

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2018
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice 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 Carol Randall (arrived at 6:30 p.m.); Vice Chair Chris Frost; and Commissioners Chris Hanson and Fred Roberts

ABSENT: Commissioner Tracy Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Reva Feldman, City Manager; Bob Brager, Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjadjian, Public Works Superintendent; Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Matt Myerhoff, Media Information Officer; Lieutenant Jim Royal and Deputy Mike Treinen, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mike Treinen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Roberts moved and Commissioner Hanson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Randall and Commissioner Wright absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on January 31, 2018.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Uhring discussed the fire in Malibu Knolls on February 5, 2018. He discussed the possibility of it having started in a homeless encampment. He stated some friends are afraid of the homeless in Legacy Park and other areas. He stated he was compassionate but hoped the City could develop programs to address the homeless problem before homes are lost.

Gayle Pritchett agreed with Mr. Uhring. She stated she recognizes the problem with the homeless issue. She stated it is now more than just a homeless problem; it is a public safety problem. She stated there is no accountability.

Starr Porter stated her home is in the area that was evacuated during the fire. She expressed confusion about why New York City could clear homelessness but Malibu cannot.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hanson thanked the speakers. He stated everyone in the community has concerns about the homeless problem in Malibu. He urged residents to call the Sheriff's Department to report illegal bonfires or if they observe used needles.

Mr. Uhring discussed the Malibu Presbyterian Church busing in homeless to its dinners. He suggested the City establish rules.

Commissioner Roberts asked Public Safety Manager Dueñas to explain the City's plans related to the homelessness situation.

Vice Chair Frost stated it is not just a homeless issue but also a mental and physical health issue. He stated the Commission is working with City staff on developing solutions. He commended the Sheriff's Department for its work with the homeless issues.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed what the City is doing to address the many issues related to homelessness. She reported that she requested that Sheriff's Deputies check on encampments and known homeless residents today because of the Red Flag Warning. She announced an online survey open now for community input. She discussed the advisory group and meetings being held with various advocacy groups in the City.

Lt. Royal discussed the Sheriff's involvement in addressing homelessness. He suggested people watch the presentation to the City Council on November 13, 2017. He discussed the problems related to mental health issues and society's inability to address them. He stated most offenses reports about homeless individuals are not arrestable offenses.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Hanson moved and Vice Chair Frost seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Randall and Commissioner Wright absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes – January 3, 2018

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of January 3, 2018.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Strategic Plan on Homelessness Advisory Group

Recommended Action: Appoint a member of the Public Safety Commission as a representative on the Strategic Plan on Homelessness Advisory Group.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. Vice Chair Frost and Commissioner Roberts stated they would be available.

MOTION Commissioner Hanson moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to appoint Vice Chair Frost as the Public Safety Commission's representative on the Strategic Plan on Homelessness Advisory Group. The motion carried 3-0, Chair Randall and Commissioner Wright absent.

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

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) Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facility construction; c) Slope Stabilization Project (Caltrans); d) Malibu Canyon Pole Replacement Project Phase II (Southern California Edison); e) PCH Signal Improvements Project; and f) Caltrans maintenance work; and 2) Provide feedback or questions for Caltrans staff.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian presented the report. In response to Commissioner Hanson, Public Works Director Brager explained the type of crosswalk that would be installed in La Costa.

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.

Deputy Treinen discussed trends in local crime statistics. He stated the increased number of traffic citations could be related to full staffing of motorcycle deputies.

D. Everbridge Disaster Notification System

Recommended Action: Receive and file report on Everbridge, the City's Disaster Notification System.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She stated the City hopes to learn from problems encountered during recent incidents in Santa Rosa, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties. She explained that Everbridge would be used only in serious incidents. She stated the decrease in homes with landlines has changed how mass notification systems work. She emphasized how important it is to collect cellphone numbers and other information from residents. She stated today's test will allow the City to see what should be addressed before a serious incident requires the system to be used. She explained how the test would work and what residents should expect to receive. She stated preparation for this test was also a good public education tool. She stated the system would support the Sheriff and Fire Department activities during a major event.

Commissioner Roberts stated Malibu is unique. He expressed concern about Sheriff's Deputies reaching homes set back from roads and locked gates to announce evacuations.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed problems unique to events that occur during the night.

City Manager Feldman discussed problems that occurred in Santa Rosa. She discussed damages to cell towers and phone lines that prevented phone alerts from getting through to residents.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed some of the City's future plans, including conducting neighborhood evacuation drills.

Vice Chair Frost agreed that nighttime incidents would be the most difficult. He discussed problems with officials waiting for authorization to send alerts.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas displayed the Everbridge system. She explained the sharp increase in self registrations since the City started to publicize the upcoming test. Media Information Officer Myerhoff discussed preliminary results from a recent notification to subscribers from the City's previous system.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained how the test would be conducted. She displayed how City staff can designate a specific area to receive notifications.

City Manager Feldman explained how information is shared by the Sheriff's and Fire Departments and the City from the time a fire or other incident is reported to

when the City could send notifications. She stated this was why it is more likely the first notice residents would get is when deputies knock on the door or make evacuation announcements via bullhorn. She stated the City has requested additional Sheriff's personnel at the Lost Hills Station during red flag warnings.

In response to Vice Chair Frost, Deputy Treinen confirmed some assistance comes from deputies assigned to other cities covered by the Lost Hills Station. City Manager Feldman stated she has also authorized the Sheriff's Department to request as many personnel as possible to provide assistance. In response to Vice Chair Frost, City Manager Feldman stated the use of Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) was at the discretion of the Sheriff's Department.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas reiterated that residents should not expect the City's notifications to be the first line of alert. City Manager Feldman stated the City was also preparing templates and pre-recorded announcements to make the process easier and quicker. Public Safety Manager Dueñas displayed a wildfire evacuation notice template. She also displayed pre-set overlays to allow messages to be sent to specific areas in the City.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

Art Mortell stated cars parked along blind curves on Trancas Canyon Road blocking sightlines for motorists. He asked the City to enforce laws about gas-powered leaf blowers being used illegally. He discussed the need for an escape route for his area. He discussed mailboxes broken into on Anacapa View Drive. He offered to speak to anyone and offered his assistance to help solve these problems.

Lt. Royal stated mailbox thefts involved drug users more often than homeless. He offered to talk to Mr. Mortell about the issues he discussed.

Chair Randall arrived at 6:30 p.m.

RECESS Vice Chair Frost recessed the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m. with all Commissioners present except Commissioner Wright.

ITEM 4.D. EVERBRIDGE DISASTER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (continued)

Public Safety Manager Dueñas announced that Fox 11 News was present to film the test. She explained for the media how the test would be conducted. She started the test and displayed a chart indicating how many confirmations were received.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained the next steps, including reports the system could provide with results.

In response to Chair Randall, Public Safety Manager Dueñas displayed and explained system settings the City could apply that were specific to different types of incidents.

Commissioner Hanson and Commissioner Roberts left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on March 7, 2018.


CAROL RANDALL, Chair

ATTEST:


MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant