

**City of Menifee Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2010**

**1. Call to order and Roll Call**

Committee Member Mann called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m. Chairman Denver absent. Present were: Committee Member Scott Mann, City Manager George Wentz, Fire Battalion Chief Jorge Rodriguez, Police Lt. Dan Feltenberger, Community Development Director Carmen Cave, Code Enforcement Supervisor Wayne O'Gara, Emergency Services Coordinator Michael Anderson, City Clerk Kathy Bennett.

**2. Public Comments**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Public Safety Committee Meeting of February 8, 2010**

Carried over to meeting of April 12, 2010.

**4. Discussion of Sun City Crime Watch including connections, improvements and financing**

Emergency Services Coordinator Anderson noted that signs have been installed in one two street neighborhood where Barbara Briggs heads the Neighborhood Watch program. A third sign has been requested where a drainage ditch/flood control channel exists and sometimes people enter the area.

City Manager Wentz agreed to get a formal administrative policy set in place to allow for the number of signs the City will sponsor in a Neighborhood Watch area and return the policy to the committee after written.

**5. Updated Costs for Police and Fire Contracts**

City Manager Wentz reported on the anticipated changes noting that Finance will be considering these issues as they review upcoming budget items, but the Public Safety Committee needs to provide input as to what programs will be considered for next year.

The Committee was asked to consider what types of programs to cover for the upcoming fiscal year and they recommended budget for Community Service Officer for the Neighborhood Watch Program, Gang Task Force share of expenses and a motor officer, noting that the concept of a newly trained motor officer was acceptable to them for use immediately out of the academy.

The committee also discussed the events where manpower was recommended by the Police Department for coverage including the Race for Humanity, Independence Day Celebration and the Car Show as well as the annual City's birthday party. Lt. Feltenberger also recommended continuing the extra holiday patrol for the Countryside Market Place where possible. He also noted that Perris School District intends to remove the SRO from the schools and two of the three high schools are in the City of Menifee. He asked if the City wished to consider covering that cost or any cost sharing

possibilities for that position. Lt. Feltenberger agreed to gather information regarding the program to return to the appropriate committee for further consideration. City Manager agreed to look into the City of Temecula's handling of the cost sharing or payment for SRO's.

Fire Battalion Chief Rodriguez stated the Fire Department did not anticipate any staffing increases, but would like the City to look into the possible expansion of the current Sun City fire station. City Manager Wentz noted he would have the Finance Committee investigate the possibilities and the possible funding sources.

#### **6. Code Enforcement Updates**

Community Development Director Cave reported on the possible mechanisms for handling the code violations.

Director Cave noted she would be giving the City Council an update on certain code issues on a Closed Session item.

Director Cave noted there was a successful community clean up on Romoland Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> and a Quail Valley clean up is scheduled for May 1, 2010.

#### **7. Committee Members Comments**

Committee Member Mann asked if Code Enforcement could be considered for different sections of the City, much like zone policing. Director Cave reported that is the ultimate and ideal answer and budgeting will determine the possibility of that type of code enforcement.

Committee Member Mann asked for an update on Wilderness Lakes and the City Manager reported that it is an ongoing issue being dealt with by the City Engineer and he is waiting on a report from him on the issue. Committee Member Mann noted it is becoming an elevated issue and he would like to see what action can be taken.

#### **8. City Manager Comments**

City Manager Wentz reported that several styles of signs have been researched by Emergency Services Coordinator Anderson and are still investigating possibilities of how to handle with current sign code. A consideration could be given to locating the sign at the Fire Station instead of the volunteer hall, which might allow for placement within the current code according to Director Cave. The issue will continue to be investigated and a report will come back to the Committee.

#### **9. Adjournment**

Committee Member Mann adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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Kathy Bennett, City Clerk