

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday March 14, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room A**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chair McCoy called to order this regular meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:05 pm on Thursday, March 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  
Yvonne Chao  
Andy Huang  
Hymanand Nellore

Commissioner Absent: None

Staff Present: Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Fire Chief Brian Glass, Santa Clara County Fire District  
Clare Francavilla, Cupertino Emergency Services Coordinator

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Liang Chao, Vice Mayor, City of Cupertino  
Brian Babcock, Public Information Officer, City of Cupertino

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve the February 14, 2019 Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approval of the February 14, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Chao motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting; Commissioner Huang seconded the motion; Ayes: Chao, McCoy, Sahai, Huang, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## ORAL COMMUNICATION

Vice Mayor Chao has been visiting all the city commissions observing the work programs. She expressed residents' concerns related to the increased amount of auto burglaries. Vice Mayor Chao would be interested in having video cameras in shopping centers in an effort to curve thefts. She continued to talk about a potential ordinance on vaping and limiting tobacco sales near schools. Finally she spoke about the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Commissioner Huang motioned to add an Agenda item related to teen tobacco use on a future agenda. Chair McCoy seconded the motion; Ayes: Chao, McCoy, Sahai, Huang, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

## 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 a presentation that showed the number of people that are currently signed up to receive information from the city of Cupertino utilizing various platforms. He provided the following information:

Nextdoor users: 16,727

Twitter users: 4,544

Facebook users: 3,755

Instagram users: 875

AlertSCC users: 2,092

In an effort to increase sign-ups for AlertSCC notifications, Commissioners discussed an idea whereas Teen Commissioners can join them in creating a fun short video encouraging residents to sign-up for AlertSCC.

Commissioner McCoy had no updated report on Pulse Point.

3. Subject: Public Safety Education and Outreach
  - a. Senior Safety Forums with focus on mental health (Sahai)

- b. Potential distracted driving campaign with Bike-Ped Commission (Nellore)
- c. FY 18-19 Work plan proposals for future forums/workshops
  - Welcome Package to connect new residents to Neighborhood Watch and Block Leaders programs
  - Collaboration with Fine Arts Commission
  - Tri-School area dangerous drop offs

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

Commissioner Sahai went on to report that the Senior Safety Forum on Mental Health has been moved to April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am and will be held at the Senior Center. Commissioner Sahai expressed she will reach out to Ms. Francavilla for help with the brochures. Commissioner Chao will also be in attendance. Commissioner McCoy asked Captain Urena if there is a mobile pharmaceutical dispenser that can be taken to the safety forum. Captain Urena responded that he would look into the request and find out if a mobile dispensary is available.

Commissioner Sahai gave a brief background on the program. Commissioner McCoy also inquired if there will be refreshments served at the event and Commissioner Sahai responded yes adding that she will work with city staff.

Commissioner Nellore went on to report that he will start attending the Bike-Ped Commission meetings. The first meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup>. The agenda will include the distracted driving since the allotted time is 15 minutes. Distracted driving is not only geared towards motorists but also people riding bicycles.

Commissioner Nellore also went on to report that he is looking to create a simple card handout with public safety information for residents; only concern is if people will use the information. His goal would be to have information so residents could sign-up for the different sites that will be provided on the card. If it turns out that there really isn't a big interest then they can try the welcome package discussed previously. Commissioner McCoy thinks that the welcome package would be a great idea to propose to the council so that they can put out that information to new residents.

Commissioner McCoy went on to share with the group that at this time the collaboration with the Fine Arts Commission will be taken off the agenda. After speaking with a few businesses, the businesses felt that they would be targeted more than helping them out if signs were erected making reference to vehicle burglaries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Subject: CREST Awards: Public Safety Champaign  
Recommended Action: Review Nominations and Select 2019 Public Safety Champaign

Brian Babcock, City of Cupertino Public Information Officer, went on to explain that the nominations for the CREST Awards have decreased over the last five years. One of the awards that were awarded last year was the Public Safety Campaign which was awarded to Deputy Lau. Mr. Babcock did go on to share with the group that there are two potential candidates in which the group would review and decide. The commission was unanimous in choosing Sidharth Rajaram as the recipient of the Public Safety Champion of the Year for 2019. Mr. Babcock did explain that the winners will be finalized next Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The CREST Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>; the time will be confirmed and announced later.

5. Subject: Discuss recommendations for future work program items for upcoming fiscal year  
Recommended Action: Provide recommendations for work program for upcoming fiscal year

Commissioner Chao has proposed adding domestic violence website to the cities website and proposing to add domestic violence to the next PSC meeting.

6. Subject: Future Agenda Items  
Recommended Action: Discuss Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Huang motioned to add Domestic Violence Resources to the agenda for the next meeting; Commissioner Chao seconded the motion; Ayes: Chao, McCoy, Sahai, Huang, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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

Deputy Fire Chief Glass went on to give his report for the month of February. He stated stats were much lower. The majority of the calls were EMS responses. During the month of February there were a total of 315 calls, out of those 218 were EMS related calls, 15% service calls, 39 fire alarms. A fire alarm call consisted of one structure fire that caused less than \$10,000 in damage. There were also 0 rescues, 0 others.

Deputy Fire Chief Glass also went on to report that the response times during the month of February were met. The response times were under their 7 minute response window.

During the month of February the Fire Department held 9 community events.

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 gave his report adding that during the month of February there were 4 priority one calls and unfortunately target time was not met, most likely as a result of staff being tied up on other calls. The average response time was 5.68 minutes instead of the agreed upon 5 minutes or less time. Traffic is a factor in response times.

There were 2 Robberies, 10 Residential Burglaries, 6 Commercial Burglaries, 27 Vehicle Burglaries, 4 Grand Theft, 3 Auto Theft, 6 Vandalism, 8 Identity Theft/Fraud/Forgery, 5 Domestic Violence, 6 Simple Aggravated Assaults, and 2 Sex Crimes in the month of February.

Captain Urena also shared with the commission that the stats are still being analyzed so that it can be shared with certain business in order to help lower the amount of vehicle burglaries.

Lastly, Captain Urena gave a brief overview of the five domestic violence calls that occurred during the month of February:

A caller reported hearing people in an altercation. The female suspect and her husband arguing in front of their residence. The suspect smashed the windows of her victim husband's vehicle, broke a window with a hammer, and then slapped the husband on the face. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

The female suspect called to report that she and her victim boyfriend got into an argument and that she needed to get back into their apartment. An investigation revealed she slapped the victim on the back of the head multiple times. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

The female suspect and her husband got into an argument and the wife bit the victim's finger. The suspect was arrested was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

The victim husband called to report his wife was hitting him after an argument from earlier in the day escalated. The suspect was arrested and booked into Main Jail.

The reporting party called to report a neighbor was at her house with a head injury due to the suspect husband pushing the victim. The suspect was booked into Main Jail.

9. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino

Recommended Action: Receive Report by the City of Cupertino staff liaison

Ms. Francavilla informed the group of a few upcoming events. City Attorney will be giving a presentation on the Brown Act on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting and April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am with the Housing Commission Meeting, and all are invited to attend. It will be a 20 minute presentation. It is strongly recommended for all to attend.

May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the Volunteer Fair which will be held at the Civic Center Plaza, from 11am - 3pm. There will be a rotation with the commissions running the information booth. The Housing Commission has already showed interest in working the booth.

On April 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> the Teen Commission will be participating in the Annual Hack-a-thon.

Ms. Francavilla will find out how they can be part of the rotation at the volunteer fair.

Ms. Francavilla shared that she has received an email from Ms. Kirsten Squarcia making sure that all commission contact information is correct. There is now a link on the cities website so that all the information is available. She is also asking for all commissions to submit a brief biography and a photo of each commissioner.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Emergency Preparedness Fair.

Ms. Francavilla also gave a brief update on the status of OES. She is still working on their emergency preparedness disaster planning with the proposed date of taking it to Council by June 2019.

10. Subject: Commissions Report

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' Report

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm

## NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

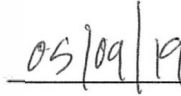
*Veronica Lara*

*West Valley Patrol Division  
Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff  
March 29, 2019*

**APPROVED BY:**



Robert McCoy Chair



Date