

MINUTES
CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
AUGUST 21, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Hawaiian Gardens Public Safety Commission was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019, and began at 6:00pm, at the Public Safety Center, 11940 Carson Street, 2nd Floor, Hawaiian Gardens, California 90716.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Laughlin.

ROLL CALL	CHAIRMEMBER	BARBARA LAUGHLIN	
	VICE CHAIRMEMBER	LIZET MENDOZA	ABSENT
	COMMISSIONER	PEDRO AMARO	
	COMMISSIONER	MARIO RICO	
	COMMISSIONER	BERTHA MERAZ	ABSENT

A quorum was announced.

For the record, Vice Chairmember Mendoza requested to be excused from the meeting.

Also in attendance, Sr. Community Relations Officer, Fred Licon, Administrative Technician, Ramie Torres, Public Safety Officer, Alonzo Verduzco, Staff Assistant I, Barbara Garcia, Youth Employment Program Worker, Juliana Castro and with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Maese and Deputy Martinez.

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to excuse Vice Chairmember Mendoza and Commissioner Meraz from the meeting. Commissioner Rico seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS- Non-Sworn Public Safety Program

Sr. Community Relations Officer, Fred Licon presented updated information regarding the Public Safety Officers work schedule. He encouraged the Commission to come on a ride-a-long with either himself or any of the Public Safety Officers. He informed the Commission that the Community Relations Department is taking sign-ups for those who are interested in becoming CERT certified and announced that the 2020 Census is on the way. He added that it is time to educate our community about how important the Census is to the City of Hawaiian Gardens.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS- NONE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS- NONE

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MONTHLY CRIME REPORT FOR JULY 2019.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019.

COMMISSION ACTION: *Receive and File.*

Commissioner Amaro made a motion to receive and file consent calendar in its entirety. Commissioner Rico seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Amaro thanked the Sheriff's Deputies for doing a great job and for keeping the cost and crime low.

ORAL STAFF REPORTS

Public Works Administrative Technician, Ramie Torres discussed several items, including, the project to add and remove red curbing along 223rd and 226th, has been completed. If there are any faded red curbs please call Public Works and they will repaint them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff updated Commission on the following Upcoming Events:

- Concerts In The Park, August 23, 2019 @ Clarkdale Park, 6:00PM- 9:00PM
- Neighborhood Safety Group Meeting, September 4, 2019 @ Lee Ware Park, 6:00PM-8:00PM
- State of The City, September 12, 2019 @ C. Robert Lee, 8:00AM- 10:00AM

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Amaro shared his experience regarding the ride-a-long that he had with Public Safety Officer (PSO) Roman. He commended PSO Roman for his aggressive diligence while performing his duties as a PSO. He wants a letter to be sent to staff, not to get involved with Public Safety matters that may interfere with the credibility towards the officer. He suggests that the PSO vehicles should either have a body cam or a video camera to show the things that transpire during a shift, for safety reasons.

Commissioner Amaro submitted photos of parking signs and colored curbs around the city that are not consistent with the 'Parking' policy, and seem to confuse to residents. He stated that there are no signs that read temporary nor are there signs with a time-limit in front of the yellow and green curbs. He would like to know if signs can be put in these areas.

Some areas have signs that have a time limit but no painted curbs, if these signs do not apply for the entire street, can they be removed to make parking more areas for residents.

Commissioner Amaro asked Sergeant Maese if it is it possible to set up an operation to hold speeding drivers responsible for breaking speeding rules. He would like this to happen in order to keep pedestrians safe. He would also like to know if the Sheriff's Department works with ICE.

Commissioner Amaro brought to the City's attention that it is possible for turf to grow bacteria. He wanted to know the procedures taken to clean/maintain the turf field at the Fedde Sports Complex. Staff explained the process: pellets are distributed a minimum of once a week for aeration, the turf is watered and sprayed with cleaning materials every two weeks. The turf is well maintained and maintenance is kept up to date constantly. Once a year Field Turf, a company that specializes in turf maintenance and cleaning, comes and performs a deep cleaning. Environmental testing is currently being done since this issue has been brought to our attention. Also, ABCUSD maintains a portion of the field since this field is on their property.

Staff informed the Commission that the concern expressed regarding speeding on streets near schools has been forwarded. The Public Safety Officers put speed trailers on the busiest streets.

Staff will follow-up with the trash company regarding resident complaints that some streets have been overlooked and trash has not been picked up.

Staff also addressed concerns about sidewalks buckling. The cause of this is usually due to overgrown tree roots. She encourages the Commission to report any buckling trees that they see around the City so that the problem can be evaluated and addressed.

ADJOURNMENT to the next Regular Public Safety Commission Meeting on September 18, 2019.

Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting September 18, 2019, Agenda Item 2 (Commission Minutes from August 21, 2019). Commissioner Amaro pulled Item 2 from the Consent Calendar, and made a motion to approve the Minutes with the addition of recording his statement during the August meeting about his slip and fall on buckled cement. Motion seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mishaun Watkins
Recording Secretary

Approved:



Barbara Laughlin
Chairmember

Attest:



Mishaun Watkins