

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY JULY 20, 2010 5:30 PM
SAN DIMAS SHERIFF'S STATION
270 SOUTH WALNUT
SAN DIMAS

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis, Vice Chair	Mayor Curt Morris excused
Alan Nash	Councilmember Emmett Badar
Dave Campbell	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Bob Olander excused	Captain Joe Hartshorne
Tom Molina excused	Chris MacKenzie – Sheriff's Dept.
Paul Kirby	Vince Pena, LACo Fire
Ted Ross	
Randy Alva	Charles McCants visitor
Norm Wiles	
Fred Ortiz	
Jim McCants	
Patrick Jones	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Curtis at 5:30 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
None
- III. Approval of the May 18, 2010 Minutes – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained from the approval.
- IV. Sheriff's Department report – license plate reader – general update on various matters. National Night Out date and event overview.

National Night Out in its 15th year – formed to be an extension of the Neighborhood Watch program. San Dimas' approach is to have an annual event to have neighbors become acquainted so they may be more effective in keeping an eye out for each other. It has become a caravan of food, crime prevention information, trinkets, and good will. It will be August 3rd, Commissioners can RSVP with Chris MacKenzie – the caravan starts to assemble at 5 pm at the Station.

The Boosters Car Show is this coming weekend.

Captain Hartshorne provided a summary of the License Plate Reader vehicle. In the last 6 months it have provided information that lead to 49 narcotic arrests, 9 stolen vehicles, 14 felony warrants and 28 misdemeanor warrants. The Captain outlined how the car assisted in identifying the vehicle in the recent abduction case.

Captain Hartshorne provided general information regarding recent allegations of misconduct against 4 station personnel. Three have been cleared – the investigation continues with the last one.

Captain Hartshorne summarized a program the Department is using to distribute information to interested residents. The Department prepares summaries of various activities, and this information is distributed by e-mail to those that sign up to receive them. The program is called Nixle. In addition, the Department is participating in a crime reporting program called Crime Stoppers. The program is like We-Tip and is available at no cost.

The Captain noted that the Department has cut \$128 million from its budget – the main impact is the elimination of overtime. The Station has adjusted to the cut, but it has created some difficulties in field operations. The Station continues with its efforts to meet with Parolees – a recent invitation resulted in 8 coming in for a meeting to see how the Station could be of assistance.

Battalion Chief Pena provided a brief summary of LACo Fire activities.

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

Alan Nash was elected Chair of the Commission and Jim McCants Vice Chair.

VI. Reports from Staff

City Manger Michaelis provided an update of various city projects.

VII. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Jones asked about Cataract Falls. It was noted that the area is part of Bonelli Park and a Deputy has focused on dealing with the issues that surround that area of the Park.

Commissioner McCants noted unsafe horse trail railings along the flood control channel north of Foothill. Noted an interest in the safety of Walker House patrons crossing San Dimas Ave at First Street (suggested resolution to encourage the use the Bonita and San Dimas Ave crosswalk at the lighted intersection). Other issues will be taken up with staff. Commissioner Campbell announced a Station reunion September 18 from 1-4 pm.

Commissioners are welcome to attend, \$8 for the meal.

Commissioner Ortiz noted a potential unsafe condition where a city employee was working on a median island on Arrow Highway with busy traffic and only a cone to let drivers know he was there.

VIII. Adjournment at 7:02 pm. Next meeting September 21, 2010 5:30 pm Sheriff's Station.