

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson St. Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Vice Chairmember Lizet Mendoza.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>VICE CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>LIZET MENDOZA</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>PEDRO AMARO</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>MARIO RICO</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>CHAIRMEMBER</b>	<b>BERTHA MERAZ</b>
	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>	<b>VALERIE MASON</b>

Recording Secretary Claudia Raya did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison. Ms. Suniga noted that Chairmember Meraz was pulled at the last minute to attend an excursion, Commissioner Mason has an important family matter and Sgt. Maese, has a mandatory Sgt.'s training to attend. Mrs. Raya in addition noted that Chairmember Meraz and Commissioner Mason both gave notice of absence prior to the meeting.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza made a motion to excuse Chairmember Meraz and Commissioner Mason. Commissioner Rico seconded, motion passed.

**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 the time

**A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

None at this time

**B. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Approve as Presented*

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIMES REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Receive and File.*

3. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017.

**COMMISSION ACTION:** *Receive and File.*

Commissioner Amaro would like to Pull Item B1. Commissioner Amaro made a motion to approve items B2 and B3. Vice Chairmember Mendoza seconded. Motion passed.

Reason why Commissioner Amaro pulled item B1 is because there is a discrepancy on the discussion item section. Instead of having 215<sup>th</sup>, it should read Carson St. Mr. Amaro made a motion to approve item B1 with corrections. Commissioner Rico seconded. Motion Passed.

**C. STAFF REPORTS**

None at this time.

**D. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Los Angeles County Vector Control and Department of Health - "Mosquito Warning"

This is a warning for invasive mosquitoes. L.A County Department of Health met with the City Manager to let the City know that our area which is SPA 7 - is being considered at the highest risk. One of the reasons is we are densely populated. Another reason, this is prevalent outside of the country in Mexico and we travel to and from Mexico. This is why it is considered a health advisory; the County

wants to partner with our City specifically to spread information. In addition, City of Bell is also considered to be at high risk and the county will also be partnering with them.

Commissioner Rico questioned if the county would be doing an orientation or what does the county suggest residents to do?

Ms. Suniga explained that the county will be attending our special events, going to our schools and walking door to door spreading information. One event is called the Neighborhood Walk where the county would lecture and then will go door to door providing the information.

Commissioner Amaro would like for staff to bring pictures of the mosquito eggs so they are aware of what they look like. Ms. Suniga will be able to bring a PowerPoint from last year's presentation. Our city website and vector control has available information as well.

Also, we are also concerned with the Health Department making the Hepatitis A as a health alert. They are seeing an outbreak amongst the homeless community. Health workers, educators are at risk. Anyone who works with these individuals should be vaccinated.

Ms. Suniga also noted that on October 4, 2017 at 6:00pm Vector Control will be having a short presentation on the invasive mosquitoes at the beginning of the Neighborhood Safety Meeting.

## 2. Upcoming Events:

- Gang Injunction Removal Workshop  
Saturday, September 23rd, 4:00-6:00 pm @ Lee Ware Park  
22300 Wardham Ave.

Both gang injunction workshop events have been postponed. What this is, it is a workshop that would inform individuals that there is a process that can get someone removed from the gang injunction. It is a difficult process, but if someone meets the requirements, it can be done. We want people to know about the requirements to be removed.

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health -Regional Network Meeting  
Tuesday, September 26th, 2017  
Victory Through Jesus Church  
11844 E. Centralia Street, Lakewood  
Topic: Violence as a Public Health Issue

This topic came up because they have asked Ms. Suniga to present and discuss our Neighborhood Safety Meetings and the

model. They want Ms. Suniga to explain how we conduct the Neighborhood Safety Meetings from changing locations to topics. Vice Chairmember Mendoza asked why we have changed the name of Neighborhood Watch to Neighborhood Safety. Ms. Suniga explained that it was changed as a recommendation from one of our principals. The principal reported getting a negative feedback on the Neighborhood Watch part. The principal suggested rebranding the name so the public would feel more comfortable attending the meetings.

- Gang Injunction Removal Workshop  
Saturday, September 30th, 2017, 4:00 - 6:00pm @ The Way Out Ministries, 22427 Norwalk Blvd.
- Saturday, September 30th, 2017, 3K Fun Run/ Walk & Health Fair  
Fedde Sports Complex - 21409 S. Elaine Ave.

## **E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Rico - Would like to express his concern on bulky items along the sidewalk on 226th St. However, he feels that we are getting nowhere with it and it seems as the more attention we put into this matter, the more bulky items will be placed. Ms. Suniga did say she spoke with the City Manager and he too has agreed that the situation has gotten worse. They are currently looking into ways to address this matter. Possibly making a change in our Municipal Code.

Commissioner Amaro – Would like to thank Ms. Suniga for responding to a concern of graffiti during the weekend and Public Works was able to address the problem. Commissioner Amaro was able to attend the State of the City Event and liked what the Mayor had to say. Mr. Amaro would like to know if it is possible to obtain Captain Wolak's Sheriff's Department presentation because it is very informative and would like to bring it to the commission. If not, and if possible, have Sgt. Maese present the slideshow and speak on it. Ms. Suniga informed the commission she has the PowerPoint presentation and believes this is a great idea to have the Sgt. present it at the next meeting.

In addition, Mr. Amaro was also part of the Back Pack and Hair Cut Drive. Commissioner Amaro volunteered as a barber that day. He indicated it was a great event, and would be willing to help with planning the event next year with his experience as a barber.

Moreover, Mr. Amaro asked two meetings ago if we can bring up red curbs as a discussion item to be discussed with the commission and possibly determine other needed red curbs. Reason for that is, on Arline and Carson, there is an area that was painted red before the casino parking lot construction began and now the red is gone.

Mr. Amaro printed out old pictures from Google maps to show the changes. Mr. Amaro would like to know if we can have the city engineer look into it again. Ms. Suniga will have this concern forwarded to the new city engineer.

Commissioner Mendoza- Would like to note that she saw bulky items placed neatly outside residents home. She believes people don't know what the procedure is. Ms. Mendoza recommends posting a flyer at their home.

Mr. Rico added that we might not know if residents have called because there has been times where Republic Services were called and they did not respond with the pick-up. Ms. Suniga replied that Public Works has been reporting residences with bulky items to our Community Relations Officer. Mr. Licon goes door to door and provides residents with the appropriate information regarding bulky items and calling Republic Services. Mr. Licon also gets a report of all residences that have called for pick-up.

Commissioner Amaro suggested citing residents. Ms. Suniga commented that under the current law, there is an enforcement issue because often times there are no witnesses or proof to cite.

Ms. Mendoza recommended cardboard recycling bins at our city events.

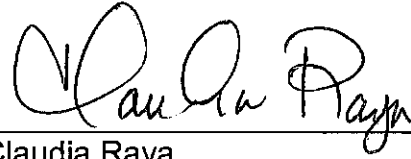
Lastly, a couple of residents have expressed concerns on traffic at 226th Street. Residents are claiming cars are speeding, not stopping at stop signs, driving reckless and driving without exhausts. Vice Chairmember Mendoza would like to recommend the motorcycle officer patrol in that area. Ms. Suniga will forward the recycling bins request to Public Works and send a request to the Motor Sgt. to have the officers focus on 226th Street.

Commissioner Rico questioned what is the plan for the lot on 226th and Norwalk. Ms. Suniga commented that the casino bought the property and believes parking is the purpose.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

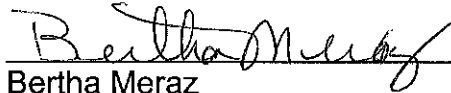
F. **ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on October 18, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:



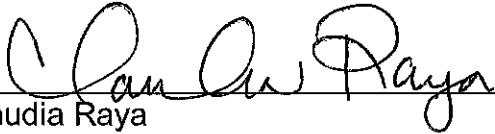
Claudia Raya  
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Bertha Meraz  
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Raya  
Recording Secretary