

**CITY OF ARTESIA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 16, 2005
7:30 p.m.**

Chairperson John Bothof called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission to order at 7:30 p.m., February 16, 2005, in the Artesia City Hall City Council Chambers, located at 18747 Clarkdale Avenue, Artesia. Vice-Chairperson Palhinha led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL **PRESENT :** Chairperson, John Bothof
Vice-Chairperson Aurelia Palhinha
Commissioner Paul Barcelos
Commissioner Adrian Mulder
Commissioner Tom Stephens

ALSO PRESENT : Maria Dadian, City Manager
Richard Lyons, Code Enforcement Officer
Sgt. Jeanette Duran-Dingillo
Amelia Nacu, Administrative Secretary
Andrew Perry, Clerk/Typist

COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Chairperson Bothof announced this was the time and place for communications from the audience and invited those wishing to speak to come forward at this time. There were no speakers at this time.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Establishing Commission Goals and Objectives

Since there is a concern over the Commission's desire to be more productive, staff presented the Commission with the list of established City Council short and long term goals with the objective of getting feedback

from each commissioner with regards to goals they are interested to pursue and then these goals will be prioritized.

Commissioner Barcelos suggested creating a task force that will include city staff and law enforcement whose goal will be to identify different opportunities, do the research, and do the presentation to the Commission. The commission will act as a steering committee.

Commissioner Barcelos commented that at present it seems the Commission is only reactive to situations that come to them or situations that the Commission brings up and that he sees a need for more community involvement.

Staff commented that there is a task force already in place but the problem lies in the lack of communication between staff and commission mainly due to staff transition. To resolve this problem, the City Manager will temporarily be facilitating the Public Safety Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Palhinha had the following concerns:

1. Crossing guards on Norwalk and 183rd – there is only one crossing guard at present when it used to be two. Staff informed the Commission that the City is presently sourcing for one more crossing guard.
2. She also expressed her desire to see more citation tickets issued out to reckless drivers by Elliot School. .
3. Graffiti problem – there are a lot of small graffiti marks on telephones, cable boxes, and street signs . Staff informed the Commission that there is a staff working on graffiti and that the City is doing everything possible to solve this problem since it is costing the City so much.

Commissioner Stephens inquired on how to get information from the City. Staff informed the Commission that they have access to all City employees to obtain information

Commissioner Stephens suggested that Public Safety personnel in vehicles report to the Commission anything they see concerning public safety. Staff

informed the Commission that Public Safety personnel reports to the City Manager and if the Commission has any concern, this would have to go through the City Manager and the City Manager gives the direction to public safety personnel.

Commissioner Stephens commented that the Commission has never seen in writing what their function is and that there should be a flow of information to the Commission on things that concern them. Staff informed Commission that by law, the only Commission that is required for a City to have is the Planning Commission. The Public Safety Commission was organized to serve as an advisory body to the City Council. On the issue of information, the Commission is provided with reports as part of the agenda on every commission meeting.

Commissioner Stephens expressed his concern for people ignoring the stop sign at Alburdis at the Post Office Exit. Staff reported that since the Post Office is a federal property, there is a long process to address this problem but at present, staff is presently working with the office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez and the Postal Office in resolving this circulation issue.

Commissioner Mulder expressed the following concerns:

1. that the widening of Pioneer Blvd. between 183rd and South St. is a potential safety hazard because the fire department will have difficulty going through the area during construction.
2. there are a lot of potholes on Artesia Boulevard
2. the possibility of installing traffic signal at 185th Street and Norwalk Boulevard

Commissioner Bothof suggested that there should be a joint meeting between Public Safety Commission and Beautification & Maintenance Commission to deal with graffiti problem and alley clean-up.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Commissioner Bothof reports:

- a. that paint on Alburdis/180th, Jersey/178th, and on 180th by the school, is faded, and that people not familiar with the City might go through the stop sign.
- b. the potholes on 183rd are bad
- c. there is no City ordinance about cars being parked on front lawns
- d. graffiti problem

2. Commissioner Barcelos raised the question on how to encourage residents to keep their properties clean and issues on Parking Enforcement, Graffiti, Dogs in front yards, Vacant houses, and overgrown vegetation.

7.. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Bothof adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M. to the regular meeting of the Public Safety Commission to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:30 P.M. at the Council Chambers at Artesia City Hall.

