

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
TUESDAY JULY 19, 2016 5:30 PM
SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

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| Karol Curtis | |
| Dawna Marshall | City Council Emmett Badar |
| Roger Therien – excused | City Manager Blaine Michaelis |
| Cheryl Avelar – Chair | Lt. Andy Berg, San Dimas Station |
| Charles McGown | |
| Kevin Burke | Chris Mackenzie, San Dimas Station |
| Josh Hibbard – excused | |
| Ryan Vienna – Vice Chair – by phone | |
| Gil Gonzales | |
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order
Meeting called to order by Chair Avelar at 5:31 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda
None
- III. Approval of the May 17, 2016 Minutes as submitted.
- IV. Presentation – Chris Mackenzie – Sheriff’s Department overview of the programs and activities she coordinates for the Station.
Chris introduced herself. She provided background on the upcoming San Dimas Station Boosters Club Car Show July 31st. She explained the purpose and function of the Boosters organization to support various volunteer groups. She provided background on the National Night Out event and this year’s event August 2 from 6-8:30 pm. She explained that this year there will be a new element to the event – a gathering at Via Verde Park. Commissioner Vienna explained that the Via Verde gathering will feature a variety of participants, demonstrations, activities, entertainment, equipment, participation by local businesses, refreshments, costumed characters from the Fair, Forestry, and other organizations. Commissioners are invited to participate in the National Night Out experience and travel with the caravan. Contact Chris at 909-450-2763 to RSVP. Chris noted that interest is coming forward from more neighborhoods to be added next year.
Chris noted that the City Birthday BBQ is coming up August 6th – the Department will have a booth at that event to distribute information.
Chris reported that she has coordinated several community educational programs such as a rattlesnake avoidance classes. These classes for dog owners evolved into a Dog Walker Watch Program where Chris provided some training to participants to enable them to be on the lookout as they walk their dogs.

Chris summarized the concept and activity of the neighborhood watch program focusing on immediate neighbors to provide them information and assistance on how they can work together to ensure a safer neighborhood. Chris also provides them crime prevention tips and information.

Commissioner Gonzales asked if the Sheriff's Department has changed deployment because of recent actions against police. Lt. Berg explained that they initially ran 2 Deputy cars. They have since been sending 2 single Deputy cars to calls in tandem as backup or support.

Commissioner Avelar asked how the public can know of the programs. Chris noted that the Department uses Facebook, twitter, and Nixle. Lt. Berg noted the process to connect to Nixle through Nixle.com.

Chris noted that the next class will be for trail safety.

Chris summarized the complete volunteer program she coordinates at the Sheriff's Department and invited commissioners to explore their interest in volunteering. The Commission thanked Chris for her participation.

V. Reports from Staff

Lt. Berg answered questions regarding the Pokémon phenomena. He provided more background on the recent arrest of a suspect in the June 2015 robbery/murder at the Quiznos on Arrow Highway. Lt. Berg noted that the current issues involving the shooting of officers are of a concern to public safety personnel.

City Manager Michaelis provided an update of the downtown project and a summary of the upcoming City Birthday BBQ August 6th.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Gonzales expressed an interest in being able to understand more of what the crime reports mean. Commissioner Curtis offered to let him know of the next meeting of the Community Advisory Committee where more in-depth information is available. Commissioner Gonzales would be welcome to attend.

Commissioner Gonzales asked about drone regulations. Lt. Berg explained the current regulatory situation – drone registration is focused on the size of the drone – even for hobby drones. At this point there is just registration and training is not required.

VII. Adjournment at 6:40 pm – the next activity of the Commission will be the National Night Out event August 2, 2016; next regular meeting of the Commission will be September 20, 2016 at the Sheriff's Station 5:30 pm.