

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2010 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
 270 SOUTH WALNUT
 SAN DIMAS

ATTENDANCE:

Members: **Staff/City Representatives - Guests:**

Jim Sloniker, Chair - excused	Mayor Curt Morris excused
Karol Curtis, Vice Chair	Councilmember Emmett Badar
Alan Nash - excused	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Dave Campbell	Captain Joe Hartshorne
Bob Olander - excused	Lt. Mico Robles – San Dimas Station
Neil Oudejans - excused	Lt. Mike Rodriguez – San Dimas Station
Tom Molina	BC Larry Collins LACO Fire
Paul Kirby	
Ted Ross	
Randy Alva	
Norm Wiles	
Fred Ortiz	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Karol Curtis at 5:32 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
 None
- III. Approval of the January 19, 2010 Minutes – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained from the approval.
- IV. Presentation from San Dimas Sheriff's Station personnel – Parole Management issue

Captain Hartshorne provided background history and statistics for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. They must reduce their budget \$1.2 to 1.6 billion. By court order, they also need to reduce prison population from the current near 200% capacity to 137%. Costs to house inmates has risen sharply in recent years. They are pursuing a strategy to control prisoners coming into the system through various means.

They have established a new category called Non-Revocable Parolee. This would be a low level offender that would not be required to report their location nor be subject to traditional parole requirements. The only way a Non-Revocable Parolee would go back to prison is with a conviction of a new crime. Other strategies include increasing service time credit, GPS alternative custody (ankle bracelet), increased efforts to deport prisoners, having prison time served in another state, and raising the thresholds for felony status.

Lt. Rodriguez provided an overview of what the station has been doing with parole management. They have been working with parole agenda to build relationships and establish a program to assist and connect with parolees. Newly released parolees must

attend Parolee and Community Team meetings (PACT) where they are acquainted with their responsibilities as parolees and connecting them to resources to help them meet their obligations. Deputies interview them and become acquainted. This program was started 4 years ago and has been particularly effective. The Department has been encouraging other agencies to conduct similar programs and especially to work together and be cooperative on parolee matters. Parole management has become an effective tool – as important as maintaining effective crime analysis and investigation efforts.

Captain Hartshorne emphasized the difficulties caused by Non-Revocable Parole status – the lighter requirements means that they can be within the service area and not known. He noted that County Counsel has been looking at the legal elements of establishing a Non-Revocable Parole Ordinance that would require that they registration with the local law enforcement agency which would at least give us the opportunity to know who they are and where they live. The Public Safety Commission unanimously voted to encourage the city to adopt such an Ordinance if the opportunity becomes available.

Captain Hartshorne also noted that the Sheriff has proposed Education Based incarceration, where the state pays the county to administer an education program for the last 6 months of incarceration.

V. Election of Commission Officers for 2010 Chair and Vice Chair.

Commission voted to maintain the 2009 officers for 2010. Jim Sloniker, Chair Karol Curtis Vice Chair.

Also the following commissioners expressed a wiliness to continue serving another term on the Commission – Alva, Curtis, Kirby, Molina, Nash, and Ross

VI. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis provided an update on various city projects. Captain Hartshorne provided an update of Station Activities. Larry Collins – newly appointed Battalion Chief introduced himself. Chief Collins has just returned from earthquake rescue duty in Haiti.

VII. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Campbell noted the benefit of providing a key to the back gate at the Levitz building to assist in crime prevention efforts in the area.

Councilmember Badar noted his opportunity to be MC at the Sheriff's Booster Volunteer Recognition Dinner June 4 at Via Verde CC. He encouraged Commissioners to attend.

VIII. Adjournment at 6:42 pm. Next meeting May 18, 2010 (there will be no meeting in March or April).