

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 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; Vice Chair Joshua Spiegel; Commissioners Daphne Anneet, Keegan Gibbs, and Brian Merrick; and Ex Officio Member Brent Woodworth

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Spiegel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Gibbs moved, and Vice Chair Spiegel 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 May 31, 2023.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL / PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ryan Embree was not present at the time of the hearing.

ITEM 2.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux stated a crew was working on weed abatement in the City's right-of-way, which was heavier than in the past. He discussed the Trancas Bridge project. He stated Caltrans planned to move to the second stage of the project. He discussed work done so far for traffic safety. He stated Caltrans had a paving crew scheduled for June 17 to fill potholes identified by the City. He stated he requested Caltrans have California Highway Patrol (CHP) on site to direct traffic, which would begin the weekend of June 10. He stated the new group at Caltrans was far more responsive than previously.

Public Safety Director Dueñas stated the first draft of the school safety assessment was expected to be ready by the end of the month. She stated she was working with Captain Seetoo on changes to the Sheriff's contract. She said understaffing was an issue. She announced June 10 was declared Public Safety Responders Appreciation Day. She requested commissioners stop by City Hall to sign thank you books for the agencies or do so at the Public Safety Expo on Saturday.

Emergency Services Coordinator Flores discussed plans for the Public Safety Expo to be held Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Chair Frost welcomed Emergency Services Coordinator Flores to the City.

Public Safety Liaison Flores stated the temporary impound yard at Malibu High School had been implemented with 89 vehicles towed in the first two weekends.

Fire Safety Liaison Etcheverry stated Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen was working with a CalFire grant to offer home hardening classes at City Hall. He discussed a new fire extinguisher prop being used for training CERT Team members who will train the public at the Public Safety Expo. He discussed vegetation management behind City Hall. He explained Live Fuel Moisture (LFM).

Fire Safety Liaison Yocum stated many new, different plant species were appearing in Malibu that could affect LFM. He stated Ron Durban, Chief of Forestry, would be at the Public Safety Expo to provide information about AB 3074, which requires a five-foot fire safe zone around homes.

ITEM 2.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gibbs stated he attended Southern California Association of Foresters and Fire Wardens annual conference. He stated he was working with Ex Officio Member Woodworth on brigades. He stated he attended a County firing

operations demonstration. He stated he met with Watch Duty, a new app that sends active fire information. He stated he suggested they update the app to provide a geofence for users and to integrate available fire mapping software into the app. In response to Chair Frost, he confirmed the Watch Duty app was available on both Apple and Android devices.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth thanked Public Safety Liaison Flores for his work with the tow yard. He discussed the status of the brigades. He stated the next step was to meet with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He discussed announcements from State Farm and Allstate Insurance Companies that they would no longer write home insurance policies in California. He stated it was now more important to educate people about home hardening. He congratulated Public Safety Director Dueñas and Emergency Services Coordinator Flores for their work on the upcoming safety expo.

In response to Ex Officio Member Woodworth, Chair Frost stated the insurance companies were required to insure all or nothing in California. Ex Officio Member Woodworth stated the State of California had not yet responded to the announcements.

In response to Vice Chair Spiegel, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated the school safety assessment would go straight to the City Council due to time constraints. She stated a presentation on it would be brought to the Commission. Vice Chair Spiegel welcomed Emergency Services Coordinator Flores.

Commissioner Merrick stated mustard plants were overtaking the inland side of the street near Birdview Avenue and Westward Beach Road. Public Works Director DuBoux stated staff was aware and it would be cleared.

Chair Frost expressed concern that the Sheriff's Department did not have community services assistants (CSA) available for Malibu. Public Safety Director Dueñas stated Captain Seetoo was working on filling the City's requests, but it depended on resources available. Chair Frost discussed worsening traffic issues, especially on weekends.

Taylor Heinrich, a Las Flores resident, discussed speeding in her area. She stated residents had requested speed humps and were waiting for an engineer to inspect the area.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Frost moved, and Commissioner Merrick 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 – April 5, 2023
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of April 5, 2023.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Emergency Plan Update
Recommended Action: 1) Receive a report on the update of the City's Emergency Operations Plan; and 2) Provide feedback to staff.

Emergency Services Coordinator Flores presented the report. She requested feedback from the Commissioners regarding the list of stakeholder groups and issues to address in the Plan.

Chair Frost suggested including the CHP. Public Safety Director Dueñas agreed that CHP could be invited to participate.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth thanked Public Safety Director Dueñas for including the brigades and other community groups.

Vice Chair Spiegel stated he saw nothing further to add. He stated most often issues were learned following an emergency.

Public Safety Director Dueñas stated the stakeholder groups would help staff build a community resources list to call on in future emergencies. In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Director Dueñas agreed to add American Red Cross to the stakeholders list. In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Director Dueñas explained the Coast Guard and others were part of the Disaster Council.

Ex Officio Member Woodworth suggested adding Volunteer Organizations After Disaster (VOAD), a list of volunteer and non-profit organizations, and the Los Angeles Regional Community Recovery Organization (LARCRO). He explained the work of VOAD.

Chair Frost suggested including the Building Safety Division. Public Safety Director Dueñas agreed. She stated the City was considering building a list of building inspectors.

Commissioner Merrick asked if the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) should be included. Public Safety Director Dueñas stated this was intended to be a more local, community-based list of stakeholders.

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.

Sergeant Soderlund stated the City had seen a 22 percent reduction in Part One crimes year-to-date through April. He discussed a recent string of vehicle burglaries.

Chair Frost stated he often recommended to homeowners that they install cameras on their property. Sergeant Soderlund stated many homeowners did not know how to access the video. He suggested advising homeowners to understand how the systems work when they purchase them.

Vice Chair Spiegel thanked Sergeant Soderlund for his prompt response to a recent concern.

Commissioner Merrick stated he observed an increased presence of State Parks Rangers, Volunteers on Patrol (VOP), and Sheriff's community services officers (CSO) in Point Dume. He stated new signage instructing motorists where to park was still needed.

Vice Chair Spiegel asked if the Sheriff's Department considered placing a ghost car near the Point Dume parking lot. Sergeant Soderlund stated a decoy car was placed at Surfrider Beach yesterday and could be moved to Point Dume in a week or so. Vice Chair Spiegel agreed with moving it around the City. He asked if there was a plan to keep oversized vehicles from returning after being towed. Sergeant Soderlund discussed active investigations on two recently towed oversized vehicles. He stated deputies were actively enforcing parking and looking into enforcement of a code related to repeat offenders. He stated the word was getting out that vehicles parked overnight were being towed.

In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated it was still hoped that the new Sheriff's Substation would open by July 1.

Vice Chair Spiegel stated he heard that some Planning Commissioners wanted to hold up the certificate of occupancy due to opposition to the communication tower. Public Safety Director Dueñas stated she was unaware of that, but her concern was having available staffing.

Sergeant Soderlund stated deputies were asked about their interest in working at the substation. He stated he was working with scheduling and operations on the staffing rotation. Public Safety Director Dueñas discussed the status provided by Contract Law.

Chair Frost stated the CSAs were critical for the summer. In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Director Dueñas stated it did not have to go to the Board of Supervisors.

Sergeant Soderlund discussed vehicles towed for racing and excessive speed. He stated the Sheriff's Department was taking a proactive approach.

Chair Frost discussed Lidar radar guns purchased by the City that provided video of speeding vehicles that could be used in court.

Jasmina Corovic discussed speeding on Las Flores Canyon Road. She stated motorcycles and sports cars speeding on residential roads was as important an issue as speeding on PCH. She stated families who lived there felt unsafe. She asked if there were suggested solutions. She stated the neighbors thought the best solution was speed bumps. She stated neighbors on Rambla Pacifico had similar issues. She stated the primary concern was speeding and that noise pollution was secondary.

Chair Frost stated unincorporated County sections higher up the canyon were the jurisdiction of CHP. Sergeant Soderlund agreed with Chair Frost that some vehicles were entering canyon roads from unincorporated areas. He suggested calling CHP to stop the vehicles before they get to the city limits.

Lee Clark, a Rambla Pacifico resident, stated she was joining with her Las Flores neighbors. She asked where to start.

Sergeant Soderlund stated residents could contact Traffic Sergeant Areans at jcarens@lasd.org to request enforcement.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed strict speed hump requirements. He stated these streets were steep and had curves that would make it unsafe for speed humps.

Commissioner Anneet asked the requirements for restricting the types of vehicles permitted on roads. Sergeant Soderlund stated any standard vehicles or motorcycles could not be prohibited. Commissioner Anneet discussed the fear of being surrounded by a large pack of motorcycles. She stated that created an unsafe condition. In response to Commissioner Anneet, Sergeant Soderlund discussed codes applicable to motorcycle groups. He stated anyone surrounded by them should call 911.

In response to Chair Frost, Sergeant Soderlund discussed noise regulations and modified vehicle enforcement.

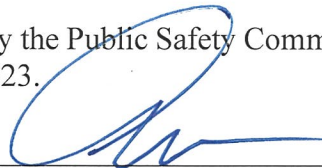
Commissioner Anneet requested concerns about safety on canyon roads discussed by residents and speeding and enforcement on PCH be added to an upcoming agenda. She suggested reviewing the City's contract with the Sheriff's Department for options.

Public Safety Director Dueñas stated a brainstorming session could be added to an upcoming agenda with CHP invited to participate. She emphasized the lack of available law enforcement personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:29 p.m., Commissioner Anneet moved and Vice Chair Spiegel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on July 12, 2023.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant