# CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

# Thursday December 8, 2016, 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 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2016 in the Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A, located at 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014.

## **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Huang

Robert McCoy Gerald Tallinger Hymanand Nellore

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Sahai

Staff Present: Lieutenant Robert Durr, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Staff Absent: Deputy Chief John Justice, Santa Clara County Fire Department

Others Present: Kathy Chole- public crime reduction

Lynda Ellingson-Public burglary prevention and self-defense class

Leonid Grossmin-PSC Interest

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. <u>Subject:</u> Approve the November 2016 Minutes <u>Recommended Action:</u> Approval of the November 2016 Minutes

Commissioner Tallinger motioned to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting with no corrections; Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion; Ayes: Tallinger, Huang, McCoy, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sahai

willing to work together on this matter and adds that he will invite Mr. Khanna to the January meeting.

Commissioner Sahai- Absente

Commissioner Huang- Attended Mayor's meeting and discussed many items but only the items related to Public Safety is of importance to the commission. Parks and Recreation announced a new Director, TICC had a discussion about a cell tower, City of Cupertino will be holding a Smart City Conference on May 26/27, 2017 at Memorial Park. Topics will include Transportation, Education and Communication and the city should be expecting a lot of traffic during these two days. In regards to Sustainability, the city will be posting a video on the City of Cupertino website about a resident from Cupertino that has a "Negative Energy House" which is that they make more energy than they consume including their car, which is battery powered. The Sustainability Commission would like to help other residents on creating something similar.

In regards to The Bicycle Pedestrian Commission meeting, they had a presentation related to Safe Routes to Schools.

Commissioner Nellore- None

Commissioner Tallinger- Bike Pedestrian Commission, the draft ordinance proposal for riding a bicycle on the sidewalk was sent to Commissioner Tallinger. The draft ordinance states that no person shall ride, use or operate a bicycle on any sidewalk within the City except as specifically permitted in this chapter, except these rules should not apply to a child age 12 years and under and an adult accompanying a child age 12 years and under who is also riding, using, or operating a bicycle on a sidewalk. We are handing a copy of this ordinance to the Sheriff's Office for review since they will be enforcing the new law. Follow up meeting will be on Thursday December 16, 2016. Commissioner McCoy asked Lt Durr if the committee had been in contact with the Sheriff's Office. Lt Durr advises he will ask the Traffic Sgt and report back.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

5. <u>Subject:</u> Crime Reduction Initiatives

Recommended Action: Discuss Crime Reduction Initiatives

Commissioner Nellore presented a power point to the group on crime reduction explaining that an increase on patrol checks around the more vulnerable areas would help. He adds that having block leaders get connected with the city would help the block leaders disseminate information to residents. Lt Durr explains that we need the help of the

Recommended Action: Discuss Public Safety Education and Outreach Opportunities

Commissioner McCoy explained how the women's self-defense class had a great turnout with about 42 women in attendance. The feedback was great and Commissioner McCoy suggests having the class frequently. He looked into RAD (Rape Aggression Defense course), which offers a training package for \$9,500 to train 10 instructors. Commissioner McCoy suggests training 10 employees that can teach the class as an ongoing basis. It could be taught to women, men, children and seniors. The package includes pads, manuals and training materials. The training class is three days. He further suggests if it would be possible to find out if any city employees would be interested in becoming instructors to teach this class to the public. Commissioner McCoy further asks if someone from the Sheriff's Office could potentially teach the course. Lt Durr explains that deputies are trained to react to a situation and deescalate a situation in order to take someone into custody. The training Deputies receive is not similar to the defense training provided by RAD. Commissioner McCoy adds that the instructor does not have to be law enforcement individual. Commissioner Huang states that the next defense class taught at San Jose State University will be in March 2017.

Commissioner Huang adds that he mentioned the RAD training course to current Mayor Chang who responded that the city staff would need to conduct a study prior to implementing the program.

As a result of the feedback from the self-defense training presented to residents of Cupertino recently, Commissioner McCoy makes a motion to suggest the city look into the RAD training course and to use the Public Safety Commission's remaining budget to implement the program for future courses. Commissioner Huang seconds the motion Ayes: Tallinger, Huang, McCoy, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sahai

Commissioner Tallinger presented a proposal for a Transportation Safety Forum. He explains that Cupertino is a city of busy people, residents taking their children to schools, residents rushing to work, residents going shopping and out to restaurants, doctors and other appointments

Also, many non-residents work, shop, visit or commute through Cupertino. It seems that many of the people on the streets and sidewalks are in a hurry: some are on the phone: some are consumed with some activities other than paying full attention to safe passage throughout the area.

Many of the people who roam the streets are just not respecting the rules-of-the-road and believe that their agenda is more important than others, not showing respect to others. This is a recipe for accidents and frustration.

Management to attend a future meeting to ensure that the commission has addressed the cross training of volunteer groups sufficiently.

11. <u>Subject</u>: Firewise proposal promotion within Cupertino <u>Recommended Action</u>: Discuss Firewise proposal promotion within Cupertino

Not discussed due to the absence of Deputy Chief Justice.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tallinger adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm

# **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

## SUBMITTED BY:

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Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff
December 27, 2016

APPROVED BY:

Jerry Tallinger, Commission Chair