



**NOTICE OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY, TEXAS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting will be held in person, but residents may attend virtually using the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85654357201?pwd=a1EwN294RWNvaWZuRUZiQTkrckhUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 5435 7201  
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Notice is hereby given that the Public Works Committee of the City of Sunset Valley, Texas will hold a Regular Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the PD Training Room (3207 Jones Road), at which time, the following items will be discussed, to-wit:

1. 6:00 Call to Order
2. 6:00-6:10 Citizen Comments
3. 6:10-6:20 Council Liaison Report.
4. 6:20-6:25 Approval of Minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting.
5. 6:25-6:35 Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair.
6. 6:35- 7:05 Discussion regarding illegal campsites on Westgate along eastern boundary of Sunset Valley.
7. 7:05-7:25 New Business/Future Agenda Items
8. 7:25-7:30 Adjourn

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at City Hall, 3205 Jones Road, Sunset Valley, Texas, on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

*Matt Lingafelter*  
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City Secretary



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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET VALLEY, TEXAS  
MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Art Williams (Vice Chair), Joe Koizen, Erwin Haddon, Ruth Dawson  
Staff Members Present: Lenn Carter, Police Chief  
Citizens Present: Liz Wright, Alfonso Carmona, Myles Fox, Lisa Versace

- 1: Call to Order **Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM**
- 2: Citizen comments
- 3: Review and possible approval of minutes from PSC meeting held on 9/30/2019 **Joe Koizen motioned; Erwin Haddon 2nd**
- 4: Consider approval of a recommendation to City Council regarding an ordinance regulating electric shared mobility devices **This item was moved to item 5. Committee decided to recommend no regulation at this time but instead to monitor device usage within the city and make recommendation should it become necessary. Joe Koizen motioned; Erwin Haddon 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion passed 3 (For) 1 (Against)**
- 5: Consider approval of annual Fire Wise Program renewal application and provide recommendation for educational outreach activities for FY 19-20 **This item was moved to item 4. Sara Wilson discussed the Fire Wise program and asked the committee to review the program application as well as make any program recommendations for the upcoming year. PSC voted to renew the application. Joe Koizen motioned; Erwin Haddon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 4 – 0.**
- 6: Approve a request from residents to study the potential for implementing a city rebate for a voluntary residential home surveillance video sharing program with the police department **PSC and residents discussed options for video surveillance program within the city. PSC and police department will continue to research this issue for further discussion at upcoming meetings.**
- 7: Approve a request from residents to study school-related traffic congestion on Jones Road and consider possible alternative routes. **Committee agreed to research the issue for further discussion at upcoming meetings.**
- 8: Adjourn **Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM Ruth Dawson motioned; Erwin Haddon 2nd**

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2021



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM #6

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STAFF PREPARER/CONTACT INFORMATION: Lenn Carter, Police Chief  
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SUBJECT: CONCERNS REGARDING ILLEGAL CAMPSITE IN THE 2600 BLOCK OF WESTGATE BLVD

DESCRIPTION: Discussion regarding the illegal campsite in the 2600 blk of Westgate Blvd and incidents of theft/criminal trespassing in neighborhood off Jones Rd

BACKGROUND: In August 2021 the City of Austin reinstated a ban on public camping. Weeks later, the State of Texas enacted a statewide ban on public camping. Enforcement efforts in open public spaces such as the 290 underpasses, resulted in an increase of illegal camping in nearby wooded areas. Two areas of concern to Sunset Valley residents are the greenbelt near the Brodie bridge and the large campsite in the 2600 block of Westgate along the eastern city limits.

### Brodie Bridge Campsite

Beginning in September 2021, the police department began receiving calls about illegal campsites along the nature trail in approximately the 5900 block of Brodie Ln. Concerns were related to trash, debris, and disorderly conduct during the overnight hours. In October and November 2021, the Department cleaned up three sites in the area. However, callers still report camping activity and disorderly in the area just outside of the ETJ of Sunset Valley.

### Westgate Campsite

In early September 2021, a large illegal campsite developed on private property in approximately the 2600 block of Westgate. During that same period there were reports of criminal trespass, stolen bicycles and mail thefts on Reese, Sunset Trail, and Pillow. On several occasions' officers contacted suspicious persons in the area that were linked to the Westgate campsite. Sporadically, since September there have been reports of thefts and trespassing from Sunset Valley residents on the Next-door app. Officers from Sunset Valley, Austin PD, and Austin Fire/EMS are aware of the campsite and its residents.

The purpose of this discussion is to solicit ideas from residents about collaborating with the City of Austin to remove illegal campsites that are impacting safety and security in Sunset Valley.