

MINUTES
CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING –November 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 7:02 p.m.

Commissioner Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
RECORDATION OF
ATTENDANCE:

The following were in attendance:

STAFF: Larry Breceda, Public Safety Manager

Sgt. Tony Osterman, LA County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Bell, Calderon, Frye, Hernandez, Trainor

ABSENT: Oloteo

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC
CONCERNING MATTERS
ON THE AGENDA:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hernandez motioned to approve the minutes of 10/15/19; Trainor seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 10/15/19 as amended. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Discussion on December Meeting Cancellation

Commissioner Hernandez motioned to cancel the December meeting, Bell seconded the motion. The motion to cancel the December meeting was approved by the Commissioners in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Trainor who opposed the cancellation of the December meeting.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC
CONCERNING MATTERS
NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Resident Wendy Romero asked if discussion items listed on the agenda are also action items. She further inquired if issues going on in the community are discussed at these meetings.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Public Safety Manager Larry Breceda reported there was a small brush fire in the riverbed off of Encanto Parkway before the start of this meeting. The fire was small enough that the crews on the scene were able to contain. He also reported an oil tanker caught on fire just south of this location, which was in the City of Irwindale near the Miller Brewing Company.

Sgt. Osterman reported part one crimes are down 22% in the City of Duarte. Captain Flores recently attended a staff meeting and reported back that Temple Station is leading the County in a decrease of part one crimes at 21%. He also wanted to clarify that there is not a rash in commercial burglaries, as some business owners might believe. There was a recent burglary with Curro Management Printing that was mentioned at the last council meeting that could have been handled better. There were some training issues with Temple Station that could have helped in the handling of this incident. These training issues are currently being worked on. With the holiday's approaching Sgt. Osterman reminded Commissioners not to leave items in plain sight in their vehicles including any packages. Furthermore, he wanted to

remind them to close all doors and windows when leaving their homes and set house alarms at all times.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bell-None

Commissioner Calderon-None

Commissioner Frye reported that some of her neighbors are reporting hypodermic needles in the sandbox area of Aloysia Moore Park. She asked if city staff ever takes a rake into the sandbox areas. Residents are also reporting individuals are using drugs inside the park as well. Furthermore, she has recently seen on nextdoor.com that the ravine between Markwood and Encanto Parkway has been experiencing an increase of homeless individuals in that area. Comments were made that Deputies have been called, but the homeless disperse before deputies arrive.

Commissioner Hernandez-None

Commissioner Trainor wanted to request one more time that this commission receive a report from the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society. She would like to see them as an agenda item and have them attend one of our meetings and present what the shift in the transfer was. She has asked that this occur before the end of this year and this has not occurred. She wanted this commission, as its responsibility to meet the people that worked on the contract, understand how the transition works, get the whole report, and get the briefing of how it's going and what's happening with this contract. She believes it is very important that they understand this Commission's role. She would like those people that are administering this contract to understand who we are, as an advisory oversight board, and she feels they should have that personal contact. It increases a level of transparency, knowledge and interaction, which she feels are good for them. She believes it's important for this Commission to know and understand as well and that is why she has been requesting that they attend one of our meetings. Furthermore, Commissioner Trainor would also like to get continued information about the letter of agency concept and how it may or may not be of assistance to local businesses per council direction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Staff



Secretary