



# Blue Lake Public Safety Commission

August 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:02PM

## 1. Quorum Established:

Commissioners in Attendance: Crews, Nava, Warvi

Commissioners Absent: Nickerson

Council Liaison in Attendance: Scafani

Community Present: Justin NOYDB, Talia Flores, Kent Sawatzky

## 2. Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented:

Motion: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

No Public Comment

Motion Summary: Consensus

## 3. Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on lack of enforcement for fireworks, the gate at the horse arena and stop signs on I Street.

## 4. Approval of June 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the Minutes as Presented

Motion: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

No Public Comment

Motion Summary: Consensus

**5. Commissioner Resignation:** Due to family commitments, Commissioner Dickinson has presented her resignation from the commission. Commissioner Dickinson was the Secretary for the commission and the Commission needs to appoint a new Secretary. The Commission discusses the duties and expectations of the Secretary.

Motion: To appoint Kim Warvi to the position of Commission Secretary

Motion by: Crews

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Nava

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on advertising the vacant position.

Motion Summary: Consensus

## **6. Annual Meeting Discussion:**

Commissioner Crews and Nava met with Molly Homen, from the Resource Center to finalize the Public Safety Fair event details. The event will be held on September 14, 2024, from 10am-2pm at Perigot Park. The ad-hoc committee is reaching out to local agencies and community groups to invite them to the event. Commissioner Nava reports that Molly Homen is also reaching out to invite resource providers to the event.

The commission recommends keeping this item on as a future agenda item.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on advertising the event.

## **7. Hatchery Road Parking Issues:**

Commissioner Crews reports that during certain times of the year, there are issues with parking on Hatchery Road.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: States he made a complaint to Humboldt County Code Enforcement and reads a letter from Warren Black regarding Green Diamond and parking for the mountain bikers; states that Erin “fights with two-fists” says it’s a problem.

## **8. Humboldt County Sheriff Contract Update and Call Data Review**

City Manager Mager provides an overview of the contract liability and indemnification language that is being negotiated between the County Counsel and the City’s risk management team.

Call data will be presented at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on the Sheriff Contract payments.

Verda Pitts: Asks who the City’s risk managers are, and what are the Commissioners feelings on Sheriff services.

## **9. Agency and Staff Check-In:**

- Blue Lake Volunteer Fire Department:

Captain Flores presents the department’s call data; the department is still hosting CPR classes and car seat checks.

- Humboldt County Sheriff

No Sheriff Department representative in attendance.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on the fire department’s call volume.

Verda Pitts: Asks the Commission about communication with the Rancheria.

## **10. Staff Report:**

City Manager Mager provides an update on City projects, including the bike park project, the Greenwood Road Project, the status of the former Blue Lake Power site and the town square project.

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on Greenwood Truck Route Project; bikes and pedestrians don't mix; there isn't room for people to get out of their cars safely; bulb-outs take away parking.

Verda Pitts: Comments on the Powers Creek plans; does the City have any signage for algae; there are holes in the fence at the power plant; appreciates that planning is being coordinated with the school; are the town square lights impeding the night sky.

Talia Flores: Comments on the numbering of the agenda items.

Commissioner Crews: Comments on the algae signage

Liaison Scafani: Questions if there's testing of the algae.

## **11. Future Agenda Items:**

- Safety Fair Planning
- Cancel September Meeting due to Safety Fair

Public Comment:

Kent Sawatzky: Comments on redwood tree roots on I Street, stop signs on I Street and gymkhana fence.

## **12. Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by: Nava

Seconded by: Warvi

Motion Summary: Consensus