

**MINUTES  
CITY OF DUARTE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
MEETING DATE –May 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at  
7:08 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF  
ATTENDANCE:**

The following were in attendance:

STAFF: Larry Breceda, Director of Public Safety Services  
Bryan Ariizumi, Public Safety Manager  
Sgt. Stevin Fiedler, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PRESENT: Calderon, Frye, Oloteo, Wright

ABSENT: Bell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Calderon motioned to approve the minutes of 3/19/24; Oloteo seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 3/19/24, and the minutes were carried unanimously.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

A- Youth Activity League (YAL) Update

Mr. Breceda reported that at the direction of this commission along with the City Council a letter was drafted to all LA County Board of Supervisors along with Sheriff Luna, the Undersheriff, and upper management within the Sheriff's Department stressing the importance to our community in funding the YAL Deputy at Pamela Park.

A response was received from Supervisor Kathryn Barger indicating she understood the importance of the YAL position, however, due to staffing shortages they are unable to fund the YAL position at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larry Breceda informed all Commissioners that our office has had a contract with the LA County Probation Department for several years, which has allowed us to run the Duarte A-Team program within our elementary schools. This program was run by LA County Probation Officer Ray Abernathy, and it has been successful in reaching at-risk youth within our community. Due to staffing shortages within the LA County Probation Department, Mr. Abernathy has had to be reassigned to the juvenile halls, which has affected his ability to continue his work with our school children. This has forced the City to terminate the contract we have with the LA County Probation Department since services are not being rendered to our local schools and students.

Mr. Abernathy has since decided to retire from the Probation Department and start his own business creating programs to help at-risk youth essentially providing the same services for Duarte that he was doing while he was with the probation department. A contract is currently being negotiated and should be completed soon. We hope that he can return by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sgt. Fiedler reported that part one crimes are slightly up 3% compared to this time last year. Shoplifting continues to be a problem in the city, but our local stores are making a strong effort to deter this problem.

Public Safety Manager Bryan Ariizumi invited all commissioners to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July firework show at Duarte Sports Park at

6:00 p.m., he also informed Commissioners that all staff will be on duty for 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework enforcement.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Calderon: None

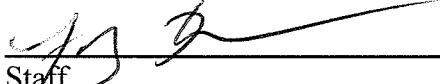
Commissioner Frye: Reported that she has recently seen a lot of postings on the Nextdoor app that residents can hear very loud sonic booms, especially in the very early morning hours. There have been reports of residents of Baldwin Park, Covina, and Pasadena hearing these sonic booms as well.


Commissioner Oloteo: None

Commissioner Wright: He is saddened to report that the Mad Town Council recently lost another of its members, Mrs. Yvonne Bullet.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

  
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Staff

  
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Secretary