



MINUTES
MENDOTA PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING
May 7, 2018
12:00 NOON
Mendota City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Silva at 12:01 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Robert Silva and Vice-Chairperson Oscar Rosales.

Staff Present: Jennifer Lekumberry, Administrative Services Director; Jorge Urbieto, Mendota Police Department; Frank Renteria, Mendota Police Department; and Celeste Cabrera, Deputy City Clerk.

Others Present: Dino Perez, Westside Youth, Inc.; Rosemary Gomez, Westside Youth, Inc.; Sonia Herrera, RCS Fresno; Brent Watson, Federal Bureau of Prisons; Mikey Sanders, Caltrans; Rosie Corrales, Fresno Housing Authority; Angela Gonzalez, resident.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of April 2, 2018 were approved based on a motion made, seconded and approval.

II. BUSINESS

1. Chairperson Silva

a) Traffic issues on Smoot and Sorensen Streets during Open Market

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and stated that it has been brought to his attention that there are trailers and large vehicles parked at the intersection of Smoot and Sorensen Streets which makes it difficult to drive through the streets.

Discussion was held on the possibility of painting the curbs red; asking the vendors to park their trailers and vehicles at the end of Smoot Street; housing authority tenants complaining that they are unable to move their vehicles out of the driveway due to

vendors blocking the it; and trash being all over the housing authority property after the Open Market.

- b) Complaints received from the business community, and
- c) Individuals conducting business within the City without a business license

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and requested information on the process of reporting illegal businesses.

Discussion was held on the process of obtaining a business license, and calling the non-emergency dispatch number or the code enforcement tip line to report illegal businesses.

- d) Loitering at parks

Chairperson Silva introduced the item and reported that there have been reports of adults drinking alcohol in public at Pool Park.

Discussion was held on the police department performing additional patrol checks of Pool Park; individuals loitering at the Farm Labor Housing; and the Housing Authority considering the possibility of entering into an agreement once again with the police department for extra patrol checks.

- e) Community outreach on the Public Safety Sub-Committee meetings

Chairperson Silva introduced the item, commented on the good turnout that the meeting had, and requested that staff place information of the Public Safety Sub-Committee meetings in the City's monthly newsletter.

2. Vice-Chairperson Rosales

Vice-Chairperson Rosales commented on a case in which a local tire shop was burglarized.

Discussion was held on the transient problem in the City, and individuals illegally using all-terrain vehicles in the City.

- 3. Code Enforcement
 - a) Monthly Update

Nothing to report.

- 4. Police Department
 - a) Monthly Update

Discussion was held on the upcoming movie night that the Mendota Police Officer's Association is hosting at Rojas-Pierce Park, and whether residents can remain anonymous when they report crimes or suspicious activity.

5. Other Business

Mikey Sanders (Caltrans) – reported that Caltrans will be doing roadwork on Highway 33.

Discussion was held on the schedule of the roadwork, and the status of the proposed roundabout at the intersection of Derrick and Oller Avenues.

Brent Watson (FCI – Mendota) – stated that a driver crashed into the fence of the prison and that they are in the process of fixing it, and stated that the Crisis Support Team is looking for a building to designate as a crisis center when needed.

Discussion was held on the length of sentences of inmates at the prison.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 12:38 p.m., with no more business to be brought before the Committee.

Robert Silva, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Celeste Cabrera, Deputy City Clerk

