

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY JULY 21, 2015 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
 SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair	City Council Emmett Badar
Jim McCants	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Patrick Jones	Duane Harris, San Dimas Station
Dawna Marshall	Jason Farned, Public Information Officer
Roger Therien	San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector
Cheryl Avelar – excused	Control District
Charles McGown – excused	Lori Taylor – resident
Vern Van Voorst – excused	
Kevin Burke	
Josh Hibbard	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:34 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – Lori Taylor expressed concern with the operation of the Red Roof Inn and the reported activities there. She shared with the Commission information she had heard from others and observed on the internet regarding the condition of the motel and those that stay there. She was particularly concerned with reports of prisoners being released to the motel. The Commission had a broad discussion regarding the motel and the issues brought up by Lori Taylor. Captain Harris noted that within the last 12 months Deputies had logged 165 contacts/calls for service/patrol notes from the area. The Deputies have paid attention to the area. City Manager Michaelis offered to prepare a letter to corporate Red Roof Inn to encourage them to be aware of the reports and conditions of the motel. Code Enforcement could also review the property for improvement efforts.
- III. Approval of the May 19, 2015 Minutes – Commissioners absent abstained from approval.
- IV. Presentation from Jason Farned the Public Information Officer San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District
 Mr. Farned introduced himself and provided a background on the District – their purpose and source of funding. The District was originally organized in 1989 and in 1998 became a full vector surveillance control organization. A vector is any organism that is a public nuisance – primarily mosquitos. World-wide, 700 million people die from mosquito borne diseases each year. The most prevalent disease in our area is the West Nile Virus. The virus is endemic in our area – it is here to stay. There is no

vaccine and no treatment for humans. It is transmitted between mosquitos and birds. There were 798 cases in California last year with 29 deaths – the San Gabriel Valley there were 24 cases and 2 deaths. We are on track for a summer of continued concern. Prevention is the primary response. Wear repellent, long sleeves, don't be out in the dawn or dusk, keep screens on your home to prevent mosquitos from entering, and dump and drain all collected water.

The main efforts of the District are education/prevention, surveillance, and source reduction. Mr. Farned reviewed the characteristics of the different species of harmful mosquitos. The Asian Tiger mosquito is aggressive – biting anytime of the day and multiple people. They can breed in various domestic settings where there is a collection of water.

The District encourages residents to be ever aware of the collection of water – dump it out. Mr. Farned also noted the use of bacteria that infects insects and interrupts their reproduction. They have started using this treatment in South El Monte.

Mr. Farned also noted the impact of empty or unmaintained pools which result in the potential for significant mosquito production in a neighborhood. He noted that the District works with local code enforcement to address these situations, but they also have enforcement tools available as well. Their initial focus is to work with property owners to address the issue.

The Commission thanked Mr. Farned for his informative report.

V. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis provided an update on city projects and answered questions. Captain Harris reminded commissioners of the need to be aware of telephone fraud and solicitations.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Curtis noted the 'success' of the recent Music in the Park and Farmers Market – there were a lot of people there and parking was not really available. Concerns developed when people parked in outlying areas and walked across the middle of the street to attend the event.

VII. Adjournment at 7:00 pm - next Commission activity will be in August for the National Night Out event – the next regular meeting will be September 15, 2015 at the Sheriff's Station.