

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 2019
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost 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 Chris Frost; Vice Chair Tracy Wright; and Commissioners Andy Cohen, Hans Laetz, and Fred Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Lieutenant Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Frost moved and Vice Chair Wright seconded a motion to approve the agenda with Item No. 4.B. to be heard prior to Item No. 4.A. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 27, 2019.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Laetz expressed concern about a prescribed burn planned by the Los Angeles County Fire Department. He stated it should be discussed with the public in advance. He suggested the City discuss with the Fire Department the status of and its philosophy regarding fire breaks.

Vice Chair Wright discussed repainting of a curb near the Malibu Pier.

Commissioner Cohen discussed the City's rejuvenation of the Dolphin Sticker program. He stated the Sheriff's Department was considering the expansion of the Malibu Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) program.

Commissioner Roberts stated he had never heard of a prescribed burn in the Malibu area before. In response to Commissioner Laetz, he stated fire breaks are extremely helpful.

Chair Frost stated a previous control burn took place in Malibu Canyon in Calabasas about six or seven years ago and it got away from them. He stated most fire breaks have been allowed to become overgrown. He stated State Parks stopped fire breaks from being maintained to protect Monte Nido. He discussed increased truck traffic on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). He stated he spoke to California Highway Patrol (CHP) about implement ways to stop trucks from coming down Kanan Dume Road. He stated the new VOP car had been delivered. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian confirmed the car would be put into service once the insurance was activated. He commended Public Works staff for their tireless work. He confirmed Dolphin Stickers were available from the receptionist at City Hall.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Chair Frost stated vehicles must be registered in Malibu to purchase a Dolphin Sticker.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Lieutenant Seetoo explained how the Dolphin Sticker program worked. She stated they would not permit residents in during a mandatory evacuation, but it would allow residents into Malibu through a soft closure. She stated it was added to the Lost Hills Station operation plans and would be included in staff briefings before deployment.

Chair Frost acknowledged Carol Randall and thanked her for her service to the Public Safety Commission. He commended her dedication to improving safety in Malibu.

Commissioner Laetz requested the Fire Department be invited to the next Public Safety Commission meeting to provide a fire update.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Laetz moved and Vice Chair 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 – February 6, 2019

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of February 6, 2019.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

Commissioner Laetz stated the Commission needed to adopt a policy for setting the agendas for future meetings. He stated he was disappointed with this meeting's agenda.

Public Works Director DuBoux explained the Council assignment process for determining Commissions' tasks for the year and how the agenda was prepared each month.

Chair Frost stated Commissioners could discuss suggested items with their appointing Councilmembers.

Commissioner Cohen suggested Chair Frost take the list of priorities suggested by the Commission to the City Manager to have those priorities added to the agendas.

Vice Chair Wright agreed with Commissioner Laetz that something related to the Woolsey Fire should be on every agenda. She stated she reached out to members of the community concerned about the homeless issue and asked them to attend tonight's meeting.

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala stated the Commission would review its assignments in April or May and make its recommendations to the City Council for assignment in the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Laetz requested the review of the assignments be included in the April 3, 2019 meeting agenda.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

B. Update on Projects Affecting Traffic on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and City Streets and February 2019 Storm Response

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file status updates on projects affecting traffic on PCH and city streets, including: a) PCH at La Costa Pedestrian Improvements Project; b) Slope Stabilization Project (Caltrans); c) Fiscal Year 2017-18 Street Maintenance Project; d) PCH Median Improvement Project (Caltrans); and e) Caltrans maintenance work; 2) Receive and file update on the

City's activity in response to February 2019 storm events; and 3) Provide feedback or questions for Caltrans staff.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian presented the report. He stated the La Costa crosswalk project construction would take approximately one month once it gets started. He stated Caltrans was focused on storm response and hired a private contractor to clear culverts and underpasses and keep roadways clear.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated he, the City Manager and Assistant City Manager met with Caltrans directors yesterday and toured the Malibu coastline to point out areas of concern. He stated the City would post changeable messaging signs (CMS) advising motorists to be aware of additional truck traffic in the City related to the CalRecycle debris removal process. He stated some trucks had to use Kanan Dume Road to access homes off that road.

Chair Frost stated two signs at Mulholland Highway advised truck drivers that they cannot use Kanan Dume Road.

Commissioner Laetz stated there had been about 17 signs along Kanan Dume Road in the County area stating that trucks were prohibited, but most of those burned and had not been replaced. He requested staff inquire about when Tunnel 3 would be fully reopened as it does not appear to be damaged. He expressed concern about debris in Trancas Creek causing the creek to meander and increasing the possibility of flooding on the highway. Public Works Director DuBoux stated Caltrans was considering an emergency project to shore the piers under the Trancas Bridge.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian discussed City Public Works crews' and contractors' efforts before, during and after recent storm events. He thanked the VOPs for their assistance during the storms.

Commissioner Laetz stated members of the community were unhappy about the traffic signal at Civic Center Way and Webb Way. He stated residents thought the lights were too bright and questioned why a roundabout was not installed.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed development projects in the area that required changes to mitigate future traffic impacts. He stated the signal was approved with the approval of the La Paz, Whole Foods and Santa Monica College projects and the developers paid for the improvements. He stated the City's traffic consultant reviewed the plans to ensure current standards were met. He explained traffic signals were exempt from the City's Dark Sky Ordinance. He stated there was not enough room for a roundabout at the time the plan was prepared.

In response to Commissioner Laetz, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the light plan was reviewed by the City's traffic consultant and met all current standards.

A. Services for Homeless Individuals with Mental Illness

Recommended Action: Receive and file report and presentation on services and strategies that are currently being used to address homeless individuals in Malibu who exhibit aggressive behavior and severe mental illness.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed concerns expressed by members of the public at the February 6, 2019 Public Safety Commission meeting regarding increased problems with homeless individuals with possible mental illness confronting members of the public in parks and at the library.

Lieutenant Seetoo introduced Lieutenant John Gannon and Brandon Barkley of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Mental Evaluation Team (MET).

Lieutenant Gannon provided a presentation explaining MET's history, training, work, and deployment protocols. He stated a new MET office was projected for the Lost Hills Station by mid-2019. He stated response times for this area had come down from an average of 55 minutes to approximately 23 minutes. He stated 51 patients met criteria for involuntary hospitalization in 2018. He explained that MET response resulted in a significant reduction in use of force calls.

Chair Frost introduced Alex Gittinger from The People Concern to discuss current interactions with the homeless population in the City. Mr. Gittinger introduced Devan Liddle and Sabrina Petty, The People Concern's outreach team working with the homeless population in Malibu.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Lieutenant Gannon explained the goal of MET was to remove homeless persons from the streets and place them in appropriate housing.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Public Safety Manager Duenas stated the City had an agreement with The People Concern. She explained The People Concern worked with the homeless population in Malibu with compassion while being mindful of public safety.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Mr. Gittinger stated he had seen a seasonal increase in the homeless population. Public Safety Manager Duenas stated meals for the homeless population were organized through various churches.

In response to Commissioner Laetz, Public Safety Manager Duenas confirmed the Malibu Community Assistance and Resource Team (CART) had organized meals in the past.

Mr. Gittinger explained The People Concern used opportunities to connect with as many homeless individuals as possible for case management and worked toward the goal of those individuals receiving more permanent services.

In response to Commissioner Laetz, Dr. Ryan explained homeless individuals could apply for a voucher to use public transit at no cost to access medical and mental health services.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Barkley explained how the Sheriff's Department, The People Concern, and the MET Team worked together to assist the homeless population.

C. Public Safety Agency Activity

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

Lieutenant Seetoo announced Coffee with a Cop scheduled for Tuesday, March 12.

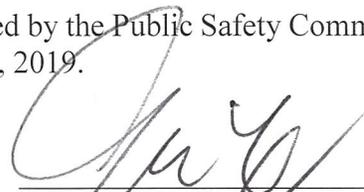
Chair Frost announced Lieutenant Seetoo was awarded Woman of the Year by Senator Henry Stern.

Lieutenant Seetoo stated Malibu Tow had met the requirements to operate in the City and would be reinstated.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 7:08 p.m., Vice Chair 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 April 3, 2019.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant