

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 2022  
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 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Chris Frost; Vice Chair Doug Stewart; Commissioners Daphne Anneet (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Keegan Gibbs, and Joshua Spiegel; and Ex Officio Member Brent Woodworth

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Chris Brossard, Fire Safety Liaison; Luis Flores, Public Safety Liaison; Sarah Kaplan, Public Safety Specialist; Arthur Aladjadjian, Public Works Superintendent; Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant; Parker Davis, Media Technician; Lieutenant Chad Watters, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Frost led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Vice Chair Stewart moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the agenda, moving Item No. 1.A. until all Commissioners were present. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Anneet absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 26, 2022.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas introduced Lieutenant Chad Watters. She discussed the COVID testing sites offered at City Hall the past two weekends. She stated the City would promote testing sites offered by other Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (COG) cities. She stated the Commission's recommended changes to the parking citation fine schedule would be presented to the City Council Administration and Finance Subcommittee prior to going to the Council. She stated the City had begun promoting [www.CrimeMapper.com](http://www.CrimeMapper.com). She discussed a grant for potential funding of license plate reader cameras.

Commissioner Anneet arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Public Safety Liaison Flores announced the County homeless count was rescheduled to Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Fire Safety Liaison Brossard provided an update on the hazard tree removal program. He stated the Santa Ana wind event would continue through Saturday.

Public Safety Specialist Kaplan announced the Public Safety Expo would be held on June 4, 2022.

Public Works Director DuBoux announced the next joint meeting with the Public Works Commission to continue discussion of Westward Beach and Measure R and Measure M projects would be held on Wednesday, February 23, at 3:30 p.m. He stated parking restrictions near Corral Beach would be presented at the next Public Safety Commission meeting. He stated he was discussing with the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) possibly modifying the no parking times to be switched to opposite sides of the highway. He stated both parking projects would require a Coastal Development Permit Amendment (CDPA).

Commissioner Anneet left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

ITEM 2.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Spiegel discussed the first fatal collision on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in 2022. He stated he met with Todd Prince, Arson Watch, about expanding the role of Arson Watch with the City. He stated there were currently 84 Arson Watch members who are Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) volunteers.

Commissioner Anneet rejoined the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth stated he followed up with Southern California Edison (SCE) about adding fire resistant insulation on wood poles, particularly along evacuation routes. He stated he talked to Las Virgenes Municipal Water District about resiliency and billing formulas. He agreed with Commissioner Spiegel about the great work done by Arson Watch.

Commissioner Anneet discussed the Westward Beach project's impact on sand. She stated the right-of-way extends into the sand. She stated the community would not support further encroachment into the sand.

Commissioner Gibbs stated he was excited about the ignition zone grant and looked forward to more residents joining the program.

Vice Chair Stewart encouraged everyone to volunteer for the homeless count. He thanked Public Safety Manager Dueñas for staying on top of the cameras. He stated having factual crime reporting would be valuable. He stated CERT was working on AM radio options and would report to back next month. He stated FM alerts were on hold. He welcomed Lieutenant Watters. He discussed an increase in fatal pedestrian and cycling accidents over the past year.

Chair Frost welcomed Lieutenant Watters. He discussed fire brigade training. He agreed that Todd Prince brought great experience to that training. He discussed drug issues and LASD's efforts to suppress them. He stated fatalities on PCH could be avoided with better awareness. He suggested ticketing pedestrians, as well as motorists. He stated Public Works staff were adding signs by fire hydrants. He stated parking on Point Dume at Cliffside and Birdview was out of control. He suggested using social media to educate about parking regulations. He discussed a flag presented to the fire station in memory of a Los Angeles County Firefighter killed in the line of duty.

ITEM 1.A. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

MOTION Commissioner Spiegel nominated Chris Frost for Chair. There being no further nominations, the question was called and Chris Frost was unanimously elected Chair.

MOTION Chair Frost nominated Doug Stewart for Vice Chair. There being no further nominations, the question was called and Doug Stewart was unanimously elected Vice Chair.

Chair Frost and Vice Chair Stewart thanked the Commissioners for their support.

ITEM 3        CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION       Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Gibbs 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 – January 5, 2022

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of January 5, 2022.

ITEM 4        OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5        NEW BUSINESS

A.        Public Safety Goals for 2022

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report from staff regarding the goals for the City's Public Safety Office in 2022 and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She stated the City applied for a grant to fund implementation of home hardening recommendations through a rebate system. She stated Public Safety and the Environmental Sustainability Department (ESD) would partner on conducting an inventory of soft-story structures. She stated a request for proposals (RFP) would be posted next week for an infrastructure threat assessment.

Chair Frost stated Fire Safety Liaisons Brossard's and Etcheverry's presence in the community increased the community's confidence in the City. He agreed with Public Safety Manager Dueñas that everyone needed to be aware and report any safety hazards or concerns observed on PCH.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth congratulated Public Safety Manager Dueñas on the goals presented. He expressed support for looking into soft-story retrofitting. He suggested critical buildings undergo seismic vulnerability assessment. He thanked Public Safety Manager Dueñas for supporting the fire brigades.

Chair Frost stated loss of power would be the main concern in an earthquake. He requested tank pumps, such as those on Busch Drive, be included in the RFP. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated there were hazard mitigation funds available but it

had to be in Malibu's jurisdiction. Public Works Director DuBoux stated pumps would be the jurisdiction of Los Angeles County Waterworks District 29 (District 29). He stated he would recommend to District 29 that it apply for those funds.

Vice Chair Stewart agreed loss of power and soft-story buildings would be the most critical issues in an earthquake. He discussed the potential loss of natural gas lines. He suggested District 29 also consider grant funds for backup generators. He commended Public Safety Manager Dueñas for a great list of goals. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated dates set for achieving the goals that were not included in the report.

Chair Frost clarified he meant to say generators on Busch Drive, not pumps.

Commissioner Spiegel suggested adding a community hotline to report problems to Public Safety or Public Works. He stated that information from that hotline should be shared with Arson Watch.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated Public Works just acquired a new GIS platform that had the ability for the public to report problems online. He stated implementing that platform was a priority for his department.

B. 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 Watters discussed an unattached trailer he and Chair Frost recently observed. He stated deputies were citing approximately 40 to 50 illegally parked vehicles per week. He stated LASD's Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) was working on homeless issues in the area. He asked if signage or flashing lights could be added near Moonshadows to improve pedestrian safety. He stated he met with Public Safety Manager Dueñas about what LASD could do in the City.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated Public Works had a safety improvements project planned near Moonshadows. He stated he would recommend to Caltrans that it provide something temporarily until that project started.

Lieutenant Watters stated a Caltrans representative told him they were looking into battery-powered flashing lights to be placed at intersections when signals lost power. Public Works Director DuBoux discussed current procedures for backup power. He stated he would like to speak to that Caltrans representative.

Chair Frost discussed backup batteries utilized during recent power outages. He discussed a greater number of semi-trucks illegally driving on PCH.

Commissioner Gibbs left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Lieutenant Watters discussed difficulties dealing with car shows and car clubs in Malibu. He discussed Safe Canyons enforcement. He stated addressing the homeless problem could help improve safety on PCH.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Watters discussed a meeting scheduled next week with the Los Angeles Police Department about how to manage street takeovers by enforcing codes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION** At 6:14 p.m., Vice Chair Stewart moved and Commissioner Spiegel seconded a motion to adjourn.

#### FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Frost requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Los Angeles County Firefighter Jonathan Flagler.

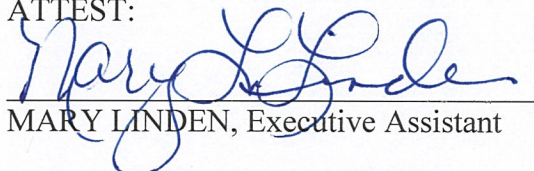
The question was called, and the amended motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Gibbs absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on April 6, 2022.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



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MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant