCoy asked Captain Urena about his thought on this topic. Captain Urena explained how the proposed amendments from the Teen Commissioners are great ideas and fully supports them.

Commissioner McCoy motions to approve with amendments. Commissioner Nellore seconds the motion. Ayes: Huang, McCoy, Sahai, Nellore, Chao. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

6. Subject: Future Agenda Items

Recommended: Action: Discuss Future Agenda Items

None

**STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

7. Subject: Report by Santa Clara County Fire District  
Recommended Action: Receive Report by Santa Clara County Fire District

Fire Chief Justice reports that the stats for the month of January were not ready yet. He further explained that they did have a fire at the Downtown Main Street Hotel where a guest was using a hot plate to cook and happened to forget he was using the plate. The plate caught fire and caused several hundred dollars in damage. Another fire was at the AMC Theaters at Vallco Mall when a big deep fryer caught fire.

Last, Chief Justice explained a residential fire in the Kelly pocket of Cupertino near 280/Foothill. In that particular fire, the resident was able to get out unharmed due to being alerted by his fire detector. The fire caused significant damages to his structure.

8. Subject: Report by The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
Recommended Action: Receive Report by The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Captain Urena reported on response times for the month of January and all response times were met. The Sheriff's Office had one robbery, nine residential burglaries which compared to 16 the year prior. Captain Urena continued to explain how the Sheriffs' Office has been busy with vehicle burglaries. In regards to vehicle burglaries, in the month of January The Sheriff's Office investigated 50, which are up compared to last year when the city only had 13 for the month of January.

Captain Urena added that a large amount of groups are causing these crimes. The groups are coming from other bay area cities into our city for the purpose of committing these crimes. Captain Urena further explained they are happening more in shopping centers and how he has deployed deputies in unmarked cars watching these shopping centers.

Recently, deputies watching a shopping center apprehended several suspects coming out of Walgreens after stealing bags of cosmetics.

Commissioner Nellore asked if the Sheriff's Office is also tracking abandoned cars. Captain Urena explained that the Sheriff's Office does respond to these types of calls because they are sometimes abandoned stolen cars.

Commissioner Huang inquired if Captain Urena needs additional resources now that the Apple Campus is up and running. Captain Urena stated it is too early to say what impact the new campus will have, other than obviously more traffic congestion. He added that the need for more resources will be evaluated once enough data is available.

Lastly, Captain Urena explained The Crest Awards nomination process for 2018. He explained the nomination period is now open with a due date of February 28, 2018. He explained Commissioners cannot nominate themselves but can nominate someone that has made a great impact to the city.

Commissioner Chao asked Captain Urena if he had more background on domestic violence calls, Captain Urena explained that the specifics of domestic violence are not released to the media due to the nature of the events. However, he explained that he can certainly provide general details during the next meeting but nothing specific.

9. Subject: Receive Commissioner Reports  
Recommended Action: Receive Commissioner Report

Commissioner McCoy explained he attended the Bike Pedestrian Committee meeting and added that they are still in the drafting stage.

Ms. Guzman provided an overview of the Commission budget to the Commissioners.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Huang adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

*Veronica Lara  
West Valley Patrol Division  
Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff  
February 21, 2018*

### **APPROVED BY:**

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Andy Huang, Commission Chair

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Date