

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2018
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Carol Randall; Vice Chair Chris Frost; and Commissioners Chris Hanson, Fred Roberts and Tracy Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Bob Brager, Public Works Director; Travis Hart, Senior Public Works Inspector; Deputy Mark Winn, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meril May led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Wright moved and Vice Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on December 28, 2017.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Meril May discussed malfunctioning street lights near PCH and Kanan. He stated the Las Flores intersection needs additional attention to reduce accidents. He requested the City ask Caltrans to repair cracks on PCH. He commended the City and Caltrans for clearing drains.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wright inquired about the timeframe for repairing the stairs at Surfrider Beach and the status of a crosswalk near Malibu Beach Inn. Chair Randall stated the Coastal Commission is requiring a crosswalk and a signal there.

Chair Randall reported she attended the last PCH Task Force meeting and that she was appointed to a subcommittee to determine how best to use a \$150,000 grant received for pedestrian safety on PCH.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Randall moved and Commissioner Wright 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 6, 2017

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of December 6, 2017.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

A. Pedestrian Safety Risks (continued from December 6, 2017)

Recommended Action: 1) Receive a report from the Pedestrian Safety Risks Ad Hoc Committee on potential safety issues related to areas at risk of vehicle versus pedestrian accidents; and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council on whether or not to adopt an ordinance to require specific safety enhancements to prevent vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

Vice Chair Frost discussed the problems with putting bollards everywhere pedestrians might be walking. He suggested heavily trafficked shopping centers with many pedestrians should be looked at for additional safety enhancements. He stated many restaurants have not yet complied with the existing ordinance.

Chair Randall agreed it would be difficult to create adequate descriptions that would envelop all the locations that should be required to install pedestrian safety enhancements.

Vice Chair Frost and Chair Randall discussed certain locations with outdoor dining areas that are not yet in compliance.

Public Works Director Brager stated he thought the ordinance left it to the developer to choose the appropriate type of bollard or other approved safety enhancement. In response to Chair Randall, Public Works Director Brager stated the Code Enforcement office would determine if a code violation exists.

Commissioner Wright stated it was unrealistic to expect Code Enforcement to ensure compliance. She suggested a list of businesses with outdoor dining areas be prepared and each one inspected for compliance. Public Works Director Brager stated the current ordinance included a grace period for existing businesses to bring their locations into compliance. Senior Public Works Inspector Hart confirmed the ordinance allowed existing businesses until June 2018 to comply.

In response to Vice Chair Frost, Public Works Director Brager stated installing safety enhancements everywhere there are pedestrian walkways would disturb the character of the City.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of City Response to Southern California Fires

Recommended Action: Receive overview of the City's response to the Southern California fires, and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She stated this was one of the first times the Fire Department initiated conference calls with the City. She stated the Wildfire Decision Points for Evacuation provided by the Fire Department were extremely helpful to the City. She discussed advance work done by the City in preparation for the possibility of the Skirball Fire jumping the freeway. She explained how the City would use its Everbridge disaster notification system to inform residents of evacuations. She described the types of alerts and advisories sent by the City. She discussed concerns about oversaturation of messaging.

Vice Chair Frost explained how users of PulsePoint could specifically request that notifications only be sent when fires were confirmed.

Public Safety Manager Duenas discussed the City's plans for promoting registration on Everbridge. Chair Randall expressed concern for individuals who do not use technology.

Vice Chair Frost discussed the need for elderly residents to make plans in advance for receiving assistance. Public Safety Manager Dueñas encouraged neighbors to

be prepared to provide assistance. Deputy Winn stated the Sheriff's Department would likely be unable to respond to all requests for assistance in a timely manner. Public Safety Manager Dueñas suggested holding meetings in neighborhoods to allow residents to help make the best plan for their specific community.

Meril May stated he knew of someone who could help fund a horse evacuation system. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she directed them to contact the County of Ventura, since it was a volunteer-run organization. Deputy Winn discussed complications caused when people from the outside bring trailers into the City to provide assistance. He discussed a California Highway Patrol (CHP) program for certifying equestrian transport for emergencies. He stated the Sheriff's Department was working with Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control on the issue.

Commissioner Hanson discussed situations with animals during the Creek Fire. Deputy Winn suggested horse owners make arrangements in advance for transporting their animals, preferably to a location well outside the immediate area, since local evacuation sites filled up quickly.

Commissioner Roberts discussed concerns for mutual aid responders entering an unknown area.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas reconfirmed that the City did a lot of behind-the-scenes work during the fires to be sure it was prepared should the emergency enter the City. She announced that renowned earthquake expert Dr. Lucy Jones would make a presentation at the January 10, 2018 City Council meeting as part of the City's Earthquake Resiliency Initiative. She announced the next public safety town hall meeting on January 24, 2018.

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) Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Street Maintenance Project; b) Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility (CCWTF) construction; c) Slope Stabilization Project (Caltrans); d) Malibu Canyon Pole Replacement Project Phase II (Southern California Edison); and e) Caltrans maintenance work; and 2) Provide feedback or questions for Caltrans staff.

Public Works Superintendent Hart presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Wright, Deputy Winn stated repair of the flashing crosswalk near Colony Liquor was on a Caltrans fast track list.

In response to Chair Randall, Public Works Director Brager confirmed the new La Costa crosswalk would be a hawk system.

Chair Randall asked if the City could request that Southern California Edison (SCE) upgrade the bulbs in its PCH streetlights. Public Works Director Brager stated the City Council directed staff to investigate the matter and staff found that SCE could upgrade to LED, non-yellow lights. He noted that the City would have to work within parameters of the proposed dark sky ordinance. Chair Randall stated public safety should take priority over dark skies.

Senior Public Works Inspector Hart stated the County of Los Angeles was also interested in upgrading streetlights within its jurisdiction.

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.

Deputy Winn provided highlights from the Sheriff's Department's monthly report. He stated most of the approximately 4,000 additional parking citations issued year-to-date directly resulted from the work of the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP).

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Deputy Winn stated CHP provides enforcement on the section of PCH in unincorporated Los Angeles County between the Malibu and Los Angeles city limits. He stated CHP does not cite the motorhomes parked in that area. In response to Chair Randall, Deputy Winn discussed public health issues related to the motorhomes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:45 p.m., Commissioner Wright moved and Vice Chair Frost seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on February 7, 2018.


CAROL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:


MARY LINDEN, Recording Secretary