

# SUN CITY SHADOW HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

#### Call to Order

The September Safety Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by chairperson Ed Chavez with Committee members John Hone, Mario Deiro, Joe Bourque and Raymond Benardout present. Other attendees included Greg Middlebrook, HOA Board; Rich Smetana, HOA; Rob Soruco, Director of Security; Ben Guitron, Indio Police Department; Mark Galvin, UPS Division Manager. Jerry Irwin, Information Committee, also attended.

#### Review/Approve Minutes

Upon a motion by John Hone and second by Mario Deiro, the July 2, 2014, meeting minutes were approved.

#### General Update

Rob Soruco, Director of Security, provided the security report for the month of August, 2014. There were 124 incidents of failure to stop at posted stop signs. There were also 33 speeding violations. There were 51 instances of garage doors left open and unattended with 2 citations issued in cases where there were multiple violations. There were 7 responses to alarms, all of which were false. Rob indicated there are approximately 550 vendors who are registered with some 970 transponders.

Ben Guitron provided an update from the Indio Police Department. Ben stated the "No Stopping Anytime" for all the streets surrounding all phases of SCSH have been put up. The investigation into the break-in that occurred in July ago is ongoing. Ben also talked about the ag fields on the north side of Monroe that seem to generate a fly infestation. Since these areas are deemed ag lands, the City of Indio has no jurisdiction. However, he did work with the County Ag Commission and Vector Control in an attempt to mitigate the issue. Ben said he is the contact person when these kinds of issues come up and he will work with the appropriate agencies.

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### New Business

The Safety Advisory Committee had previously interviewed Jeff Kirkpatrick as a potential committee member. His application was discussed, and following a motion by John Hone and a second by Joe Bourque, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the appointment of Jeff Kirkpatrick to the Safety Advisory Committee. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

The Committee had received concerns from residents on Camino Cantos about the wrought iron fencing at the southeast corner of SCSH and the possibility of outsiders coming over the fence. This followed the break-in and attempted break-in on Cantos several months ago. The Committee discussed this concern, and following a motion by Mario Deiro and a second by Raymond Benardout, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the planting of bougainvillea or a similar plant along the fencing to prevent climbing over the fence. The number and cost of the plants is to be determined by the Maintenance Director. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

SCSH security has 3 patrol vehicles. Two of the vehicles are equipped with "Cycops", a GPS tracking unit. These units allow the Security Director to better manage, monitor and direct our security resources. Based on the Director's request, a discussion by the Committee, and a motion by Mario Deiro and a second by Raymond Benardout, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend the purchase of a Cycops unit for the third patrol vehicle. We currently have a contract with Universal Pro systems to support these units. The monthly cost is \$200 for the 2 units. Universal is offering to provide a third unit for a total cost of \$285 per month for 3 units. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

SCSH security currently utilizes 2 video cameras worn by our personnel and activated to record violations and interactions on traffic stops. These units have been invaluable and are a protection to all involved in these situations. On the request of the Security Director, a discussion by the Committee, and following a motion by Mario Deiro and a second by Raymond Benardout, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the purchase of a third LE3 video camera to be utilized by the third security officer we now have. Cost of the body camera, charger and download cable is \$899.95. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

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Based on input from residents regarding rumble dots, the Committee did a sight visit at the Springs to look at their recently installed dots. Following a discussion and a motion by Mario Deiro and a second by Raymond Benardout, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the placement of rumble dots on Sun City Boulevard at Santa Juliana in both directions. Of the 124 stop sign violations, 28 occurred at this intersection. The rumble dots would be on a trial basis to determine if they are effective in alerting drivers of the upcoming stop signs. An affirmative vote by the Board would allow the Security Director and the Maintenance Director to work with a vendor in terms of the number of dots, placement and cost. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

Currently, there are LED crosswalk dots on Sun City Boulevard at Santa Juliana that flash at night alerting drivers of the stop signs. These seem to have been effective. Following a discussion and a motion by Mario Deiro and a second by Raymond Benardout, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that similar LED dots be placed in phase 3 at the intersection of Sun City Boulevard and Arbustos on front of the Santa Rose clubhouse. Cost of each dot is \$30.00. The number of dots will be determined by the Security Director and the Maintenance Director. A "Board Action Needed" form is being submitted.

The Committee was provided a presentation on a virtual video surveillance program called "Thrive 360". This program has nationwide applications and is provided by a subsidiary of Universal Protection Services. The Committee discussed potential uses in our community. More information is needed before any recommendations can be made.

Next meeting: October 1, 2014 at 10:30 a.m., LaJolla Room, Santa Rosa Clubhouse