**MINUTES**
**CITY OF DUARTE**
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**
**REGULAR MEETING –May 19, 2015**

The Public Safety Commission met in a regular meeting in the Town Center Community Lounge Building, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Liz Reilly led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE:

The following were in attendance:
STAFF: Public Safety Director Brian Villalobos
Sergeant Tony Haynes

Public Safety Commission Present: Dinsmore, Frye, Haynes, Hernandez, Skinner, Ur

Absent: Gardner

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes of 4/21/15, Frye seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 4/21/15, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

None

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Councilmember Liz Reilly wanted to invite all Commissioners to attend the May 23rd Metro Gold Line open house from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm located on Shamrock and California. She also wanted to invite them to attend the August 15th Metro Gold Line Duarte Station dedication. Mrs. Reilly spoke about the Youth Artist Showcase scheduled on May 30th at 6 pm at the Duarte Performing Arts Center. This showcase focuses on fine arts and visual arts from Duarte Youth and is free admission to those interested in attending.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dinsmore inquired from Staff as to how open the Public Safety Department is to accepting volunteers to take care of some of the pressing items that Staff may not have time to focus on such as code enforcement issues within the City. He also inquired as to the possibility of adding an anonymous complaint link on the City's website. Commissioner Dinsmore is also dedicated to continue the recruitment of neighborhood watch volunteers in his neighborhood. He plans on making recruitment his goal for the remaining year. He would also like this Commission to work on a plan that would help with traffic flow in grid lock situations or emergency situations.

Commissioner Frye would like to see decals or signage provided to those properties that are CERT trained. She would also like to push

for additional neighborhood watch recruitment. Furthermore, she inquired from Staff as to who can take care of the overgrown vegetation at the Mike's Food Shopping Center.

Commissioner Haynes would like this Commission to focus on educating their neighbors about city services and emergency preparedness

Commissioner Hernandez invited Commissioners to visit the City of Hope Farmer's Market every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. He also suggested an email alert broadcast to advertise all of our Commissions and explain to residents what they do in general. He hopes this advertisement would prompt more residents to attend the meetings and voice their concerns and or problems within the City.

Commissioner Skinner would also like this Commission to continue neighborhood watch recruitment within their neighborhoods. He also requested that Staff look into the overgrown vegetation near the Duarte antenna on Third Street. Some residents have expressed their concern to him and would like to see it cleared.

Commissioner Ur recommended that the Public Safety Department promote vacation patrol checks a little more. In speaking with her neighbors some of them did not know they can call the Public Safety Department and request this type of additional patrol. She also requested additional patrol on Westvale Court near the Duarte D, as some people are trespassing in the area.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Secretary

Staff