

CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Thursday November 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A

CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair McCoy called to order this meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:02 pm on Thursday November 14, 2019 in the Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A, located at 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Present: Robert McCoy
Neha Sahai
Hymanand Nellore (arrived at 7:45pm)
Yvonne Chao
Andy Huang

Commissioner Absent: None

Staff Present: Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office
Assistant Fire Chief Brian Glass, Santa Clara County Fire District

Others Present: Open Space Resource Management Specialist Matthew Sharp
Resident John Mumy
Lieutenant Neil Valenzuela, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Subject: Approve October 11, 2019 Minutes
Recommended Action: Approval of the October 11, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Huang motioned to approve minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting; Commissioner Chao seconded the motion; Ayes: Huang, McCoy, Chao, Sahai. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Nellore

POSTPONEMENTS

None

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Mr. John Mumy, City of Cupertino Resident, expressed his displeasure with the Sheriff's Office. He spoke about an incident regarding an encounter of mistaken identity that occurred the previous Friday. Captain Urena requested Lieutenant Valenzuela speak with Mr. Mumy off line.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Participation in AlertSCC and Pulse Point including migration progress from Cupertino Alert System to AlertSCC (Huang/McCoy)
Recommended Action: Discuss AlertSCC sign ups

Commissioner Huang shared with the group the updated numbers of residents signed up for AlertSCC as follows:

Nextdoor 18,937
Twitter 4,866
Facebook 4,277
Instagram 1,136
AlertSCC 888777
Citizen SMS 2,270
Citizen Email 1,170

3. Subject: Public Safety Education and Outreach
 - a. Public Safety Forum (McCoy/Huang)
 - b. Senior Safety Forums with focus on mental health (Sahai/Chao)

Recommended Action: Receive updated reports and discuss proposals for future forums/workshops

Commissioner Huang suggested picking a date for next year's Public Safety Forum so as not to have a conflict with other events. Although this year's event was successful, a larger turnout could have occurred if the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events had not occurred.

Commissioner Sahai went on to share that the Senior Safety Forum was a great turnout with about 50 attendees. The attendees did share that they would like to have ongoing forums to stay informed on updates. Commissioner Chao also shared that the event was a

huge success with a lot of engagement. The designated medical drug drop-off was beneficial to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Subject: Discuss recommendation for future work program items for upcoming fiscal year
Recommended Action: Provide recommendations for work program for upcoming fiscal year for department consideration

Deferred to next meeting.

5. Subject: Wildlife Education
Recommended Action: Discuss Wildlife Education Programs

Open Space Resource Management Specialist Matthew Sharp gave the commission a presentation on Wildlife in the area. He spoke about Project Coyote, which offers workshops for the public. The workshop focuses on educating the public on how to avoid attracting coyotes into their neighborhood.

Commissioner Huang expressed interest in potentially hosting a workshop in the Rancho San Antonio area. Commissioner Huang added that he has noticed an increased sighting of coyotes, deer, mountain lions, wild turkeys, and flocks of 50-100 crows. The crows have been causing damage to lawns.

Commissioner McCoy also expressed the sighting of coyotes in and around the Regnart Creek Trail area near city hall.

Mr. Sharp advised that if there is an immediate public safety concern anyone can contact Fish and Game so as to help with removal of the animals. Mr. Sharp advised that if you encounter a mountain lion, make yourself look big, flap your jacket big, make loud noise, never bend down to pick anything up, throw something (even your cell phone) straight at the animal. If you are on a hike with children keep them close to you and if you encounter a mountain lion put the child behind you and do the suggested distractions to scare them off. To minimize coyotes in the neighborhoods, do not leave food out for them and do not feed them. Also, keep all shrubs cut down in yards so that coyotes cannot make a hidden den for themselves. Motion lights and motion sprinklers also keep coyotes away. Making loud noises when coyotes are nearby can help change their behavior.

More information on coyotes can be found at <http://www.projectcoyote.org/about/>

6. Subject: Future Agenda Items
Recommended Action: Discuss future agenda items

Deferred to next meeting.

STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Assistant Fire Chief Glass reported that during the month of October there were two structure fires due to the power outages. High gusty winds caused trees to fall and cause the fires. The structure fire had a monetary loss of about \$2,000 in property loss. The second fire was due to a kitchen fire, no injuries were reported.

Assistant Fire Chief Glass also went on to report that during the month of October there were 353 calls for service, there was an increase in calls for service due to the power outages that took place.

The money loss for the year so far has been under \$100,000. There were 21 safety events for the month of October.

Assistant Fire Chief Glass shared with the commission that this will be his last meeting that he will attend as he was recently promoted to Assistant Fire Chief, since John Justice is retiring. As of the next meeting, newly promoted Deputy Fire Chief Mark Shumate will be taking his place.

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

Captain Urena reported a brief overview of the stats for the month of October. He also shared that there were a total of 782 calls for service. The response times for these calls were also met during the month of October.

Captain Urena also reported that auto burglaries continue to rise. This is something that the Sheriff's Office continues to work on but has been difficult as the thieves are very fast and determined. Captain Urena gave a brief overview of the two robberies that occurred during the month of October. He completed his report by giving an overview on the domestic violence incidents in the month of October.

On October 6, 2019

Victim husband called to report suspect wife threw hot coffee at him while he was holding their one year old child, and the coffee hit both him and the child. Wife was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

On October 15, 2019

The victim boyfriend called to report his suspect boyfriend hit him after an argument over infidelity. The suspect punched the victim in the head several times with a closed fist, threw the victim to the ground and kicked the victim in the ribs, causing the victim pain and a red mark on his head. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

On October 19, 2019

A nurse at a local Health Center called to report domestic violence involving a patient. The victim left the facility before police response, saying it wasn't a big deal. An investigation revealed the suspect husband slapped and choked the victim wife and struck the victim in the face on four different occasions since May of 2019. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

On October 25, 2019

Deputies responded to a disturbance at a residence where the victim wife claimed that her husband was drunk, pushed her down and pulled her hair after an argument regarding infidelity. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

On October 30, 2019

The victim husband called to report that his wife started hitting him because she did not agree to their divorce. The victim further alleged that his wife kicked him while he was holding their baby and threw items at him earlier. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

9. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino

Recommended Action: Receive report by the City of Cupertino Liaison

Captain Urena reported that the city is currently in the process of looking for a new Emergency Services Coordinator and Commission Liaison. He added that he would continue to be the liaison to the commission until a permanent person is identified.

10. Subject: Commissioner Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Sahai shared that next year's safety forum should be more carefully planned so that it does not shadow other presentations that are so closely planned. That would

hopefully have a better turnout. Captain Urena suggested hosting a day time Safety Forum to see if the time would accommodate more residents.

Commissioner Nellore shared some feedback that he received from residents. He explained that turning right onto Bollinger Rd. from Estates Dr. is difficult due to a blind spot. Residents have brought this complained to Commissioner Nellore in hopes of having the city review the location of the stop sign. Commissioner Nellore suggested that maybe a large mirror could be installed so that the traffic trying to make the turn could see a vehicle approaching.

Captain Urena responded that he would have the Traffic Unit go out and monitor the area so that the observation can be taken back to the city.

Captain Urena thanked Commissioner Sahai for attending the Mayor's Meeting and asked that a commissioner attend future meetings so as to always have representation.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

*Veronica Lara
West Valley Patrol Division
Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff
December 2, 2019*

APPROVED BY:

Robert McCoy Chair

Date