

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018  
ZUMA ROOM  
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 4:58 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 Andy Cohen, Fred Roberts, and Tracy Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Rob DuBoux, Acting Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Deputy Mike Treinen, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Vice Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Roberts 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 August 30, 2018.

CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Commissioner

Executive Assistant Linden administered the oath of office to Commissioner Cohen.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Olivia Damavandi, City Council candidate, thanked the commissioners for their service. She expressed her commitment to make PCH safer in any capacity she can. She pledged that safety on PCH is her number one priority.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Roberts thanked Ms. Damavandi.

Commissioner Wright asked the Commissioners to continue to follow up on repairs to the stairs at Surfrider Beach. She stated the stairs continue to be a serious safety hazard.

Vice Chair Frost discussed a bollard at Ralphs knocked down by a car. He stated the bollards were not sufficient to protect the eating area there. He discussed speeding in the 35 miles per hour (mph) zone and stated the signage was inefficient. He discussed a group of exotic cars that came through Malibu with a police escort. He stated California Highway Patrol (CHP) was investigating. He inquired when the third Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) vehicle would be put into service.

Chair Randall discussed chaotic parking during the Chili Cook-Off last weekend. She stated they took all the parking at the Ralphs shopping center. Deputy Mark Winn discussed enforcement of event parking. He stated the Sheriff's Department and Fire Marshal were discussing plans for next year, including improved signage.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Wright 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 – August 1, 2018

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of August 1, 2018.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Caltrans Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Project Update

Recommended Action: 1) Receive a project status update from Caltrans regarding Caltrans construction projects and Caltrans permitted projects; and 2) Provide Caltrans with issues for future reports to the Commission.

Chair Randall welcomed Abdi Saghafi, Office of Corridor Management (West) Chief for Caltrans District 7 Division of Traffic Operations.

Mr. Saghafi discussed street lighting in Malibu. He explained that the County of Los Angeles was responsible for non-safety related street lighting on PCH. He stated SCE could upgrade the lighting to LED at the City's request.

Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated City staff was evaluating street lighting throughout the City to coordinate with SCE and the County.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the County finished its assessment of all the lighting within its district and would schedule a meeting with the City to discuss how best to move forward.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated street lighting was for public safety and did not fall under the City's Dark Sky Ordinance.

Mr. Saghafi stated the Malibu Beach Inn permit for the new crosswalk would expire at the end of the year. He stated the poles and signals were due by the end of September. He stated intersection improvements at PCH and Cross Creek Road would be completed by February 2019. He explained the work at PCH and Webb Way was under the same permit and the signals would be synchronized.

Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated a new four-way signal to be installed at Civic Center Way and Webb Way would be synchronized with the signal at Webb Way and PCH.

Chair Randall expressed concern about traffic backing up. Acting Public Works Director DuBoux explained the realignment of traffic lanes on Webb Way. He stated the City's traffic engineer would monitor the project and coordinate with Caltrans.

Mr. Saghafi stated the Caltrans signal work at PCH and Webb Way would be completed by Thanksgiving. He stated intersection improvements at the intersection of Malibu Canyon Road and PCH were complete. He stated the La Costa crosswalk permit expires in November 2018 and a preconstruction meeting was scheduled next week.

In response to Chair Randall, Mr. Saghafi confirmed all the Caltrans signals were hawk systems.

Commissioner Wright discussed public outcry about the Malibu Beach Inn crosswalk and its close proximity to an existing crosswalk. She questioned its impacts on public safety. In response to Commissioner Wright, Mr. Saghafi confirmed the project was continuing.

Chair Randall asked what official reason for the Malibu Beach Inn crosswalk was listed on the permit. Mr. Saghafi stated the developer made a commitment to the California Coastal Commission to add stairs. Commissioner Wright stated the crosswalk was unrelated to the stairs.

Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated Caltrans' Permit Division evaluated the potential of pedestrians crossing to reach the new beach stairs. Commissioner Roberts noted that there were no stairs installed yet. Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated traffic mitigation improvements were often implemented before the projects to which they were related were finished. He stated payment for the stairs has been made. Vice Chair Frost stated there was nothing across the street from where pedestrians would come. He discussed the parking lot across PCH from the hotel.

Chair Randall inquired why warrants were not required before this crosswalk was approved. Acting Public Works Director DuBoux stated certain traffic improvements still required traffic warrants.

Commissioner Wright stated the number of pedestrians listed on the permit did not exist.

Mr. Saghafi discussed issues with parking lost due to construction of the PCH median project. In response to Commissioner Roberts, Acting Public Works Director DuBoux explained the project. He stated the median from Puerco Canyon Road to Corral Canyon Road was being improved by Caltrans and coordinated with the City's median project from Puerco Canyon Road to Webb Way. He stated most Caltrans work was being done at night to reduce traffic impacts. He stated the City worked with Caltrans to widen the shoulder area to allow for safe parking.

Mr. Saghafi explained the new median would be raised and narrower to allow for wider traffic lanes. In response to Commissioner Wright, Mr. Saghafi confirmed a crosswalk with a hawk signal would be installed at the trailhead entry point. He stated the Caltrans project was budgeted at \$7 million and should be completed by Fall 2019.

In response to Chair Randall, Mr. Saghafi stated the safety features of the raised median included preventing cars from crossing into oncoming traffic. Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian explained that the current median had flattened and the new median would act as a barrier.

Commissioner Roberts stated the raised median would prevent illegal U-turns.

Vice Chair Frost stated pedestrians would still cross unsafely rather than walk to a crosswalk. Commissioner Roberts suggested installing paddles to reduce the number of pedestrians crossing outside the crosswalk.

Mr. Saghafi stated traffic signals were being considered for El Matador, La Piedra, and El Pescador State Beaches. He stated Caltrans was also considering adding No Parking areas near the signals. He stated Caltrans' main priority is safety.

Commissioner Cohen asked if pedestrian bridges over PCH could be considered. Mr. Saghafi stated the project had to qualify as a safety project and meet certain safety thresholds.

In response to Chair Randall, Mr. Saghafi explained that signal synchronization would allow the longest green time possible at the posted speed limit without impacting cross streets.

Chair Randall thanked Caltrans for the new right-hand turn lane on PCH at Cross Creek Road.

Mr. Saghafi discussed the Trancas Bridge Replacement Project. He stated the project might include a right turn lane into Trancas Market if funding was available. Vice Chair Frost stated the right turn lane should extend from the bridge to Trancas Canyon Road.

Ryan Embree discussed Caltrans projects that had not been completed due to funding, including a right turn deceleration lane into Paradise Cove. He asked about lengthening the left turn pocket from PCH onto Heathercliff. He discussed Los Angeles County Waterworks improvements near Trancas Bridge. He suggested the equipment be moved to the other side of the bridge. He discussed the proposed crosswalk for Malibu Beach Inn. He asked if the crosswalk would be synchronized with other crosswalks nearby to minimize downtime for PCH traffic.

Mr. Saghafi stated traffic control for the Trancas Bridge Replacement Project will be difficult. He stated Caltrans will continue to work closely with City staff. He thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to participate in the meetings.

B. National Preparedness Month Activities

Recommended Action: Receive and file report regarding National Preparedness Month activities in Malibu.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She reported that the City had conducted a test of its Disaster Notification System today to numbers only in

Western Malibu. She stated staff would work with Everbridge to review the test analytics. She stated additional tests would be done for three other sections of the City. She discussed emergency operations center (EOC) training for City staff. She stated a meeting of public safety stakeholders would be held at the end of the month to review the City's Emergency Operations Plan. She announced the Safety and Preparedness Expo on Saturday, September 29, 2018. She stated Assembly Member Bloom's office had committed to participate. She announced the hiring of a Public Safety Specialist to help her with such things as the Homelessness Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Roberts announced they received the test message this morning. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she would discuss with Everbridge why some people received additional notifications after confirming receipt of an earlier message.

In response to Chair Randall, Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained how the City sections were determined. She stated it was intended to balance the population numbers within each section.

Vice Chair Frost stated problems with notifications are a statewide issue. He stated the testing could result in the City being the first to have it work efficiently.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained the City would use the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system, which is based on proximity to cell towers, to initially alert the entire City of an emergency.

Commissioner Cohen stated Nixle alerts seem to be sporadic. Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained the City's procedures for sending alerts.

In response to Chair Randall, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated vendors would be available to sell emergency kits and supplies at the Expo. She stated seniors over 55 who attended a class at the Expo would receive a rolling backpack with basic emergency supplies.

Ryan Embree was not present at the time the item was discussed.

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 Mike Treinen discussed traffic statistics and trends since 2016. He discussed recent burglaries in Malibu Park. He stated a homeless encampment cleanup was conducted last week with help from local homelessness activists. He

stated another cleanup was scheduled at the end of September near Zuma Creek. He stated services would be offered to homeless individuals in that area. In response to Chair Randall, Deputy Treinen stated calls to the Sheriff's Department related to homelessness issues had reached approximately 90 calls per month.

Vice Chair Frost stated a local activist told him that the numbers of homeless in Malibu were noticeably down. Deputy Treinen stated Ralphs management had indicated the number of problems near the market were down.

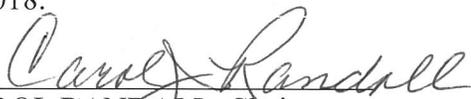
In response to Commissioner Roberts, Deputy Treinen stated Malibu Creek State Park was still closed but was expected to reopen for camping soon. He confirmed the hiking trails had remained open.

Deputy Treinen reported the Beach Team was writing citations for bicycle traffic violations.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:33 p.m., Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on October 3, 2018.

  
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CAROL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant