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*Lt. Jason Haynes,
Station Commander
Dep. Jesus Topete*

*The Alamo Police Service Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the
Contra Costa County Sheriff.*

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee

Meeting minutes from Monday August 6, 2018, 180 D Alamo Plaza, Alamo, CA

Agenda Items

1. Call to order: Chair Joe Motta called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Members Present: Diane Barley, Jo Ann Hirsch, Clark Johnson, Joe Motta, Bill Nelson, Steve Nelson, Joe Rubay, Drew Woodruff. Also present: Lt. Haynes, Deputy Jesus Topete, Jen Quallick, Field Representative for Supervisor Candace Anderson, Mark Young, chair of P5 district, Jerry Fahy, Contra Costa Public Works, and Steve Mick.

2. Public Comment- None

3. Review and Approval of prior meeting minutes: Previous APSAC minutes were reviewed, with one redaction, the committee approved "all in favor". Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report: As of July 12, 2018, the fund balance was \$136,354, the Traffic Fund Balance was \$36,403. The report was approved, "all in favor", unanimous.

5. Community Organizations Reports:

Alamo Improvement Association- Joe Rubay reported the Sunday Farmer's Market continues to be a success. The Annual Car Show in Alamo Plaza is scheduled for September 14.

Alamo Rotary- Diane Barley was pleased to announce that the Rotary's Service Above Self Award for 2018 was recently given to our beloved Deputy Jesus Topete, for among other things, working on his days off. We all agree it was well deserved. The Rotary Club also has new officers.

Alamo Foundation- Steve Mick reported the Tree Lighting celebration will be held December 2, 2018. The Sheriff's department, including the volunteers and Deputy Topete, were asked to and plan to be available to address traffic and security.

6. Police Report:

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Deputy Jesus Topete reported there were no new home burglaries in the last several months. More recently, he reported about an identity theft suspect whose arrest and prosecution were assisted with the help of the ALPR System. He also reported about a recent theft of a laptop wherein a victim met the suspect through an internet classified ad. When they met at an Alamo coffee shop, the suspect ran off with the laptop. The investigation is ongoing. Deputy Topete also reported that a strong arm robbery case from a few years ago is currently being prosecuted in superior court; he is subpoenaed to testify.

Deputy Topete also reported that he participated in running with the Special Olympics torch on Iron Horse Trail. He also described how he periodically takes the Saves Volunteers on field trips and recently took them to the Sheriff's firing range so that they could be educated on safety, current service weapons being used and they were allowed to shoot firearms under the watchful supervision of the Range Master and Deputy Topete.

7. On-Going Items:

A. Lieutenant Jason Haynes reported ALPR Cameras continue to be a helpful tool for law enforcement. Since November, eleven stolen vehicles have been recovered and it has been useful in solving several other crimes. He thinks Star Chase (a magnet projectile with adhesive that can attach to a fleeing suspect's vehicle) will assist with the costs to life and property often associated with high speed chases. After the meeting, the Sheriff's department did a demonstration of the Star Chase projectiles.

B. Jerry Fahy from the County Public Works came to discuss the roundabout being planned in front of the Plaza on Danville Blvd. at Orchard Court. Historically, he said that intersection has been one of the most dangerous, and the plans call for a much safer experience for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. The original plans are from 2003 and after applying for a federal grant, the project is now funded. The County is about 35% through the planning process. With design, environmental, federal and state approval processes, he believes the project construction will begin in 2020. Some members of the committee asked several questions and were hoping that some level of beautification and decorative accents can be implemented in the design.

C. Sheriff's Substation moving to the abandoned fire station on Stone Valley Road. Lt. Haynes reported that there was no information indicating whether the old fire station is available and did not know or have any information regarding whether the Sheriff Department was considering moving the Valley station.

All other Ongoing Items were not discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 pm, meeting adjourned in memory of Alamo resident Nasim Ghanadan, who passed in the recent plane crash in Southern California. The Sheriff's department gave a demonstration of the Star Chase system in the parking lot after the meeting.

Minutes respectively submitted by Joe Motta.