

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OCTOBER 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chairmember Meraz on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 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

Recording Secretary Claudia Raya, Staff Assistant II, did the roll call and announced a quorum. Also in attendance: Linda Suniga Commission Liaison, Mike Fleager Public Safety Consultant, Sgt. Maese with Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Robert Salazar Public Works Assistant Superintendent and Ramie Torres Public Works Executive Assistant.

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.

PRESENTATIONS

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - 2017 State of Public Safety
(Presentation from State of the City Event)

Sergeant Maese made the presentation.

Commissioner Amaro announced he attended the State of City Event and suggested to bring the presentation to the commission. Commissioner Amaro thanked Sgt. Maese for delivering the State of Public Safety presentation.

A. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

COMMISSION ACTION: *Approve as Presented*

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

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

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

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Commissioner Mason made a motion to approve item B1 as presented and receive and file items B2 & B3. Commissioner Amaro seconded. Motion passed.

C. STAFF REPORTS

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Recycling at City Facilities and Special Events

Recycling at City Facilities and Special Events was brought up as a concern by Vice Chairmember Mendoza at the last commission meeting. To assist with any questions, Robert Salazar, Assistant Superintendent and Public Works Executive Assistant, Ramie Torres were present. The commission's recycling concern was

brought up at a good time because Public Works had just purchased with grant funds 3 permanent recycling stations that will be placed at city facilities. As more grant funding becomes available, other units will be placed. A reason why recycling was held back was because the process for recycling caused a change in procedures. Now, Public Works employees who clean facilities have to segregate everything and take it to the Public Works yard where it is held in a big recycling bin.

Mr. Salazar noted that there has always been a recycling bin at the yard that most people are not aware of. Each facility has recycling containers that are picked up frequently. As for special events, the trash is taken to an internal recovery center. The trash then gets separated by bulldozers through commodities and after, material is recycled or taken to landfill.

Now that grant monies are available Public Works will be purchasing more recycle bins for events.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza appreciates that this is taking place. More importantly that we are setting an example to our children and community.

Ms. Suniga suggested we display something that would show what items belong in each bin. Mr. Salazar then replied he would get something to help with that.

Ms. Suniga stated that Mrs. Torres and Mr. Salazar have made her aware that the state's requirements for recycling have increased and are now mandated. There could possibly be financial consequences if we do not meet the requirements.

Mr. Salazar informed the commission that organics is the new type of recycling. It was implemented last year and now the state wants all cities to be on board with the program.

5. Response to commission's concerns to review red curbs

Ms. Suniga explained that the Community Development Director sent a Memo to council and the commission. The memo states that they have re-installed the red curb on Carson and Arline Ave. The memo also states another location that was brought up by the Hawaiian Terrace Senior Apartments on 226th Street with a request for red curbing to be removed to allow for more parking. They will be removing as much red line on 226th as possible.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza questioned if only council can appeal any decision. Ms. Suniga would have to look into what are the procedures to appealing in accordance with the recent city council ordinance.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza has a concern on the removal of the red line on 226th Street. The removal would be making this area a concern for safety for driving vehicles because street would be narrow.

6. Invasive Mosquitoes Information

The health department contacted the city about the threat of invasive mosquitoes. One because we are densely populated. Two because our residents travel to Mexico and back. This outbreak is seen more in Mexico or Latin America. The city has done extensive outreach within our community. We have had several presentations and a community walk where we participated in an education portion and then staff, volunteers & community members were dispatched throughout the city to notify and inform residents. Vector Control has asked to present at our next Neighborhood Safety Meeting. With Zika the illness is not life threatening. The danger from Zika is passing the illness to an unborn child or rapid person to person transmission thru a mosquito.

7. Upcoming Events:

- **Tire Collection Event**
Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:00pm @ City Hall North Parking Lot 21851 Pioneer Blvd. Hawaiian Gardens

This event was spurred by the mosquitoes outreach. The event itself was short notice therefore, the community response was not as Public Works expected. There will be other events similar

- **Red Ribbon Rally**
Tuesday, October 24, 2017, walk begins at 4:30pm @ the corner of Civic Center Dr. and Norwalk Blvd.

The event will consist of a new route. This year's parade will commence at Norwalk and Civic Center Dr. The event is a short event that will end with a pep rally once arrived at City Hall.

- **Household & E- Waste Roundup**
Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 9:00am - 3:00pm @ Simms Park - Clark Ave and Oak Street in Bellflower

This event is held by the county in City of Bellflower. One can bring paint, batteries, computers, TV's among other items.

- **Halloween Program**
Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 5:00pm @ C. Robert Lee Activity Center @ the Tennis Courts

- Neighborhood Safety Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:00pm @ Hawaiian Terrace
Apartments
12100 226th St. Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716

Ms. Suniga noted the event that has been rescheduled; the Breaking Barriers Coalition. This group consists of representatives from the City and faith based community aimed at helping former gang members become active members in the community. The event will focus on the gang injunction requirements for removal. The other services that will be provided are the tattoo removal, expungement and clearing DMV a record to obtain identification. The event will take place Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Lee Ware.

E. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairmember Meraz brought up Carson and Belshire as an area of concern. Mrs. Meraz adds that it is difficult to turn onto Belshire due to cars parking too close to the corners. Ms. Suniga informed the commission that we have increased parking control in that area. In addition, the area seemed to improve for a short time however; the concern will be forwarded for parking enforcement and to our city engineer for review.

One last item was a letter that was mailed to residents stating that street closures and construction were taking place on six different streets. The letter does not name the streets, times or dates of construction.

Commissioner Mason commented that she wore her National Night Out T-shirt in Colorado and police officers really liked it. Another comment was made toward the recycling at special events. She questioned how often the bins would be changed at a regular basis. Mr. Salazar addressed the question by answering that staff will be designated to do that task.

Lastly, Commissioner Mason informed the commission that the apartment office was robbed. The robbers opened the box for the rent checks and took everything in there.

Commissioner Rico questioned the fencing around the channel if they will be changed as well? The current fencing is horrible. Ms. Suniga answered by saying that that property belongs to the county. Mrs. Torres or Salazar notify the county of any repairs that need to be made.

Secondly, Mr. Rico questioned the length of time a vehicle can be parked without moving? Staff informed Mr. Rico it was 72 hours. Staff also advised Mr. Rico to call the safety center and then parking enforcement would red tag the vehicle as soon as he feels it becomes a concern.

Lastly, Mr. Rico inquired about parking stalls that were marked a few years ago in front of the recreation department.

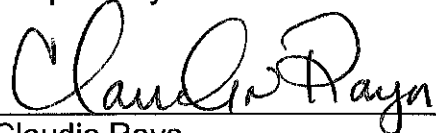
Commissioner Amaro thanked Mr. Licon for talking to his neighbor about bulky items.

Lastly, Mr. Amaro questioned why the fire department does not provide the commission with statistical reports or attend some of the Public Safety Commission meetings. Ms. Suniga made the commission aware that this possibly was done before she became liaison. In addition, Ms. Suniga advised the commission she will contact the fire department liaison with the county and ask about any statistical reports that they can provide.

Vice Chairmember Mendoza asked about the construction that is taking and the hours of operation. Mrs. Mendoza often drives by and does not see anyone working. Ms. Suniga stated that the construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Mr. Salazar added, that the main contractor has several sub contractors and it is a matter of scheduling when big projects take place.

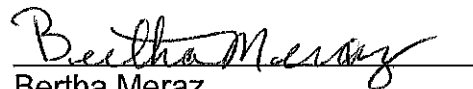
- F. **ADJOURNMENT** to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on November 15, 2017

Respectfully Submitted:



Claudia Raya
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Bertha Meraz
Chairmember

Attest:



Claudia Raya

Recording Secretary