

CITY OF GALT
PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Anthony Pescetti Community Room
455 Industrial Drive, Galt, California
Monday, September 23, 2019, 6:00pm

The Galt Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00pm by Council Member Sandhu.

Committee Members present were: Mayor Lampson, Council Member Sandhu, Teresa McCord and Chris Schamber.

Mayor Lampson led us as we pledged allegiance to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Sauter addressed the committee regarding care home residents in the roadways on Simmerhorn, Marengo and Boessow Roads, causing hazardous conditions for themselves and motorists. Discussion followed. Lt. Small said the care home residents are usually free to come and go. The department used to meet with the Care Home representatives monthly, but now it's probably every six months, to discuss and find resolution to issues such as these. He will contact the group again. The committee would like to see incident/accident data for these locations.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. McCord moved and Lampson seconded the approval of the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Intersection of Emerald Vista and Walnut Avenue: potential 4 way STOP. Schamber presented his concerns over the uncontrolled intersection and thought a 4 way STOP may be warranted. Discussion followed and Deputy Public Works Director, Mark Clarkson, provided photos of the area and explained the warrants that need to be met prior to implementing traffic controls. Discussion continued with regards to the possibility of the Committee recommending to Council that the controls be implemented even though the warrants are not yet met. Chair Sandhu said he doesn't usually go against the recommendations, but agrees this topic should be discussed further. Mr. Sauter added that Walnut Avenue gets talked about all the time, and asked why isn't there a Walnut Master Plan? Schamber added that the STOP sign now affects traffic into the Fire Station. Clarkson said the vehicle code prohibits blocking emergency entrances/exits, and that the Chief can ask that it be marked. Discussion continued and the group agreed to continue this item to the next meeting.
3. The Committee by-laws were distributed for the groups review as we anticipate, from a prior request, that they be on the next agenda.
4. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25th. The group asked Dana to send out an email poll to the Committee members to see if another date would work better.

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Sandhu adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.