

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2023  
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
5:00 P.M.

**The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost 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 Chris Frost; Commissioners Daphne Anneet, Keegan Gibbs, and Joshua Spiegel; and Ex Officio Member Brent Woodworth

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Director; Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Luis Flores, Public Safety Liaison; Sarah Kaplan, Emergency Services Coordinator; Gabe Etcheverry, Fire Safety Liaison; Parker Davis, Media Technician; Lieutenant Dustin Carr, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emergency Services Coordinator Kaplan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Gibbs moved, and Commissioner Anneet seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and 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, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Director Dueñas discussed preparation for the upcoming storms. She discussed the Governor's emergency declaration. She discussed potential City projects for CalFire grants. She announced the upcoming Homeless Count on January 25, 2023. She invited Commissioners to participate. She announced the resignation of Emergency Services Coordinator Kaplan.

Public Safety Liaison Flores stated volunteers for the Homeless Count could sign up at [www.TheyCountWillYou.org](http://www.TheyCountWillYou.org). He discussed progress with the Knox Box community education campaign.

Emergency Services Coordinator Kaplan stated she would miss working in the City. She stated was working with Richard Garvey to ensure continuity of long-term CERT activities. She stated a CERT class would be scheduled to begin in February or March.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry stated there was no longer an official start and stop of fire season. He stated recent storm activity should result in approximately eight total inches of rain. He discussed anticipated significant wind activity in January and March. He stated the Live Fuel Moisture (LFM) was approximately 75% in early December. He stated it should be significantly higher by now. He stated 14 brush clearance signs were being replaced throughout the City. He discussed locations for eight Beacon Boxes expected to be delivered within the month. He stated 43 Home Ignition Zone Assessments were completed in 2022.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed preparation for the upcoming storm. He stated the City had a weather consultant who provided updated information on storm events, including timing and intensity, which helped schedule crews. He stated heavy rain of 0.3 inches per hour was expected tomorrow, which could lead to debris flows. He stated Point Dume expected 2.5 inches in this event. He stated maintenance crews were prepping storm drains. He discussed crews and equipment scheduled to work through the storm event.

In response to Commissioner Spiegel, Public Works Director DuBoux stated Castro Peak should get approximately 2.8 inches of rain. He stated Lechuza was a greater concern with more than three inches expected. Commissioner Spiegel requested a crew check Trancas Creek where Caltrans equipment had not been moved.

ITEM 2.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ex Officio Member Woodworth stated he observed Caltrans workers preparing for potential debris in roads. He stated the rain would result in reducing fire danger.

In response to Commissioner Spiegel, Public Safety Director Dueñas confirmed members of the public were welcome to volunteer for the Homeless Count. Commissioner Spiegel stated it was a good experience. He stated Caltrans had not staged its equipment at the Trancas Bridge project as it had previously assured it would be done. He expressed concern about materials being swept into the ocean during the storm.

Commissioner Anneet stated she would be focusing on working with Commissioner Spiegel to identify locations for an impound lot.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated a CalFire grant for fire prevention activities could potentially fund home hardening and fire prevention education. She discussed the potential of a demonstration site at Bluffs Park in partnership with the Community Services Department.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry stated there was currently a demonstration site in Malibu Canyon at Piuma Road.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated the City planned to inform the community about home hardening State mandates. She stated details would be provided with Item No. 5.B.

ITEM 3        CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION        Commissioner Gibbs moved, and Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and 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, 2022

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of December 7, 2022.

ITEM 4        OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5        NEW BUSINESS

A.        Automatic License Plate Reader Camera Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report regarding the implementation of Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras in the City and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Director Dueñas presented the report. She discussed the benefits of hardwired cameras, such as those provided by Vigilant. She stated solar kits were also ordered to get them operational as soon as possible. She introduced Deputy Samuel Paul, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Advanced Surveillance and Protection Unit.

Deputy Paul discussed his experience with the Vigilant system. He commended the City for an excellent purchase that would provide great coverage. He agreed with Public Safety Director Dueñas that solar power could be limited in bad weather. He stated the hardwiring could augment or replace the solar power. He stated all management responsibilities would be covered by his LASD unit, including installation. He stated the cameras were picked up today and were being tested before installation after the weather cleared. He stated a site survey would be conducted to determine if the recommended locations were appropriate.

Commissioner Gibbs asked who had access to the data and when the public could petition for access. Deputy Paul stated Senate Bill (SB) 34 and SB 54 prevented public access to ALPR data. He stated it was considered law enforcement data. He stated the City purchased the equipment for use by LASD, its contracted law enforcement agency. He stated only sworn investigators and civilian crime analysts working with law enforcement had access. He discussed monthly audits conducted to ensure proper use of the data. He stated information was stored encrypted. He stated LASD was responsible for hundreds of cameras with a dedicated team managing them for all contract cities.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Deputy Paul stated SB 34 and SB 54 did not restrict the crimes for which the data could be used. He stated a specific reason for any search was required. In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Deputy Paul stated the cameras did not take continuous video. He stated the cameras used motion-based and infrared technology to access license plate information.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth asked about capturing information at night. Deputy Paul stated the cameras the City purchased used a sensor that was extremely sensitive at night. He stated it was the most superior camera he had ever seen.

Chair Frost asked if the camera data could be used to identify a vehicle that had been observed in a neighborhood where certain crimes had occurred. Deputy Paul

stated an investigator could search by identifying criteria, such as make, model, or color, in a particular area to see if any corresponding vehicles were found in the dataset. In response to Chair Frost, Deputy Paul stated no data had been hacked. In response to Chair Frost, Deputy Paul explained how law enforcement would be alerted about wanted vehicles captured by the cameras.

Chair Frost suggested all entrances to and exits from the City should have cameras. He stated the City was vulnerable west of Trancas based on the identified potential installation locations.

Deputy Paul stated some cities preferred outbound only. He suggested it might be better to know when a criminal was coming into the City so they would be within the city limits where local law enforcement was based. Chair Frost agreed with Deputy Paul but suggested canyons in the west end needed better coverage.

In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated she could request additional cameras in the mid-year budget or next year's budget.

Commissioner Anneet agreed with Chair Frost that the west end needed better coverage. She suggested adding a camera at Encinal Canyon.

Chair Frost stated it would be best to put the cameras on the canyon roads as they approached Pacific Coast Highway (PCH).

Ex Officio Member Woodworth commended Public Safety Director Dueñas for the selected locations. He discussed the volume of accidents at PCH and Las Flores Canyon Road. He agreed with Chair Frost that a camera on the canyon road would be beneficial. Deputy Paul stated a camera could be helpful in identifying a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run.

B. Public Safety 2022 Accomplishments and 2023 Work Plan

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report outlining the Public Safety Department's 2022 accomplishments and 2023 work plan and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Director Dueñas presented the report. She stated she was very proud of what the Public Safety Department staff accomplished last year. She stated staff would work with the Community Services Department to coordinate efforts with young people and the Youth Commission.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry discussed State and County vegetation management requirements. He stated the State passed Assembly Bill (AB) 3074 in September 2020 to identify the first five feet from a structure as Zone Zero. He stated implementation of AB 3074 should have begun last January, but the verbiage was

not expected for at least six more months. He stated City of Malibu Ordinance No. 461, which mimicked much of AB 3074 and the Los Angeles County Fire Code, was applicable only to homes in Malibu.

Commissioner Gibbs stated the State also had to be prepared for enforcement of AB 3074.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry stated there was supposed to be a one-year pass on enforcement to allow time for public education.

Public Safety Director Dueñas stated updating the City's Emergency Plan was a priority and would include identifying all capabilities within the community.

Commissioner Anneet commended and thanked staff for the volume of results achieved.

Chair Frost agreed with Commissioner Anneet. He also commended the Commission for its efforts in the past year.

Commissioner Spiegel stated he would like to see a water tank audit conducted in 2023. Public Safety Director Dueñas stated an infrastructure exercise on January 19, 2023 would include discussion of water capacity. She stated a water study could also identify other water resources, including the possibility of using ocean water. In response to Commissioner Spiegel, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated she would provide a briefing at the February Public Safety Commission meeting with a full report in March. Commissioner Spiegel thanked staff for doing a great job in the past year.

Commissioner Gibbs asked if there was a resource for community members to find out about water available to them. Public Safety Director Dueñas stated that would be a great public education opportunity once the City returned to in-person events.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated the Public Works Commission was tasked with discussing the Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 infrastructure. He suggested a joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission might be scheduled. In response to Commissioner Gibbs, he stated there may be a map of water sources.

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 Lifeguard Division.

Lieutenant Carr discussed concerns about rockslides during the storm. He requested any slides be reported immediately to the Sheriff's Department. He discussed

activity related to the encampment at Surfrider Beach. He stated the LASD Homeless Outreach Services Teams (HOST) would install signs next week about clearing encampments. He discussed enforcement of parking on PCH. He stated 147 citations were issued last month with 22 for oversized vehicle violations. He stated deputies were doing education along with enforcement. He discussed crime statistics. He stated all crimes were down in the past year except burglaries. He thanked Deputy Paul for his presentation and thorough answers to questions.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Carr stated the City's ALPR car had been down for repairs but should be back in service.

Chair Frost stated burglaries were up everywhere. Lieutenant Carr stated December statistics appeared to be lower than previous months.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth asked what the Sheriff's Department's major areas of concern were in 2023. He asked what the Commission could do to support those efforts.

Lieutenant Carr expressed gratitude for resources provided by the City, including electronic ticket writers and ALPR cameras. He stated those resources were great aids for the Sheriff's Department. He stated LASD would continue addressing homelessness. He discussed the opening of the Malibu substation.


#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:43 p.m., Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Gibbs seconded a motion to adjourn. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on February 1, 2023.

  
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CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant