

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday September 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.  
Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room C**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chair McCoy called to order this regular meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:02 pm on Thursday September 12, 2019 in the Cupertino City Hall, Conference Room C, located at 10300 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, California 95014.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Present: Robert McCoy  
Neha Sahai  
Hymanand Nellore  
Yvonne Chao

Commissioner Absent: Andy Huang

Staff Present: Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
Battalion Chief Wally Fink, Santa Clara County Fire District  
Clare Francavilla, Cupertino Emergency Services Coordinator

Others Present: Katy Nomura, Assistant to the City Manager  
Leslie Zeller, Santa Clara County Public Health  
Carrie Scott, Resident  
John Mumy, Resident

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve August 8, 2019 Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approval of the August 8, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Nellore motioned to approve minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting; Commissioner Sahai seconded the motion; Ayes: McCoy, Chao, Sahai, Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Huang

**POSTPONEMENTS**

None

## ORAL COMMUNICATION

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

Ms. Francavilla gave a brief update on the amount of residents signed up through AlertSCC and Nixle as follows:

AlertSCC 2291, Nixle 1910

3. Subject: Public Safety Education and Outreach
- a. Public Safety Forum (McCoy/Huang)
  - b. Senior Safety Forums with focus on mental health (Sahai/Chao)
  - c. Potential distracted driving campaign with Bike-Ped Commission (Nellore)
- Recommended Action: Receive updated reports and discuss proposals for future forums/workshops

Commissioner McCoy shared with the group the details of the upcoming Safety Forum. Steins Beer Garden will be catering the event. Raffle tickets will be handed out at the door upon arrival. The Public Safety Forum will take place on Friday October 11, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 9pm as follows:

6:30pm Dinner  
7pm-7:05pm Mayor's Remarks  
7:05pm-7:20pm Flavored Tobacco Awareness  
7:30pm-7:40pm Sheriff-Vehicle Burglaries  
7:40pm-8pm Fire  
8pm-8:10pm Break  
8:10pm- 8:40pm Sheriff-Cyber Security  
8:40pm-9pm Q&A

Commissioner Sahai shared with the group that the Senior Safety Forum will be held on Monday September 23, 2019 from 11am-12pm at the Indian Community Center. El Camino Hospital Mental Health Department staff will be present to provide a presentation.

Commissioner Nellore does not have an update on the distracted driving campaign. However, he will be drafting a proposal with concerns and suggestions to share with the Bike-Ped Commission.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ms. Carrie Scott shared her concern regarding the traffic speeding in the area of Linda Vista Dr. and Columbus Avenue during commute hours.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

4. Subject: Discuss policy options to prevent youth access to tobacco products, including flavored tobacco products, and to reduce the density of tobacco retailers.  
Recommended Action: Provide input on policy options to prevent youth access to tobacco products, including flavored tobacco products, and to reduce the density of tobacco retailers.

Katy Nomura, Assistant to the City Manager, along with Leslie Zeller (via telephone), Consultant Expert with County Department of Public Health, gave a presentation on tobacco. Ms. Nomura went on to share that they are drafting tobacco ordinances that would include access to tobacco from youth. Many cities in the region are participating in the Healthy Cities Program which includes tobacco related measures. Cupertino has received a grant from the county to explore options and evaluate policies. Ms. Nomura added that there is an epidemic of middle and high school age kids using vaping devices. She showed the group a slideshow with all the different types of tobacco products.

She continued to present information including how statistics show that children using tobacco products were introduced to tobacco through flavored brands. Within Santa Clara County, there are 35 agencies evaluating their own policies. The current proposals include a 1,000 foot buffer around schools and 500 foot buffer around retail stores as well as banning tobacco sales at pharmacy stores. An online survey link was provided to get feedback, to participate in the survey, residents can visit [www.Opentownhall.com/7851](http://www.Opentownhall.com/7851)

Commissioner Nellore asked if retail companies are limited to how much tobacco products they are allowed to have on hand, Ms. Zeller responded that they currently do not have a limit. At the current moment the law states that tobacco cannot be sold to anyone under the age of 21 and must check proper identification of anyone that looks under the age of 27. Another law that is currently in place is that all tobacco must be kept behind the counter and not in an open area where anyone from the public may pick it up themselves.



Ms. Nomura would like to know if the commission would support this tobacco policy as it was explained. All four commissioners agreed to support the tobacco policy.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. John Mumy, Cupertino resident, would like to know how much of tax payer money will be used for this enforcement? Ms. Nomura responded that the fees will be covered by retailers selling tobacco products.

Ms. Carrie Scott, Cupertino resident, inquired if this would eventually be state wide as anyone selling tobacco on the black market can take advantage of the ban.

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

Deferred to next meeting.

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

Commissioner Nellore shared that Wildlife Safety should be added to the agenda since there has been an increase in coyote sightings.

### **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

Battalion Fire Chief Fink reported that there were no significant events that occurred. He went on to report that for the month of August there were a total of 308 call for service, out of which were broken down as follows: 177 EMS, 78 service calls, 39 fire alarms, 7 fire (3 structure 4 other) 5 hazardous conditions, 2 rescue.

Battalion Fire Chief Fink also shared that during the month of August six Community Education Events were held with approximately 5,603 attendees.

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 went on to report that during the month of August, the West Valley Motor Unit participated in the Distracted Driving Campaign which was a county wide campaign targeting distracted driving. The campaign included officers from many law enforcement agencies in the county. The campaign resulted in issuing 825 cell phone violations, 25 other violations and 78 warnings. The total for the week was 852 citations and total enforcement stops during the week of 930.

Captain Urena also went on to share that the Sheriff's Office is undergoing a tobacco decoy operation while the meeting is occurring. The operation consists of four deputies and an under aged young adult trying to buy tobacco products. If a vendor sells tobacco to a minor, they will be issued a citation.

Captain Urena also shared that on September 25, 2019 County Communications will be launching their campaign related to a new service of using text messaging to communicate with 9-1-1.

9. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino

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

Ms. Francavilla shared that Mr. Mestizo informed her that the Teen Commission will be holding a Bobateeno event geared towards providing Teens with wellness health support. They are considering having face painting and a character balloon making person. The Teen Commission would like to know if the commission would like to help with expenses.

Commissioners discussed helping the Teen Commission and Vice Chair Sahai would coordinate with Ms. Francavilla to determine how much the Public Safety Commission would be able to donate.

Ms. Francavilla shared that she has accepted a new job with FEMA and her last day with the City will be on September 27, 2019. Everyone wished her well on her new job.

10. Subject: Commissions Report

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' Report

Commissioner McCoy announced that the October 10<sup>th</sup> Public Safety Meeting will be Cancelled in lieu of the Safety Forum that will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair McCoy adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm

## NEXT MEETING

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

*Veronica Lara*  
*West Valley Patrol Division*  
*Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff*  
*September 26, 2019*

**APPROVED BY:**

  
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Robert McCoy Chair

  
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Date