

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday April 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Tallinger called to order this regular meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2017 in the Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A, located at 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Present: Jerry Tallinger  
Robert McCoy  
Andy Huang  
Hymanand Nellore

Commissioner Absent: Neha Sahai

Staff Present: Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

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

Others Present: Residents Lynda Ellingson, Kathy Chole, Bhavik Sanjay  
Boy Scout Troop 600 from San Jose

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve the March 9, 2017 Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approval of the March 9, 2017 Minutes

Commissioner Huang motioned to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting; Commissioner McCoy seconded the motion; Ayes: Tallinger, Huang, McCoy, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sahai

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Tallinger received an email by Mr. Babcock regarding an upcoming Community Safety Forum in which Captain Urena and Deputy District Attorney Nahal Iravani-Sani will discuss several topics. The event will be held on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Quinlan Center and the public is encouraged to attend.

## OLD BUSINESS

2. Subject: Participation in the Cupertino Alert System (CAS), AlertSCC and Pulse Point (Huang/McCoy); Report from County OES on AlertSCC and Everbridge as well as IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System)

Recommended Action: Discuss Participation in the Cupertino Alert System, AlertSCC and how the County OES changes may affect Cupertino CAS; Receive report from County OES; Discuss Pulse Point and receive status of wallet cards/fridge magnets related to crime reporting/fire/incidents and situational awareness (McCoy)

Commissioner Huang did not have an update on CAS or AlertSCC and no representative from County OES were available to discuss AlertSCC, Everbridge and IPAWS.

Commissioner McCoy explained that the fridge magnet project is still on hold as a result of needing to better understand what the next year budget will look like.

Commissioner Tallinger explained that they are still awaiting the status of the budget and proceeds to present the recommended budget proposal as well as the status of the current budget.

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

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

Commissioner Tallinger attended a meeting with Bike Ped and presented the Transportation Forum Proposal. He received mild attendance and the group had doubts as to who would be the real audience. They questioned if the audience would be local residents or local employees. Commissioner Tallinger is rethinking the strategy as he is unsure if the Forum should be the right method to proceed and instead plan this promotional campaign. He

believes that there should be a plan for improving traffic safety but he is not sure exactly how to proceed. He heard from David Stillman that the Planning Commission has requested parts of the same form of event.

Commissioner Nellore explained that he attended an event sponsored by San Jose Police Department titled "Coffee with a Cop" which he thinks might be good to do in the city of Cupertino. The officers brought a lot of good information related to violence as well as a good amount of information on burglaries. Commissioner Nellore would like to see if they would be able to move forward with an idea similar to this for Cupertino. He added that the event was held on a Saturday and it was well attended. Commissioner Nellore added that he thinks it would be a great way to connect with our residents.

Commissioner Nellore is also thinking about sponsoring an initiative to install cameras that are facing the entries and exits of neighborhoods. Commissioner Nellore believes it would help prevent and catch suspects involved in crimes. Captain Urena explained that detectives and deputies are always looking for cameras when crime occurs.

In regards to the Crime Prevention Forum, Commissioner McCoy is still working on the topics and he asked Captain Urena if having another Crime Prevention Forum given that the city is having one in April be an over saturation. Captain Urena explained that it would not be an over saturation as it would be presented later in the year and new crime trends may be identified. Commissioner McCoy further asked about putting together a Public Safety Expo where the Sheriff's Office and the city could showcase topics related to safety. Captain Urena agreed to help the Commission in any manner possible.

4. Subject: Collaboration/cross training of volunteer groups (All)  
Recommended Action: Receive City Presentations on training, drills, etc

Cupertino's OES Staff introduces self: Ken Erickson, Tom Walters, Karen Levy, and Jason Basiely. Mr. Erickson continues to provide an overview of OES. He explained that the functions associated to an OES need to occur despite not having a dedicated OES since the fire department removed the function from Cupertino in 2010. Mr. Erickson explains that recently staff has been talking about how to move forward and address the need to have a staffed OES. Mr. Basiely explained that they have been collaborating with county fire on various types of trainings and city staff has been completing them. Ms. Levy explains that they need dedicated staff to move forward with an OES. The team conducted a survey with other cities to determine the best way in which to operate an OES as they would like to move forward. A recent budget request included 2 full time OES staff so that they can have dedicated staff to the OES. Ms. Levy further added that they would like to pursue more training and have a work plan that could be accomplished in the next 5 years.

Mr. Walters explained that they have a quarterly report available that they can give to the Commission or they can draft a summary of status updates. Mr. Erickson agreed to provide the Commission a status update report as they become available.

Commissioner Huang asked if it was true that CAS was going to be replaced by ALERTSCC, and if so, if the residents that signed up to obtain messages through CAS will automatically receive messages through ALERTSCC. Mr. Erickson said yes and added that those details had already been worked out.

Commissioner McCoy made a motion to alter future Agenda item #4: "Collaboration/ Cross training of volunteer groups and city employees" to "OES Readiness quarterly status report, to include all updates from OES, city emergency preparedness and cross training of volunteer groups." Commissioner Huang seconded the motion; Ayes: Tallinger, Huang, McCoy, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Sahai

5. Subject: Firewise proposal promotion within Cupertino  
Recommended Action: Discuss Firewise proposal promotion within Cupertino

Commissioner Tallinger found a good area for the firewise program around Regnant Rd at Canyon View Dr but will wait for Deputy Chief Justice to attend the meeting to discuss further.

#### NEW BUSINESS

6. Subject: Crime Reduction Initiatives (Nellore)  
Recommended Action: Discuss Crime Reduction Initiatives

Commissioner Nellore raised the question, why metal detectors are not installed in malls, schools and other public places. He further added that large incidents have happened in large public places and it would be a good idea to have metal detectors at these types of sites. Commissioners agreed that having metal detectors at schools and public locations would not be possible.

Chair Tallinger agrees to remove this Agenda item in the future as Commissioner Nellore has already discussed the item in detail.

7. Subject: Neighborhood Watch and Block Leader Programs  
Recommended Action: Receive presentation of Neighborhood Watch and Block Leader Programs

Mariah Dabel, Recreational Manager with the Recreation and Community Services Department introduced Stephanie Turini who is the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and Laura Lee who is the Block Leader Program Coordinator for the city of Cupertino.

Ms. Dabel explained that Laura and Stephanie had prepared an informational presentation to serve as an overview of the neighborhood watch program as well as the block leader program. Ms. Lee introduces herself and extends an invitation to the group to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Event for Block Leaders that will be held on April 27, 2017 at City Hall. Ms. Lee presented a slideshow on how the Block Leader program was created. She added that at inception the program had 27 block leaders and now the program has 380. She further added that the program allows the city to provide resources directly into the neighborhoods. Residents can build civic pride, deter crime, or just be better connected to each other. Each block leader decides on the type of event that they want to have to unite the neighborhood. Events are typically centered on neighborhood watch, emergency preparedness, a building activity, or a proposal that is being considered. Ms. Lee holds meetings with the Block Leaders four times a year in order to give updates and tips and talk about things that are working and not working. Block Leaders are encouraged to go door-to-door to get to know their neighbors. Everything residents need to know about Block Leaders is online and available to anyone who wishes to learn more.

Commissioner Tallinger asked Ms. Lee if any training is provided to Block Leaders and Ms. Lee responded that she meets one on one with each Block Leader to go over critical information prior to being designated as a Block Leader. He further asked if any of the Block Leaders receive FEMA type training and Ms. Lee responds that over the years emergency training such as CERT has been provided but since they are volunteers, they are not required to attend any extra training. Ms. Turini ends the Block Leader presentation by adding that maps are always used in Block Leader meetings and trainings. The maps identify the ARKs, neighborhoods, as well as the Sheriff's Office designated beats.

Ms. Turini formally introduces herself and gives a presentation on Neighborhood Watch Groups in the city. She explains that the program is a partnership between the Sheriff's Office, the city and the residents. She further explains that the goal of the program is to educate residents and neighbors and let them know that they are the first line of being aware of what is happening at any given time in their neighborhoods. Emphasis is placed on explaining that they are the ones that can and should contact either the Sheriff's Office or Fire when needed. Ms. Turini explained that she recommends residents sign up on Nextdoor so as to receive information. Currently, over 12,000 residents are signed up on Nextdoor. She further explained that she tries to have the deputies that work the areas attend the neighborhood meetings so that they can give the participants updates of crimes specific to their neighborhood. To start a Neighborhood Watch Group, residents are told to reach out to a few of their neighbors to get their input about how they feel about becoming part of the program, then they can contact Ms. Turini to move forward. Ms. Turini will then provide an orientation and provide the necessary information to start the program. Once 80% of the

neighborhood is involved, a Neighborhood Watch Sign may be placed in the neighborhood. Sustainability is centered on various yearly events such as block parties, presentations and the National Night Out event.

Commissioner Tallinger asked why some Block Leaders choose not to be involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program and Ms. Turini responds that although Block Leaders are encouraged to join, they simply choose not to do so. Ms. Lee adds that some Block Leaders choose not to join a Neighborhood Watch Group because they feel that the Block Leader program already acts much like a watch group.

Commissioner Huang asked Ms. Lee if Block Leaders have any type of signage that Leaders can put up in their neighborhoods much like Neighborhood Watch Signs. Ms. Lee responds that no such sign(s) currently exist but that the idea had been proposed previously and perhaps she will look into the request again.

Commissioner Huang ends the presentation by asking Ms. Dabel if it would be possible to add an overlay of residents who are signed up to receive Cupertino Alert System (CAS) notifications, onto the map that depicts Block Leaders and Neighborhood Watch Groups. Ms. Dabel responds that she would look into the request and provide the map if possible.

8. Subject: Emergency Management Recruitment for the City of Cupertino  
Recommended Action: Receive presentation related to the recruitment of Emergency Management for the City of Cupertino

Mr. Tom Walters explained that recruitment for Emergency Management Director may begin in July at the beginning of the new fiscal year, if approved by the City Council.

9. Subject: Fire Extinguisher refilling program  
Recommended Action: Discuss a potential Fire Extinguisher refilling program

Commissioner McCoy recommends an overview be presented to the Commission as to how this event occurred in past years so as to explore ways in which to try and sponsor such an event.

10. Subject: Future Agenda Items  
Recommended Action: Discuss Items for Future Agendas

## STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

11. Subject: Report by Santa Clara County Fire District

Recommended Action: Receive Report by Santa Clara County Fire District

None

12. 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 statistics for priority calls for the month of March. Calls for service for priority 3 calls were increased by about 100 calls and were most likely related to incidents such as trees going down as we had bad weather recently. Priority 2 calls increased a bit and priority 1 we had only 5 such calls.

The city experienced two robberies. In one particular incident, a gentleman was walking out of his house to his vehicle when he was attacked and robbed. Residents should always be aware of their surroundings. The other was at the department store Target. In this situation, a theft turned into a robbery because the Victim was placed in fear as the Suspects were leaving the store with merchandise.

Residential burglaries were 15 which is a slight increase this past month. The Sheriff's Office put out a press release recently informing residents that Deputies apprehended Suspects involved in vehicle burglaries. The Suspects were not local as they had both an Oakland and Stockton address. Commissioner Nellore asked Captain Urena if any of the Suspects captured ever help solve other burglaries by giving insider information. Captain Urena explained that having an insider provide information is much different than having an insider on a major crime because burglars know that their punishment is not severe. Burglars know that in a few months they will be out of jail as oppose to someone who commits a homicide or some serious type of crime, which may put them in jail for several years.

Captain Urena explained that he is using covert Deputies to bring down burglaries and thefts in the area and he hopes to see these crimes go down for the next month.

The Sheriff's Office arrested two people for DUI's and total collisions for March were 68. The city had a small spike in collisions and they do appear to be weather related as we did experience bad weather recently.

13. Subject: Receive Commissioner Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioner Report

Commissioner McCoy explained he watched the city council meeting online and learned that the Proposed Gun Ordinance may be brought back to the Commission.

No other Commissioners had any reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Tallinger adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm

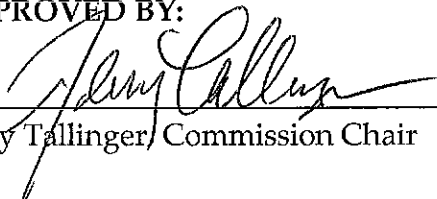
**NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

*Veronica Lara*  
*Executive Assistant*  
*West Valley Patrol Division*  
*Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff*  
*April 26, 2017*

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Jerry Tallinger, Commission Chair

5-11-17  
Date