

MINUTES MENDOTA PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING February 4, 2019 12:00 NOON Mendota City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Silva at 12:07 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairperson Robert Silva and Vice-Chairperson Oscar

Rosales.

Staff Present:

Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager; Kevin Smith, Police

Lieutenant; and Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, Deputy City Clerk.

Others Present:

Joseph Amador, citizen; Katherine Valencia, Fresno Housing

Authority; Maria Ramirez, Fresno Housing Authority; Rosie Corrales, Fresno Housing Authority; and Shannon Stiers,

California Highway Patrol.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of August 6, 2018 were approved based on a motion made, seconded and approval.

II. **BUSINESS**

1. Chairperson Silva

a) Overcrowding in residential areas

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported on complaints he has received about a significant amount of vehicles that are parked in certain neighborhoods due to the overcrowding of homes; and the inability for homeowners to park close to their homes due to this problem.

Discussion was held on how to address the issue; and the status of the eviction process at Jack's Resort.

b) Issues related to children traveling to school

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported that students are crossing Highway 33 unsafely; and that vehicles are not yielding the way to pedestrians at crosswalks.

Discussion was held on creating additional lighted crosswalks in school zones through Safe Routes to School grants; having officers patrol school zones during the morning hours; and including information in the City's utility newsletter about driving safely in school zones.

c) Issues related to noise within the City

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported there are residents who play amplified music during the weekend despite not having a noise permit.

Discussion was held on calling dispatch to report such issues; and the enforcement measures contained within the noise ordinance.

d) Community representative on the Sub-Committee

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported that the City Council expressed interest in having a community representative serve as a sitting member of the Sub-Committee.

Discussion was held on community members who are interested in serving as sitting members of the sub-committee; and traffic issues on Smoot Street.

2. Vice-Chairperson Rosales

Vice-Chairperson Rosales reported on the Silver Creek flooding and ways to mitigate the issue; and the possibility of holding a community movie night.

3. Code Enforcement

a) Monthly Update

Lieutenant Smith reported on the hiring of the new Community Services Officer (CSO); the CSO undertaking the City's animal control duties; and active investigations.

4. Police Department

a) Monthly Update

Lieutenant Smith provided a personnel update and reported on significant cases.

5. Other Business

Katherine Valencia with the Fresno Housing Authority provided an update on the activities of their office.

Discussion was held on the Rojas-Pierce Park expansion project; and an update on the proposed roundabout at Derrick and Oller Avenues.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 12:53 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Committee.

Robert Silva, Chairperson

Celeste Cabrera, Deputy

ATTEST: