

MINUTES
CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING DATE –November 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order at
7:02 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:
STAFF: Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
Sgt. Stevin Fiedler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Calderon, Frye, Oloteo
ABSENT: Bell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Calderon motioned to approve the minutes of 08/16/22; Oloteo seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 08/16/22, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Public Safety Update presented by Brian Villalobos and Sgt. Stevin Fiedler

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Director Villalobos notified commissioners that a new code enforcement officer position was created in the Public Safety Office. Our new hire is Emily Lepone who was previously a part-time animal control officer with the city of Duarte and left for a while to take a full-time position with the City of LA. Her new position will focus on homeless nuisances and business nuisances along with all business code enforcement related issues. He also reported that we have two homeless outreach groups in the city on Tuesday's and Thursday's. On Tuesday's the group focuses on those individuals who have been homeless for more than one year. The group consists of one clinician, an EMT and two social workers. Since they have started, they have already housed two individuals who have accepted their services. On Thursday's we have a supplemental program who focuses on those who are recently homeless less than a year or are about to be homeless, which is crucial since all the eviction moratoriums are about to come to an end.

Mr. Villalobos also reported that Council approved passing some new municipal code ordinances, which will really help our department in dealing with quality-of-life issues. They are possession and drinking of alcohol, storage, and removal of personal property in public areas, aggressive panhandling, public nudity, trespassing, vandalism and graffiti, and possession of catalytic converters. He also notified commissioners that at the last council meeting it was proposed that all commissions will go back to having five members instead of seven since it has been difficult to staff all commissions with seven members. Our commission will consist of four residents and one Duarte Unified School District representative. They also approved meeting every other month starting in February 2023.

Mr. Villalobos informed Commissioners of some upcoming city events. On December 11th there will be a Holiday in the Park event at Beardslee Park hosted by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Public Safety Department will be hosting a Toy Drive event at Walmart on December 7th and at Target on December 17th. Last year's event provided toys for approximately 300 local families.

Santa will also be visiting local neighborhoods from December 14-16th. The Parks and Recreation Department will have more information on their webpage about the times and streets they will be visiting each day.

Sergeant Fiedler notified commissioners that part one crimes are at 8.75% above the previous year, which overall is still good compared to everyone else in the county. The City's biggest issue is burglaries, which include residential and commercial. Most of the commercial burglaries are on Huntington Drive. Smash and grabs remain the latest trend in commercial burglaries. Larceny thefts have gone down this month as well as catalytic converters. He reported that most larceny thefts are from unlocked vehicles and packaged thefts.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

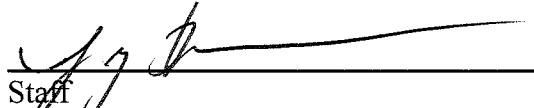
Commissioner Calderon-None

Commissioner Oloteo commended those deputies that saved the lives of the local teens that recently overdosed on drugs. She saw the reporting on the news and was impressed by their quick response.

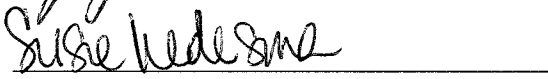
Commissioner Frye reported homeless individuals that are jaywalking throughout our city streets. She has seen them cross intersections and against signals and she is concerned for their safety and the motorists as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Staff



Secretary