

MINUTES  
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2019  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM  
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Chris Frost; and Commissioners Andy Cohen, Hans Laetz, and Fred Roberts

ABSENT: Vice Chair Tracy Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Stephanie Berger, Public Safety Specialist; Lieutenant Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian La Spade led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Laetz moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Wright absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 27, 2019.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ellen Vanhole, AT&T, discussed AT&T Firstnet Network. She stated it was the nation's first public safety broadband network for first responders. She discussed features and benefits of Firstnet for first responders. She stated seven satellites were deployed to Malibu during the Woolsey Fire. She stated the purpose of Firstnet was for all different agencies to communicate at the same time on the same channel.

Marni Kamins discussed drug use and mental issues related to homelessness in Malibu. She stated providing free meals to the homeless does not help anyone.

Lisa Shafer deferred her time to Anthony Shafer.

Anthony Shafer, retired Los Angeles City Firefighter and Malibu resident, discussed Flame Mapper and how it could help assess fire risk, evacuation routes, and water supply. He stated water supply is the primary issue for the loss of structures in a wildfire. He discussed past fires that resulted in more property loss due to insufficient water supply. He stated the City needs to take responsibility for these efforts. He stated death by evacuation is a worldwide problem at checkpoints. He stated strong structure protection requires strong water supply.

Deputy Mike Treinen deferred his time to Lieutenant Geff Deedrick.

Brian La Spade deferred his time to Lieutenant Geff Deedrick.

Mark Russo deferred his time to Lieutenant Geff Deedrick.

Lieutenant Geff Deedrick, Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), stated his team was comprised of eight deputies, one sergeant, and one lieutenant. He discussed time required for citing an individual versus providing outreach assistance. He stated no deputy would overlook crime, but outreach teams could connect with individuals to avoid a revolving door for misdemeanor crimes. He discussed the diverse makeup of HOST. He stated HOST was part of High Fire Danger Zone Task Force. He discussed the Los Angeles County Homeless Encampment Protocol. He stated his team was working to clean Legacy Park and would finish on April 9. He stated HOST activities protect the individuals, as well as deputies and communities served.

#### ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Executive Assistant Linden announced upcoming resiliency events, Chumash Days, Assemblymember Bloom's Contractor State Licensing Board workshops, and the Metro NextGen Bus Study workshop.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas announced that interviews for the Fire Safety Liaison position would be held tomorrow. She discussed the cleanup of homeless encampments in Legacy Park. She stated she and the City Manager met with all the agencies involved in summer enforcement to discuss plans for this summer. She stated she was working with Everbridge to gather cellphone data rather than requiring self-registration. She announced the next Homelessness Working Group meeting on April 23. She stated there were currently requests for proposals open for homelessness outreach services, a transportation planner, and a communications consultant.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the contractor for the Escondido Beach slope stabilization project expected to resolve faded striping near the project by next week. He stated Caltrans expects to complete the median project by Memorial Day. He announced a Caltrans representative would attend the May 1, 2019 Public Safety

Commission meeting. He reported that Caltrans held a public outreach meeting last week regarding the Corral Canyon Beach signal project.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Laetz thanked Ms. Vanhole for attending. In response to Commissioner Laetz, Ms. Vanhole confirmed AT&T was working in cooperation with LA-RICS and that the County of Los Angeles was in the process of joining Firstnet. Commissioner Laetz suggested AT&T contact the City to begin discussions. He discussed directional and speed limit signs that burned and not yet been replaced. He suggested a 50-mile per hour speed limit sign be installed at the entry to the city limits. He announced he would resign from the Commission effective after this meeting due to a conflict of interest with his non-profit organization that was applying for grant funding from the City.

Chair Frost stated Commissioner Laetz was instrumental in a communication meeting held today. He thanked Commissioner Laetz for sharing his expertise with the City.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Ms. Vanhole stated the City would need to sign on for an AT&T rate plan for the system to work for the City.

Commissioner Laetz stated Verizon had requested an extension from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for its report on whether its poles in Malibu were safe. He stated the report had been completed and submitted to the CPUC.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Ms. Vanhole explained how service for AT&T Malibu subscribers would improve with Firstnet. Commissioner Cohen thanked Lieutenant Deedrick for his presentation and commended him for the work done by HOST.

Commissioner Roberts stated AT&T connected more quickly in western Malibu than other carriers. In response to Commissioner Roberts, Ms. Vanhole stated sim cards were available to first responders and agencies that support first responders during an incident. Commissioner Roberts discussed how social media was making beaches in Malibu more popular destinations. He discussed problem areas where No Parking restrictions were needed to allow residents to safely exit their driveways. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated he would ask Caltrans to report on that at the next Commission meeting.

Chair Frost thanked all the speakers for attending. He stated AT&T in-vehicle modems would be helpful to first responders and the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP). He asked Lieutenant Deedrick to explain the process for cleaning Legacy Park. Lieutenant Deedrick stated it was already in process, would take 45 days, and would be completed on April 9. He stated HOST would store belongings for individuals who could not carry them. He stated maintenance efforts needed to be done daily to avoid recurrence. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the Community Services Department was going to clear some overgrown brush in Legacy Park and would add more signage about park hours. Lieutenant Deedrick discussed Policing Through Environmental Design that taught municipalities

how to change the environment and landscape to reduce homeless encampments. He commended Lieutenant Seetoo and Deputy Treinen for their dedication to the issue.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

Chair Frost introduced Brian Le Spada, Sheriff's Department Chaplain. Mr. Le Spada stated he is also a minister in Malibu. He discussed Standing on Stone (SOS) and the history of feeding homeless in Malibu. He discussed his support work with the Sheriff's Department. He stated he was honored to be part of the Lost Hills Station team.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (continued)

He read an email Vice Chair Wright thanking Chair Frost and Caltrans for the repainting of curbs near Malibu Pier. He stated Southern California Edison (SCE) was replacing 14,000 power poles in Malibu. He thanked Mr. Shafer for his comments and discussed his history with fires. He thanked Lieutenant Seetoo, Mark Russo and the VOP for all they do.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Laetz moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Wright absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items  
None.
- B. New Items
  - 1. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2019  
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of March 6, 2019.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

- A. “Whole Community” Public Safety Initiative  
Recommended Action: Receive and file a report and presentation on plans for an upcoming “Whole Community” Public Safety Initiative, geared toward reducing residential and automotive burglaries during Summer 2019.

Public Safety Specialist Berger presented the report. She stated the main goal was to bring down the number of auto burglaries this summer. She discussed how the

numbers had been trending up over recent years. She stated program strategies included a series of community workshops conducted jointly by the City and Sheriff's Department, a social media campaign, and signage that could be an education tool and crime deterrent. She stated the program would hopefully result in reduced auto burglaries, as well as fewer home burglaries.

Chair Frost suggested people not post travel plans on social media.

Commissioner Cohen suggested people use security systems. Public Safety Specialist Berger stated vendors would be invited to attend the workshops.

B. Update on Communications Infrastructure Improvements

Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file an update on communications infrastructure improvements; and 2) provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding installation of City radio transmitter equipment on Castro Peak.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She discussed the City's request for proposals (RFP) for a Communications Consultant. She introduced Richard Garvey, Malibu CERT Team Leader.

Mr. Garvey provided the presentation about the City's radio communications plan. He discussed problems that occurred during the Woolsey Fire. He stated height is key to communications. He explained repeaters acted as a relay between two radios. He stated the City's repeater in Point Dume had limited coverage. He stated Catalina Island was a good area for a repeater but is difficult and expensive to maintain. He stated Castro Peak was the highest point in the Santa Monica Mountains area and was much less expensive. He stated the coverage areas were mapped throughout the City. He explained that Big Rock was a difficult area due to where it is located. He stated Castro Peak would be the most reliable for this area. He stated linking the two repeaters would strengthen the coverage.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Mr. Garvey stated satellites were not an option for radio communication.

At 6:20 p.m., Chair Frost left the dais.

Mr. Garvey suggested the City start working on the Castro Peak installation as soon as possible, and not wait until the next fire season.

Commissioner Laetz congratulated Mr. Garvey and Public Safety Manager Dueñas for their work on this important issue. He stated Castro Peak would give excellent coverage in canyons and along the 101 corridor.

At 6:22 p.m., Chair Frost returned to the dais.

Commissioner Laetz agreed Big Rock was a problem. He asked if the City had investigated a site on Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica. Mr. Garvey stated that could be considered in the future.

Commissioner Laetz stated the Castro Peak site with updated antennas would be a great upgrade to what was currently available. He suggested adding a third site to cover the east end of the City.

MOTION Commissioner Laetz moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council the City Council authorize installation of City radio transmitter equipment on Castro Peak. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Wright absent.

Chair Frost and Commissioner Laetz thanked Public Safety Manager Dueñas and Mr. Garvey for their work on this issue.

- C. Recommendations for Commission Assignments in Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-2020  
Recommended Action: 1) Receive an overview of the commission assignment process and how items are added; and 2) Review Public Safety Commission assignments from FY 2018-2019, remove completed assignments, add new topics for consideration, and recommend that the City Council approve the revised task list for assignment in FY 2019-2020.

Executive Assistant Linden presented the report.

Chair Frost suggested carrying over the current year's assignment regarding parking lot safety standards.

Commissioner Laetz expressed concern about scheduling the Public Safety Expo in August. He stated set-up for the Chili Cook-Off usually begins in mid-August and many residents are out of town in August. He suggested it be scheduled earlier since many residents are currently having to make decisions about fire prevention aspects for their rebuild plans. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the Expo takes time to plan and would be done as early as possible. Commissioner Laetz suggested scheduling it to take place by June.

Commissioner Laetz suggested adding a review of public safety impacts of substantive City projects to the recommended assignments.

Commissioner Cohen suggested adding a public safety education newsletter produced by the Commission to the recommended assignments.

Chair Frost suggested adding recommendations on water suppression systems and fire safety products for the public. Executive Assistant Linden explained that the City does not make recommendations about private enterprise.

MOTION Commissioner Roberts moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the revised task list for assignment in FY 2019-2020. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Wright absent.

D. 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 the First Responder Homeless Training on April 9. She announced Mark Russo, VOP, would receive an award from the Sheriff's Department on April 11 in recognition of his 5,000 volunteer hours. She commended the VOPs and stated she supported expanding the Malibu VOP program. She announced Coffee with a Cop and the Community at the Malibu Country Mart on April 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. She thanked Commissioner Cohen for his help setting that up.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 7:05 p.m., Commissioner Roberts moved and Commissioner Laetz seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Wright absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on May 1, 2019.

  
CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:

  
MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant