

**CUPERTINO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, September 10, 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 6:04 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2020 via teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Yvonne Chao

Eric Shan

Lakshminarasimha Ankireddipally

Hymanand Nellore

Commissioner Absent: Tiffany Wang

Staff Present:

Captain Rich Urena, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Fire Chief Mark Shumate, Santa Clara County Fire  
Department

Thomas Chin, Emergency Services Coordinator, City of Cupertino

Others Present Virtually: Members of the Public

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Subject: Approve August 13, 2020 Minutes

Recommended Action: Approval of the August 13, 2020 Minutes

Chair Chao recommended a change on page 2 from "Own Voice Program" to "In Our Own Voice." The recommended change appears twice on page 2.

Commissioner Nellore motioned to approve the amended minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting; Commissioner Ankireddipally seconded the motion; Ayes: Ankireddipally, Chao, Nellore, and Shan. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wang.

**POSTPONEMENTS**

None

**ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None

**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 confirmed the availability of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to present “In Our Own Voice” at the Public Safety Forum on October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. A registration process will be made available via teleconference registration.

Thomas Chin shared a draft flyer marketing the first Public Safety Forum session featuring NAMI. An overview flyer will be created to market the full series as dates are finalized.

Commissioner Shan provided an update on the availability and date for the Public Safety Forum session on Block Leaders.

Chair Chao motioned to cancel the November 12, 2020 Public Safety Commission meeting in favor of the Public Safety Forum series; Commissioner Shan seconded the motion; Ayes: Ankireddipally, Chao, Nellore, and Shan. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Wang.

The following schedule was confirmed:

- Thursday, October 22, 2020 – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Santa Clara County
  - “In Our Own Voice”
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 – Block Leader Speaker Panel
  - Interview with 3 Block Leaders
- Thursday, December 17, 2020 – Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office
  - Implicit Bias Training / Overview
- Thursday, January 21, 2021 – Santa Clara County Fire District
  - Overview on Senior Services
  - Wildfire Preparedness (or other TBD)

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and no comment was received.

3. Subject: Preventing Vehicular Burglaries

- a. Discuss the rise of catalytic Converter thefts

Recommended Action: Receive report on the rise of catalytic converter thefts

Thomas Chin provided an update on the recommendations submitted by the Commission. The Community Development Department (CDD) is working on incorporating the recommendations into upcoming projects. Updates will be provided as appropriate.

Captain Urena reported 18 catalytic converter thefts in 2020 in the City of Cupertino. Captain Urena reported a concentration of thefts related to hybrid cars. The Sheriff's Office has pushed warnings through social media to the community.

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and the following person spoke.

Jim Moore thanked Captain Urena for his work and would follow up with protective actions at his home.

Chair Chao closed the public comment period.

4. Subject: Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October 2020)

- a. Review domestic violence awareness flyer from Next Door Solutions

Recommended Action: Recommend locations to post domestic violence awareness flyers to staff

Thomas Chin provided an update on the Public Safety Commission's recommended locations to post flyers in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

Commissioner Shan clarified the recommended location at Memorial Park.

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and no comment was received.

## NEW BUSINESS

5. Subject: Homeless Encampment at Interstate 280 and Wolfe Road

- a. Discuss potential public safety impacts for the encampment participants and community (Nellore)

Recommended Action: Review public safety issues regarding the homeless encampment and recommendations for intervention to refer to staff

Commissioner Nellore provided an update on the known public safety issues for the encampments along Wolfe Road.

Possible issues include:

- Proximity to the roadway
- High speed drivers
- Potential liability to the City
- Encampment is growing
- Lack of physical distancing
- A fire occurred on site

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and the following people spoke.

Liana Crabtree referred to her written communications. She said the encampment has received verbal guidance to leave the area but have not received any written guidance on where to go.

Jim Moore referred to the Sheriff's Office providing verbal instruction to vacate the area by September 25<sup>th</sup>. Jim asked why the encampments are being moved during the COVID-19 Pandemic and where would they go. Jim further reported a vehicle collision near the encampment has not been proven to be associated with the encampment.

Chair Chao closed the public comment period.

Commissioner Nellore motioned to recommend a traffic study to evaluate protective measures for the drivers and encampment participants at Wolfe Road and Interstate 280; Commissioner Shan seconded the motion; Ayes: Ankireddipally, Chao, and Nellore. Noes: None. Abstain: Shan. Absent: Wang.

## STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

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

Deputy Fire Chief Shumate delivered the Santa Clara County Fire District August 2020 report. Deputy Fire Chief Shumate indicated no significant events during the month of July 2020. No injuries to first responders were reported.

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and no comment was received.

7. 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 the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office August 2020 report Captain

Urena reported all response times were met. Captain Urena provided a public safety report on select crimes. Captain Urena delivered a detailed report on domestic violence cases.

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and the following person spoke.

Jim Moore thanked Captain Urena for his report.

Chair Chao closed the public comment period.

8. Subject: Report by the City of Cupertino  
Recommended Action: Receive Report by the City of Cupertino Liaison

Thomas Chin, City of Cupertino Emergency Services Coordinator, delivered a report on the emergency response activities in August 2020. Responses included the CZU Lightning Complex, SCU Lightning Complex, extreme heat, poor air quality, potential Public Safety Power Shut Off (PSPS), and COVID-19.

Chair Chao opened the public comment period and no comment was received.

9. Subject: Commissioner Reports  
Recommended Action: Receive Commissioners' Reports

Chair Chao delivered a report on behalf of Commissioner Wang from the September Mayor's meeting.

Chair Chao agreed to attend the October Mayor's Meeting.

## **FUTURE AGENDA SETTING**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Chao adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

*Thomas Chin*

*Staff Liaison to the Public Safety Commission*

*Emergency Services Coordinator  
City of Cupertino*

*September 18, 2020*

**APPROVED BY:**

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Yvonne Chao Chair

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Date