

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2017
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saul called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair David Saul; Vice Chair Chris Frost (arrived at 5:08 p.m.); and Commissioners Marlene Matlow and Carol Randall

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, City Manager; Bob Brager, Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Acting Public Works Superintendent; Doug Cleavenger, Senior Code Enforcement Officer; Eric Barela, Code Enforcement Officer; Lieutenant Jim Royal, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Liaison; and Mary Linden, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Manager Feldman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Linden explained Item Nos. 4.B. and 4.C. were erroneously listed as 4.C. and 4.D. respectively on the agenda. She stated the minutes would reflect the correct numbering.

MOTION Commissioner Matlow moved and Chair Saul seconded a motion to approve the agenda with corrections to the numbering of Item Nos. 4.B. and 4.C. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Frost absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on December 29, 2016.

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Commissioner Arnold Bernstein

Mr. Bernstein was not in attendance.

Vice Chair Frost arrived at 5:08 p.m.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

City Manager Feldman reported that Emergency Services Coordinator Brad Davis resigned a few weeks ago following a leave of absence. She stated the position is currently vacant. She stated she would continue to handle the duties of his position and is reviewing possible modifications to the position. She stated she has been in communication with members of CERT and Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) during his absence, and is in regular communication with the Sheriff's and Fire Departments in case the emergency operations Center (EOC) needed to be activated. She discussed upcoming EOC drills with staff and the Sheriff's and Fire Departments, California Highway Patrol (CHP) and Animal Control. In response to Commissioner Matlow, City Manager Feldman explained the roles of the Emergency Services Coordinator, a City staff position, and CERT, which is a volunteer organization.

Commissioner Randall stated that at the December 2016 Business Roundtable, the CERT team was described as an organization independent of the City. City Manager Feldman explained the City's CERT program and stated she would be in attendance at the next Business Roundtable to clarify any misunderstandings.

Meril May distributed a memo regarding safety optimization achievements and work still needed to be done, including general safety maintenance, drainage, fire safety, brush clearance and road surface maintenance. He discussed inadequate parking resulting in traffic safety concerns.

City Manager Feldman stated she was meeting monthly with the Caltrans Deputy Director of Maintenance and/or the Deputy Director of Capital Projects. She discussed serious staffing issues Caltrans has in covering the Malibu area. She stated she met with the State's Deputy Director of Transportation to request the budget for this area be adjusted to supplement staffing.

Commissioner Randall requested that a Caltrans representative be requested to attend future meetings.

City Manager Feldman discussed the City's plan to assist with trash pickup through the Supplemental Adopt A Highway program.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Matlow stated it has been a pleasure working on the Commission for many years. The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Matlow for her service to the City.

In response to Vice Chair Frost, Mr. May explained how the Adopt A Highway program operated.

Chair Saul thanked the commissioners for working with him over the years. The Commission thanked Chair Saul for his service.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Randall moved and Vice Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2016
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of December 7, 2016.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Code Enforcement Update
Recommended action: Discuss the City's Code Enforcement activity related to compliance with the valet ordinance and commercial signage impacting traffic and/or public parking.

Doug Cleavenger, Senior Code Enforcement Officer, commended the VOP for its efforts to help enforce the new valet ordinance. He stated the VOP assisted with outreach and communication of the new law's requirements, and monitored compliance at night and on weekends. He stated only one outside agency had to be contacted regarding violations and no fines had yet to be imposed.

Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger explained the fine schedule for violations of the valet ordinance. In response to Vice Chair Frost, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger stated the individual and/or the company can be cited.

Chair Saul stated that compliance at certain restaurants was below par last month, but most businesses seemed to now be in compliance. In response to Chair Saul, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger confirmed that the Planning Department provided valet ordinance information when issuing special event permits.

Chair Saul asked if Code Enforcement monitored businesses charging for parking on weekends to ensure the City received payment. He discussed signs posted by businesses near parking entrances and exits. Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger explained much of code enforcement was driven by citizen reports. He introduced Eric Barela, Code Enforcement Officer. He stated Code Enforcement Officer Barela would be working certain weekends.

Chair Saul asked if the City could do anything about businesses advertising on vehicles parked along PCH. Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger explained the definition of a billboard. Commissioner Randall expressed the benefits of having marked delivery vehicles. Senior Code Enforcement Officer Cleavenger stated he would meet with business owners or managers to discuss concerns and potential violations.

In response to Commissioner Matlow, Public Works Director Brager stated signage impacting motorists' visibility was included in the Parking Study.

In response to Vice Chair Frost, Lt. Royal stated the Vehicle Code restricts the sale of vehicles or their contents on State highways.

B. Update on Projects Affecting Traffic on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and City Streets

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file status updates on projects affecting traffic on PCH and City streets, including: a) Point Dume Speed Advisory Signs Project; b) Bus Stop Shelters Pilot Project; c) PCH Signal Systems Improvements Project; and d) Caltrans maintenance work; and 2) Provide questions to be asked during the City's biweekly conference call with Caltrans staff.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report. In response to Commissioner Matlow, he provided the locations of the five installed speed advisory signs. Commissioner Matlow suggested installing the sixth sign on Fernhill Drive, near the school. She requested the sign data be provided to the Commission and posted on Next Door Point Dume.

Chair Saul and Commissioner Matlow stated they were very excited to see the PCH Signal Systems Improvements Project moving forward. Public Works Director Brager stated all the financing for the project had been secured. In response to Vice Chair Frost, Public Works Director Brager stated the project would take a couple of years to complete. In response to Commissioner Randall, Public Works Director Brager explained various facets of the project. Commissioner Randall expressed the importance of making sure the synchronization allowed time for residents on PCH to safely exit their driveways.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Hart stated the Malibu Lagoon bridge maintenance and striping had been postponed due to inclement weather. He thanked Mr. May for his reports and stated he communicated with Caltrans about the issues in those reports. He stated City street striping had also been delayed due to rain.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Hart stated he and Lt. Royal had discussed the request for a speed sign in Malibu Country Estates presented at the December 7, 2016 meeting. He reported that CHP loaned a radar sign that was now in place on Malibu Country Drive. Chair Saul stated the mobile signs provided by the City, County and CHP were extremely helpful in reducing speeding and traffic congestion.

In response to Chair Saul, Public Works Director Brager stated Caltrans would require warrants to consider installation of lighted crosswalks.

Acting Public Works Superintendent Hart stated Caltrans and the County of Los Angeles are working together to consider how overnight parking on PCH south of Topanga can be restricted. Commissioner Randall stated she thought there was a new law that allowed overnight parking on State highways. Lt. Royal clarified that overnight camping is still prohibited within the Malibu city limits.

Linda Matlow requested the intersection of Zumirez Drive and Wildlife Road be restriped or delineators installed to clearly indicate lane directions.

Commissioner Randall discussed unclear lane directions at PCH and Las Flores Canyon Road. She suggested delineators be installed to indicate the right turn off Las Flores onto the bypass road or PCH to reduce collisions.

Commissioner Matlow requested replacement of an old sign that directed people to PCH when exiting Point Dume from Cliffside Drive or Fernhill Drive. She stated the sign has been missing for many years. Acting Public Works Superintendent Hart stated he would continue to research the old sign.

C. Public Safety Agency Activity

Recommended Action: Discuss recent Public Safety Agency activities and receive and file activity reports from the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Lifeguards.

Lt. Royal discussed the increase in overnight parking of recreational vehicles (RV). He stated many homeless individuals were requesting a place for overnight parking where they could sleep in their vehicles. Deputy Mark Winn stated he was discussing with CHP problems related to RVs parked overnight south of Topanga.

Lt. Royal stated a homeless count was scheduled for later this month. He stated last year's count indicated 60-70 homeless individuals in Malibu. He announced the town hall meeting about homelessness in Malibu at City Hall on January 17, 2017. He stated DUI checkpoints and the increased use of Uber and Lyft were factors in the reduction of DUI collisions and arrests over the past year. He stated approximately one third of fatalities over the past ten years involved pedestrians crossing the road and at least half of those were after dark.

In response to Chair Saul, Mark Russo, VOP, reported the VOPs were red-tagging overnight parking violations.

Commissioner Randall discussed a recent accident where a car veered across the traffic lanes and went into a home on Carbon Beach.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:29 p.m., Chair Saul moved and Commissioner Randall seconded a motion to adjourn in honor of Commissioner Matlow's sixteen years of service on the Public Safety Commission.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

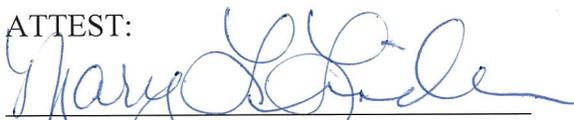
Commissioner Matlow requested the motion be amended to also adjourn in honor of Chair Saul's service on the Commission. The amendment was accepted by the maker and seconder. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on February 1, 2017



CHRIS FROST, Vice Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Recording Secretary