

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DUARTE**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING –February 19, 2019**

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.

Commissioner Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG  
RECORDATION OF  
ATTENDANCE:

The following were in attendance:

STAFF: Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services  
Sgt. Tony Osterman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Bell, Calderon, Frye, Hernandez, Oloteo, Skinner,  
Trainor

ABSENT: None

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC  
CONCERNING MATTERS  
ON THE AGENDA:

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes of 1/15/19, Bell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 1/15/19, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A: Putting The Watch In Neighborhood Watch presented by Andrew Raubitschek

Mr. Andrew Raubitschek informed Commissioners and Staff in attendance that his community surveillance program started as a result of a horrific robbery that occurred in his neighborhood approximately two years ago. Two adult residents sustained severe physical injuries in this robbery. The victims of this robbery decided to sell their house and never stepped foot in it again. The community then decided to get together and increase security in their neighborhood. As a result they installed a video surveillance program, which monitors vehicles and plate numbers that come in and out of their neighborhood. The system takes real time video recordings 24 hours a day/365 days of the year and stores the information. The camera samples both sides of the street, which picks-up plates from the front and rear of all vehicles. License plates are then saved in relational database, which allows up to five users to pick up still shots and motion clips. The whole idea of this program is to assist and identify vehicles associated with criminal activity. Mr. Raubitschek's hope is that his community is known for having a top notch security system that will deter criminals from coming into his neighborhood. His goal with this program is to be able to interact with law enforcement and create an interface, along with invigorate the neighborhood watch program as a whole and not by individual communities.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC  
CONCERNING MATTERS  
NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Director Brian Villalobos briefed Commissioners about the animal control contract with the LA County Animal Control Department. The City of Duarte currently uses LA County Animal Control Department for after hour service and shelter service. The City was



notified that LA County Animal Control would be raising their fee 130% with no additional services than currently provided. The County Board of Supervisors ordered an investigation into the practices and price hike of LA County Animal Control, which is due to end in 60 days. At this time, the City of Duarte negotiated a stay with its current contract until July 1, 2019. Furthermore, he updated Commissioners with part one crime statistics. Mr. Villalobos reported that there has been an increase with theft. Specifically, theft in vehicles. Reports show cars are being left unlocked or valuables are being left in vehicles in plain sight. He suggests removing valuables from cars and locking all doors to reduce ones risk of becoming a victim. He requested that all Commissioners share this information with their family and neighbors. Additionally, he recently received information of a mountain lion that was recorded on a properties back yard camera in town. However, this sighting had never been reported to the City or the City's animal control department. Mr. Villalobos informed Commissioners that the City of Duarte follows the same protocol as the Department of Fish and Game when dealing with bears and mountain lions. The City of Duarte animal control department has the ability to tranquilize or shoot mountain lions and bears if they become a danger to the public. These techniques are only used in extreme emergent situations. He suggests residents remove all food sources that may attract mountain lions and bears to their properties.

Sergeant Tony Osterman-None

## ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bell-None

Commissioner Calderon-None

Commissioner Frye notified Staff that she saw postings on Nextdoor.com from residents reporting an excess of graffiti on Las Lomas, Huntington Drive and the Swiss Trails area. It was also reported that the street lights have been out in this area and residents believe this might be the reason for the increase in graffiti.

Commissioner Hernandez neighbor to the north of him reported to Mr. Hernandez that his neighbor has built a wall that is approximately 8 to 9 feet tall. He would like the City's Code Enforcement Department to look into this matter.

Commissioner Oloteo reported a startling run in with a solicitor that did not have a Duarte solicitor's permit. She reported the solicitor to the Duarte Code Enforcement Department and she was surprised that it took an officer approximately one hour to respond.

Commissioner Skinner-None

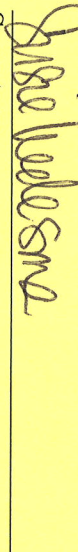
Commissioner Trainor informed all in attendance that the Chamber of Commerce has set the date for the active shooter seminar. The seminar is scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Gardens. Mrs. Trainor then informed all in attendance that it would be a four hour session that targets businesses in the community to do some very active training. The businesses can then take the information to their work environment to better prepare for an active shooter situation. Furthermore, she reported hearing from people that the new traffic light at Royal Oaks is not working too well. She inquired from Staff as to whether the City was looking into this matter.



ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
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Staff

  
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Secretary