

**MINUTES
SANTEE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10601 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, SANTEE, CA 92071
March 8, 2021**

A Regular meeting of the Santee Community Oriented Policing Committee (COMPOC) was called to order by Mayor John Minto at 2:02 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

Committee Members Present

John W. Minto, Mayor
Marlene Best, City Manager
Capt. Christina Bavencoff, Santee Sheriff's Department
Lt. Steve Bodine, Santee Sheriff's Department
Julia Diaz, Crime Prevention Specialist Santee Sheriff's Department
Nadia Binderup, Santee Sheriff's Department
Meredith Riffel, Santee Collaborative
David Shorey, Institute for Public Strategies
Jean Duffy, CASA/Santee Solutions Coalition
Troy P. Owens, Pastor-New Life Church
Mike Aiken, Citizen at Large
Linda Roach, Appointed Representative
Dr. Mark Foreman, PsyD, Appointed Representative

Staff Present:

Anne Morrison, City of Santee
Det. Sgt Michael Gonzales, Santee Sheriff's Department

Guest

Jennifer Frey, San Diego River Park Foundation

2. APPROVAL OF THE February 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

ACTION: On motion of David Shorey and seconded by Linda Roach the committee voted to approve the February 8, 2021, regular meeting minutes, which carried by the following roll call vote: John Minto: Aye; Lt. Steve Bodine: Aye, Meredith Riffel: Aye, David Shorey: Aye, Jean Duffy: Aye, Troy P. Owens: Aye; Mike Aiken: Aye; Linda Roach: Aye, Dr. Mark Foreman: Aye – 9

Absent: Mike Olander (Santee School District representative), Robin Ballarin, April Baker, (West Hills High School representatives), Tim Schwuchow, Larry Oedewaldt, (Santana High School representatives), Kristen Dare (Santee Chamber of Commerce) Brenda Joyce (BJ) Forbus (Appointed Representative) – 5, Marlene Best (IT issues not logged on) - 1

3. UPDATES ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH AND CRIME PREVENTION EVENTS:

Julia Diaz, stated the Neighborhood Watch Program status is being considered for the future. She introduced Det. Sgt Michael Gonzales, the new COPS lead. He provided the committee with his background and an overview of COPS. He stated that homeless outreach is a priority and project HOPE is being implemented. Outreach to homeless began on Tuesday, March 2 and will continue. Discussion was held and the mayor requested a regular report regarding homeless outreach at all COMPOC meetings. Capt. Christina Bavencoff concurred. David Shorey stated that there was a comprehensive online resources at www.ECAssist.org and Meredith Riffel mentioned the NAMI backpack resource.

4. We all Count – San Diego River Park Foundation

Jennifer Frey, Project manager gave an overview of the efforts made to do a count of homeless people who live along the San Diego River and to create a trash free river. She stated there is a partnership with the PATH program. The count was modified due to health regulations and was held on February 19 & 20, 2021. According to the count calculations numbers of homeless along the river has increased by 38% since last year, it is approximated there are 55 homeless in the river area. Discussion was held.

5. DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) Update: Marlene Best stated that steps were being taken to start the approved recommendations. There is a plan to have a virtual town hall meeting with presentations from the Santee Sheriff’s Department and City of Santee staff regarding their efforts in DEI in the next couple weeks, the COMPOC committee will be notified as to the date and time. She also stated that \$25,000 of seed money was approved with the mid-year budget adjustments to put towards further steps and possibly hire a consultant. Discussion was held.

6.COMMUNICATION FROM COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBERS:

David Shorey inquired if it was a possibility if the committee was interested in planning a presentation from the San Diego County law enforcement review board report? Discussion was held and several committee members stated they might have a point of contact for someone to do a presentation. David also inquired if there was interest from the committee regarding a presentation regarding syringe exchange at a future meeting. Discussion was held. Mayor stated it would be considered.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

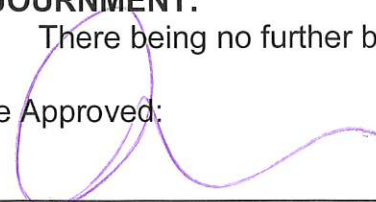
8. NEXT COMPOC MEETING DATE:

The committee will meet on April 12, 2021.
Topic: TBD &
DEI update

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Date Approved:



Anne Morrison, Recreation Services Manager