

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday June 11, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Teleconference meeting without a physical location**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission Chair Chao called to order this meeting of the Cupertino Public Safety Commission at approximately 6:02 pm on Thursday, June 11, 2020 via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Present: Yvonne Chao  
Tiffany Wang  
Eric Shan  
Hymanand Nellore  
Lakshminarasimha Ankireddipally

Commissioner Absent: None

Staff Present: Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office  
Deputy Fire Chief Shumate, Santa Clara County Fire  
Department  
Thomas Chin, Emergency Services Coordinator, City of Cupertino

Others Present Virtually: Kathy Chole

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve May 14, 2020 Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approval of the May 14, 2020 Minutes

Chair Chao recommended a spelling change on page 3 from "venerable" to "vulnerable." Commissioner Ankireddipally motion to adopt the change. Commissioner Nellore seconded.

Chair Chao motioned to approve the amended minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion; Ayes: Shan, Chao, Wang, Nellore, Ankireddipally. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**POSTPONEMENTS**

None

**ORAL COMMUNICATION****WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**OLD BUSINESS****2. Subject: Public Safety Education and Outreach****a. Public Safety Forum (Chao/Nellore)**

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

Chair Chao provided an update on the availability of the community center is booked for October 22, 2020. Considering COVID-19, the forum may still be held virtually. Chair Chao asked Captain Urena if a session can be provided on implicit bias training for Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputies including awareness level training to the public. Commissioner Ankireddipally agreed with Chair Chao and offered suggestion to include any future or potential improvements to training offered to the Deputies. Captain Urena agreed to look into personnel and resources available to adapt and conduct the training. The Block Leaders will highlight personal safety during the Public Safety Forum.

Chair Chao suggested an additional topic to be covered at the forum regarding mental health and provided an overview of resources available from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Santa Clara County. Captain Urena agreed to share a direct contact for Chair Chao to coordinate. Commissioner Ankireddipally shared information from Monta Vista High School regarding any increases in mental health issues during the shelter-in-place orders. According to representatives from the high school, there has been a modest increase, but the high school has the necessary resources to address any issues.

Commissioner Ankireddipally offered to the Commission that concerns for physical safety have become more prevalent recently. Captain Urena reported an increase in calls with concerns for safety during the June 6, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Activities. Chair Chao requested additional element to be added to the Sheriff's Office segment regarding personal safety and actions the Sheriff's Office will take to ensure safety.

Commissioner Nellore offered to the Commission concerns over continued isolation for senior citizens during shelter-in-place and requested the addition of education and resources for seniors. Chair Chao suggested outreach to NAMI and the Senior Center to prioritize outreach to the community.

Chair Chao indicated an interest to include Santa Clara County Fire Department in the program and asked Deputy Chief Shumate for an update on public education during

COVID-19 and the protests. Deputy Chief Shumate indicated challenging elements for public outreach during COVID-19 shelter-in-place. The Santa Clara County Fire Department continues with drive by events for the community in partnership with the Sheriff's Office. Chair Chao requested potential topics from the Santa Clara County Fire Department including an annual overview and a preview of new public outreach and training elements developed during shelter-in-place.

If the Public Safety Forum is held in person, Chair Chao requested booth displays from the Santa Clara County Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office. Chair Chao also indicated a domestic violence prevention booth would be beneficial for the community. Chair Chao will reach out to a relevant agency.

Chair Chao volunteered to work with the Chinese and Indian communities to identify a community-based translator for the Public Safety Forum.

#### Summary of Topics for the Public Safety Forum:

October 22, 2020 5PM – 9PM (Program 7PM – 9PM)

- Sheriff's Office – 30 Minutes
  - Implicit Bias Training for the public
  - Changes the Sheriff's Office Training Program
- NAMI presentation on mental health and impact on seniors – 30 Minutes
- Santa Clara County Fire Department – Topic To be determined – 30 Minutes
- Block Leader Program – 30 Minutes
  - 3 Block Leaders discussing best practices in the neighborhoods and fostering a sense of safety
- Booths (if in person)
  - Sheriff's Office
  - Fire Department
  - Domestic Violence

Chair Chao recommended outreach to begin after finalized topics in July and the City will design the outreach flyer.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

3. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Fire Department  
Recommended Action: Receive report by the Santa Clara County Fire Department

Deputy Fire Chief Shumate began by clarifying data from the previous meeting where there was some confusion between monthly incident counts and year to date counts. The stated monthly incident count was correct.

Deputy Fire Chief Shumate described three (3) significant events over the last month resulting in an estimated loss of \$1,009,000 in property damage. No injuries to first responders were reported.

Deputy Fire Chief Shumate explained in 2019 the incident count for January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> there were 1641 calls for service. In 2020, there were 1304 calls for service which is a significant decrease in call volume. The month of May 2020 had 235 calls for service.

Commissioner Nellore asked about the correlation between EMS calls and COVID-19. Deputy Fire Chief Shumate said there is likely no direct impact to EMS due to COVID-19 and lower call volume is more likely due to lower densities in the city.

4. Subject: Report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Recommended Action: Receive report by the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Captain Urena delivered a report that during the month of May all response times were met. Captain Urena went on to give a brief overview regarding the one (1) robbery that occurred during the month of May which included the incident that Commissioner Ankireddipally referred to in the May Public Safety Commission meeting. Captain Urena described the incident.

Captain Urena also reported that during the month of May there was an increase in commercial burglary incidents compared to the previous month. The Sheriff's Office continues to check businesses at night and being visible during nighttime hours. Commissioner Shan requested more specific information to be delivered during the July Public Safety Commission meeting regarding Commercial Burglaries.

Captain Urena shared a report on Mental Health calls to describe incidents when family members call for help with someone potentially harming themselves or not taking medications. Captain Urena provided a brief overview of the six domestic violence incidents which occurred in the month of May.

Captain Urena described the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment event on June 6, 2020 and activities to support public safety and facilitate 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights. Captain Urena acknowledged the local and national call to conduct law enforcement better.

5. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino

Recommended Action: Receive Report by the City of Cupertino Liaison

Mr. Chin, City of Cupertino Emergency Services Coordinator, described the City of Cupertino coordination with the County of Santa Clara in response to COVID-19. Specifically, a pop-up test site will be established June 16, 17, and 18 from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. The test site will be

free, open to the public, and will not require an appointment.

Mr. Chin described the coordination between the City of Cupertino and the Sheriff's Office to support public safety and facilitate 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights during the protests including the activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

6. Subject: Commissioner Reports

Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Shan attended the Mayor's Meeting on June 10, 2020. The presentation to the Mayor's meeting included a summary of public safety response numbers delivered at the May Public Safety Commission meeting. Mayor had mentioned a potential June 22, 2020 town hall on policing practices. The Mayor voiced support of Sheriff's Office and the handling of current homelessness, policing principles, and protest activity. Other Commissions have recommended public surveys and it is possible the Public Safety Commission implements a public survey on public safety issues. Commissioner Shan proposed a partnership with Planning Commission regarding major commercial planning efforts and vehicular burglary prevention. Additionally, the meeting discussed potential identification of sites to offer to homelessness camps as a safer alternative.

Chair Chao expressed support for a partnership with the Planning Commission if data can be made available from the Sheriff's Office regarding vehicular burglaries. Captain Urena offered a number of potential preventative measures that can be recommended by the Public Safety Commission. Commissioner Shan agreed to work with a representative from the Planning Commission to coordinate a recommendation from the Public Safety Commission.

Commissioner Nellore agreed to attend the July Mayor's Meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA SETTING**

Chair Chao added Coordination with the Planning Commission for Commercial Projects to include Preventative Measures for Vehicular Burglaries

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Chao adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

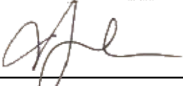
SUBMITTED BY:

*Thomas Chin*

*Staff Liaison to the Public Safety Commission  
Emergency Services Coordinator  
City of Cupertino*

*June 25, 2020*

**APPROVED BY:**



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Yvonne Chao Chair

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July 9, 2020

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Date