

**MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
JULY 19, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chairmember Meraz on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, commencing at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson St. Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716,

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairmember Meraz

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

The Acting Recording Secretary Claudia Raya, Staff Assistant II did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance, Linda Suniga, Commission Liaison and SGT. Maese and Deputy McCarty with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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 this time

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND JUNE

COMMISSION ACTION: *Approve as Presented*

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

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Commissioner Amaro pulled both items B1 and B2.

Commissioner Amaro comments on Item B1 in June minutes stating he would like to have corrections made on the Commissioner Reports section E. He recalls stating bringing up an item "to discuss as a whole" and would like that phrase added to the minutes.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file Item B1 minutes for the months of January and June with corrections. Vice Chairmember Mendoza 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Amaro pulled item B2 because Vice Chairmember Mendoza and Commissioner Rico were excused from last meeting, therefore, if they had any questions for SGT. Maese in regards to the report he could address them.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza has a question regarding the year to date crime rates. Her question is regarding the percentages on the 2017 crime rates. Staff and SGT. Maese explained the report.

Commissioner Amaro motioned to receive and file Item B2. Commissioner Mason 2nd. All in favor, motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

None at this time.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. YAL Program Update

The city and the county have agreed to a shared cost. The city will be paying 25% of the personnel cost. The county will then cover the rest and continue servicing local. Our YAL will really cater to Hawaiian Gardens community without excluding other station areas. Deputy Ferreira has done a great job with identifying with the kids. The membership in the YAL has also grown. The current YAL room is going through some upgrades and renovations where they are modernizing the room. Commission were pleased to know the program was staying.

2. Community Services Coalition

Community Services Coalition is a newly formed coalition along the lines of the Homeless Coalition. It has been requested that a coalition focusing on gangs is created. What this coalition is, is stemmed from an effort to looking for other alternatives to gang membership. This coalition includes Ernie Vargas to talking to individuals who have been released from prison and providing options so that they do not return to that way of life. In addition, our church members will have a list of services and resources available when people seek help. This is not specifically for gang members. It is going to be for people having barriers with finding employment or returning to life in the community due to barriers with things from the past such as: incarceration, gang injunction, just getting

in trouble with the law and never really found a way out. There is a lot of re-entry programs, legal help, services that provide assistance with getting identifications, expunges to name a few. The Community Services Coalition's goal is to put everything together so we can educate and train those that service that population. We are also collaborating with SELACO which is a job placement organization. They run a gardening business and now have grown. They hire people who were formerly incarcerated or former gang members.

3. Upcoming Events:

- National Night Out, August 1, 2017, 5:00-8:00 pm @ Clarkdale Park

Special shoutout to Deputy Ferreira for helping with National Night Out. He makes the giant banner for the parade, he also provides the sound system and DJ. In addition, he will also bring his photo booth. This year we are having a block party. The street directly across the park will be closed on Clarkdale and 221st. Parade will start at 5:30pm.

- Pow Wow, August 12 & 13, 2017,
Sat. 12:00pm - 9:00pm & Sun, 12:00pm - 6:00pm @ Furgeson Elementary

- Block Clean-Up, August 19, 2017, 7:00am - 1:00pm (on Civic Center between Arline & Ibex)

Commissioner Amaro, called Republic Services to make an appointment for pick up, however, they failed to show up the first time. He had to call again and confirm for another appointment and they did pick up the second time. Commissioner Amaro would like to know if it could be a possibility that the city can send out a letter to residents informing them about Block Clean-Up. Staff informed commission that PW will be placing flyers in the area where the event will happen not only to inform them but also to remind them about parking restrictions. Also, Staff has had discussion with the Public Works Executive Assistant about possibly sending a cardstock flyer with all the Block Clean-Up events to city residents. Commissioner Amaro agrees with this option. Staff suggested making this a recommendation.

- Top Soccer, August 19, 2017, 10:00am @ Fedde Sports Complex

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chairmember Mendoza had a concern with a street light that has been out, wanted an update on the light. Public Works has sent another request for service to Edison. Also, for 4th of July was crazy, however, after 4th of July it has been quieter not like previous years.

Commissioner Rico attended the Car Show and he was impressed to see the Car Show is coming back.

Commissioner Amaro wanted to report a hole on the fence between the condominiums and the fire department. Deputy McCarty informed commission that the Los Angeles County Public Works has been notified and is fixing it. They have also given the encampment individuals a 2 week notice vacate the premises. Commissioner Amaro also reported a turned around Stop sign on 12252 224th St. South West corner. It appears as the stop sign has been removed from the concrete and turned around

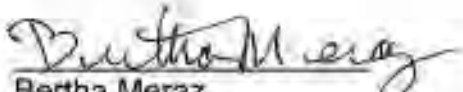
Chairmember Meraz has a concern with the corner of Norwalk Blvd. and 215th on the Pescador corner. Her concern is that cars park right at the corner making it difficult for cars to come out. Chairmember Meraz wanted to possibly see if red curbs could be painted. Staff suggested to give this report to Parking Enforcement and have him survey the area first and then also give the recommendation for red curb to City Engineer.

- F. **ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on August 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:


Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary

Approved:


Bertha Meraz
Chairperson

Attest:


Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary