

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MARCH 15, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission of the City of Hawaiian Gardens was called to order by Chairmember Mason on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:15pm, at City Hall, in the City Council Chambers, 21815 Pioneer Boulevard, Hawaiian Gardens, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	CHAIRMEMBER	BERTHA MERAZ
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO
	COMMISSIONER	VALERIE MASON

The Acting Recording Secretary Claudia Ortiz, Staff Assistant II did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance, Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison and Fred Licon, Community Relations Officer.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS ON AND OFF THE AGENDA

This is the time reserved for members of the audience wishing to speak on items **on** and **off** the Agenda and within the legislative body's jurisdiction. This period will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, maximum time allocated is fifteen (15) minutes.

None at this time

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None at the time

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Approve as Presented*

2. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CITY MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Chairmember Méraz asked if there were any items to be pulled from the Consent Calendar:

Commissioner Amaro pulled item B2.

Commissioner Amaro motioned to receive and file the consent calendar in its entirety. Vice Chairmember Mendoza 2nd. All were in favor, motion passed.

Item B2

Commissioner Amaro pulled the Sheriff's department's monthly report and inquired about the changes. Staff addressed item B2, the sheriff's department prepares the report. Staff advised that the numbers appear to be internal coding from the Sheriff's department. Commissioner Mendoza questioned the phone booth incidents that appear on the report. Staff advised that there is some out dated information. Commissioner Mason asked what can be done to have representation from the Sheriff's department to present the report and provide an explanation. Staff advised the concern would be forwarded to the City Manager. Commissioner Amaro made a motion to request a sergeant or deputy present at the next commission meeting. Commissioner Mason 2nd. Motion passed. Commissioner Amaro motioned to receive and file item B2. Commissioner Mason 2nd. Motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

None at this time.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4th OF JULY FIREWORKS

Commissioner Mason would like to put this item for next month's meeting with representation from the Sheriff's department and would like the next Captain to attend one of the meetings before the year is over. Staff advised that tabling the item is possible however, this is an item that can be discussed and if any suggestions or concerns they would be brought to the City Manager, Council and Code Enforcement. Commissioner Amaro would like to remove item 6 and the suggestion of using shotspotter was first introduced back in July of 2016 and yet, no response from the Sheriff's department. Mr. Amaro would like Sheriff's or Code Enforcement patrolling during the fourth of July. Commissioner Mendoza would like to focus on the safety issues that may arise with bicycle patrolling. Code Enforcement Officer, Fred Licon explained that the patrolling has never been done; however, if City Manager were to approve it, then it can be done. Commissioner Rico informed that the fireworks are set throughout the entire year. Maybe considering citing them would encourage them to stop. Staff advised that these recommendations would be sent to the City Manager and Sheriff's department so that they prepare to present the commission findings.

Q&A with Community Relations Officer, Fred Licon

- Parking Enforcement

Commissioner Mendoza would like to know how many code enforcement officers the City currently has. Mr. Licon informed that there are two other code enforcement officers who focus on inspection and building & safety (both officers are part-timers). Mr. Amaro questioned code enforcement working during weekends. Staff advised that code enforcement has been approved to work weekends.

- Illegal Dumping

Mr. Licon informed that the first step to prevent illegal dumping is educating the public. He is currently working on a brochure that provides residents with information. Commissioner Amaro questioned the information being distributed to homes that are potentially dumping, however, how can the condominiums be a part of this when they throw their trash out and the condominiums are gated? Mr. Licon explained that this is challenging but not impossible. Going to the association or contacting property management so they can educate their tenants can help. Commissioner Mason suggested making this a campaign and taking it to the schools, Commissioner Rico suggested citing in addition to educating.

- General Code Enforcement

Commissioner Mason expressed her concern in regards to a business that is located at the border line of Hawaiian Gardens. Commissioner Mason addressed that the area has become area of concern due to high related gang activity. Many Hawaiian

Gardens residents use the business services (laundromat) and it now has become unsafe environment. Mr. Licon will get a hold of City of Lakewood and suggest looking over the issue. Vice Chairmember Mendoza brought up a concern in regards to street sweeping and the no parking signage. Individuals move the cars for the street sweeper and park again ignoring the sign. Staff addressed that the City does not have capabilities to cite all residents however, staff will do as directed from City Manager.

1. UPDATE on Intersection of 214th / Belshire

City Engineer is still continuing to survey the area and will obtain the 5 year history from the Sheriff's department. Depending on the information received, he may revise his recommendation.

2. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Safe Communities Event, Wednesday March 22nd @ Clarkdale Park 3-5:00pm

This event consists of K-9 Unit and Shakey- Quakey promoting safety for children.

- Neighborhood Safety Meeting, Wednesday, April 5th @ Hawaiian Gardens Apartments, 6:00pm
- City's Anniversary Parade & Carnival, April 7th – 9th
- Commission Training Event: "YOU WANT TO PUT A STOP SIGN WHERE?" Wednesday, May 17th 6:00-9:00pm, Council Chambers

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Rico: Thank you for the Homeless Presentation from the Sheriff's Department; it was extremely informative.

Commissioner Mason: Requests follow up on the City's interest in providing more opportunities for the children of the Hawaiian Gardens Apartments to participate in city events and in activities at City Hall. This was brought up at the Neighborhood Safety Meeting but she hasn't heard back from staff. One of the items presented was the possibility of providing transportation.

Things have calmed down at the Hawaiian Gardens Apartments, but summer is coming which always brings increased activity.

Wants to bring the Human Trafficking problem to the City's attention because it is happening everywhere.

Commissioner Amaro. Thank you for the presentation from the County on Homelessness, it was very interesting and informative.

Has continued to notice stray animals running loose in the mornings. What are the hours of operation for animal control?

Pavement in front of Econo Lube needs to be referred to PW.

Apologies for not making Parade this year.

He has been spreading the word about bulky item pick up and his neighbors and family have been using the service and are very pleased with the results and will continue to spread the word.

Vice Chair Mendoza: Can we get copies of the PowerPoint that was presented by the Sheriff's Department tonight. Thank you for the presentation.

Reported gunshots over the weekend, was very scary, individuals appeared to be shooting randomly, figured this was some sort of diversion since helicopter up in another part of the City. See something, Say something.

Attended the Neighborhood Safety Meeting and this is what is needed.

Chair Meraz: Thank you for the presentation it was very educational. Have noticed an individual throwing urine out of his front door and the odor is very bothersome to the neighbors.

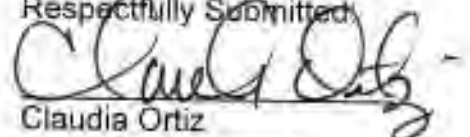
Staff Response: Commissioner Mason's request will be forwarded onto staff. The Sheriff's Department has a task force for human trafficking and we understand the problem to be growing and very serious.

Animal Control operates 24/7; Loose dogs are a problem in the early mornings. We need to encourage residents to be responsible pet owners. In 2016, the city authorized an early morning operation to address loose dogs, with multiple officers, and unfortunately we only picked up a few dogs. In addition to animal control, the Sheriff's Department should be contacted in the event of a loose, vicious dog. Code Enforcement can give warnings if a loose dog is witnessed leaving or returning to its residence.

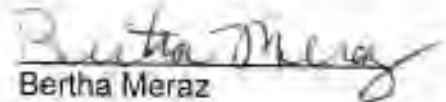
Sergeant Maese responded to Chair Mason's concern of the neighbor throwing urine out of the house; if it is witnessed, please report it.

F. **ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on April 19, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted


Claudia Ortiz
Recording Secretary

Approved:


Bertha Meraz
Chairperson

Attest:


Claudia Ortiz
Recording Secretary