

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 4, 2020
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Chris Frost; Vice Chair Doug Stewart; and Commissioners Keegan Gibbs, Fred Roberts, and Dale Skophammer

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Jerry Vandermeulen, Fire Safety Liaison; Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Sarah Kaplan, Public Safety Specialist; Sergeant James Braden, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Mary Linden, Executive Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Vice Chair Stewart moved and Commissioner Skophammer seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 26, 2020.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kraig Hill discussed fire protection issues. He discussed Sheriff Villanueva's zero tolerance policy on evacuations. He suggested the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) work with the Fire Department for volunteer evacuation assistance. He discussed a State bill that would require cell phone providers to have backup power.

Lloyd Ahern expressed frustration with what Sheriff Villanueva said at a meeting last night in Calabasas regarding staffing at the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's Station (Lost Hills). He suggested the City consider having its own police department. He distributed a letter from

E. Barry Haldeman that suggested the City seek community support for alternative law enforcement resources.

Kraig Hill discussed the need for backup power for water pumps, especially in canyons.

Ryan Embree discussed Senator Stern's bill, SB 431, that would require battery backup for cell sites. He stated the bill had been expanded to include television providers and Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone service providers. He discussed a recent incident when an individual entered an unlocked condo in his building. He discussed the Sheriff's Department's response and subsequent staff changes at Lost Hills.

Scott Dittrich stated the Public Works Commission discussed generator power backup for water pumps at its last meeting. He stated the Public Work Commission would discuss the need for water pump backup power in Big Rock and other canyons at its next meeting.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed the recent storm drain failure on Civic Center Way. He stated the repair project's bid award would be presented to the City Council at its Regular meeting on March 9, 2020. He stated construction to replace the entire pipe would begin in mid-March and would require the closure of Civic Center Way for approximately two weeks. He discussed plans for condo residents and school families during the closure. He stated damaged signage had been replaced and new signs installed near Malibu Seafood to prevent illegal turns. He stated bids for the Civic Center Way Improvements Project and the temporary skate park were due within a week.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he and the City Manager met with Caltrans District 7 management last week. He stated the Corral Canyon pedestrian crossing was discussed. In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was working with Caltrans to address concerns with the Corral Canyon pedestrian crossing before construction could begin.

Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen stated only approximately 30 people attended the two recent stakeholder Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) workshops. He stated the presentation and maps were available online at www.MalibuCity.org/FireSafety. He announced a fire safety online survey available until April 18. He stated the completed CWPP prepared for City of Montecito was also linked on the Fire Safety webpage.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated a pandemic response plan was drafted for the coronavirus. She stated a meeting for City staff to review the plan and discuss continuity of business was scheduled for next week. She stated the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health would provide a coronavirus update at the City Council Regular meeting on March 9, 2020. She stated westside cities were coordinating messaging about the virus for consistency.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

On behalf of the Public Safety Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Gibbs distributed a copy of the first proposed article written by Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen regarding Botts dots. In response to Chair Frost, Commissioner Gibbs stated it would be submitted to The Malibu Times and would be published once in the printed paper.

Commissioner Skophammer stated he attended the CWPP workshop.

Vice Chair Stewart requested the fire safety survey results be shared with the Commission. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed the status of implementing a Safe Parking Program in Malibu. Vice Chair Stewart stated the Sheriff's Department would provide the next newsletter article regarding golf carts. Vice Chair Stewart stated articles would be submitted to The Malibu Times and distributed through the City's social media platform. He discussed the evacuation plan approved by the City Council. He questioned who would be authorized to flip the switch on traffic signals. In response to Mr. Hill, he stated a Spectrum representative told him the company planned to add backup generators. He stated a Volunteer Fire Front Following should be considered. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated a long-term contract with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) would take approximately six weeks to finalize. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Executive Assistant Linden stated a report from the siren consultant was scheduled to be presented the Commission at its May 6, 2020 meeting. Vice Chair Stewart discussed reaction and response to the coronavirus. He suggested the City consider how to prevent infection and transmission among the homeless and in group homes.

Chair Frost discussed the recent wrong way driver near Malibu Seafood. He stated the highway was dangerous whether or not there was heavy traffic.

Commissioner Gibbs inquired about the process for supporting SB 431.

Chair Frost discussed a conversation with a City of Lancaster representative regarding law enforcement. He suggested the City consider a hybrid system with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and another agency.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission requested an item be added to a future agenda to discuss augmenting Sheriff's law and traffic enforcement in Malibu.

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By consensus, the Commission requested an item be added to a future agenda to discuss reducing the speed limit in school zones to 15 miles per hour.

Chair Frost stated the City of Sacramento was implementing a reduced speed limit for streets around 198 schools. He reiterated the need to be hypervigilant about hygiene. In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed potential available locations for a Safe Parking Program.

Commissioner Roberts stated a Malibu resident had been infected by coronavirus while on a cruise ship in Japan.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Gibbs moved and Commissioner Roberts 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 5, 2020

Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of February 5, 2020.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Vehicle Impact Protection Devices

Recommended Action: Receive and file report on vehicle impact protection devices on City-owned properties.

Public Works Director DuBoux presented the report. He discussed the standard required by Malibu Municipal Code (MMC) Section 17.48.070. He discussed the two locations owned by the City or adjacent to the City right-of-way that had been identified for protection devices. He discussed options considered and stated the City had decided to install bollards at both locations. He stated the City planned to include it in the Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Works Director DuBoux stated the Planning Department was contacting property owners that needed to install devices.

In response to Chair Frost, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he would follow up with the Planning Department regarding the status of businesses that were required to install protection devices when MMC 17.48.070 was adopted.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was discussing options with Caltrans to protect individuals waiting at bus stops.

Commissioner Skophammer requested clarification on the parameters that required protection devices. He stated areas in the Malibu Village shopping center were at risk.

B. Emergency Preparedness Activities Update

Recommended Action: Receive and file report regarding current emergency preparedness efforts and provide feedback to staff.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She stated a multiagency exercise would be scheduled to test the mass evacuation plan update. She stated the City had tentatively scheduled to offer five CERT training programs in 2020. She stated regular reports on emergency preparedness efforts would be included in future Commission agendas to help increase communication with the community.

Vice Chair Stewart suggested including the weather radio frequency in the backpacks provided to seniors. In response to Vice Chair Stewart, Public Safety Specialist Kaplan stated backpacks included National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radios but those did not receive NOAA weather alerts.

Commissioner Skophammer stated the CWPP did not include any part of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's response plan for Malibu. He stated it was important for the community to understand the County's plan. He suggested asking for a Malibu-specific plan from the County since the City was different than other areas of the County. He stated the strategies used during the Woolsey Fire were ineffective. He stated the City should evaluate if the County strategy would work in Malibu. He suggested resources should have been dispatched to Point Dume since there were more homes near the coast than in canyons. He suggested the CWPP should ensure the most homes were saved.

Commissioner Roberts stated the Woolsey Fire was a huge fire with a 15-mile front. He stated the City could not dictate to the County how to manage that type of fire. He stated the resources were sent first to the canyons to save people.

Commissioner Gibbs stated how resources are deployed was important for the community to know.

Commissioner Skophammer stated it was important to stage equipment where the most homes would be saved.

Commissioner Roberts stated every fire presented a different challenge for Incident Command.

Commissioner Skophammer stated the CWPP should review fire history to determine if the City should ask the County to fight fires in a different way.

Chair Frost discussed the response to more than 1,800 9-1-1 calls received on the first day of the Woolsey Fire. Commissioner Skophammer stated evaluating how to respond to 9-1-1 calls should be part of the CWPP process.

Vice Chair Stewart discussed three after-incident reports about the Woolsey Fire response done from different perspectives. He suggested reviewing the recommendations from those reports.

Chair Frost left the dais at 6:20 p.m.

Vice Chair Stewart suggested forming an ad hoc committee to review the recommendations in the after-incident reports so the Commission could make recommendations to the Council.

Chair Frost returned to the dais at 6:23 p.m.

Commissioner Gibbs stated it was important to include a review of the paramedic/EMT response required.

Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen explained the CWPP process. He stated the County could be requested to provide information for an addendum or to make a presentation to the Commission.

Commissioner Skophammer stated a presentation by the Fire Department would be helpful. He stated the City should request a report from the Fire Department on its current strategic plan for wildfires in Malibu.

C. City of Laguna Beach Homeless Shelter

Recommended Action: Receive and file report regarding a tour of the City of Laguna Beach's homeless shelter and what was learned from Laguna Beach staff about efforts related to homelessness.

Vice Chair Stewart left the dais at 6:26 p.m.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She explained the similarities

between Laguna Beach and Malibu.

Vice Chair Stewart returned to the dais at 6:27 p.m.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated other coastal cities preferred to create policies rather than establishing written requirements to establish local preference. She discussed safety precautions used at the homeless shelter in Laguna Beach. She stated the homeless residents appreciated the increased personal safety. She stated the City of Laguna Beach issued recreational vehicle (RV) parking permits for residents and visitors.

Chair Frost stated Laguna Beach restricted RV parking to four hours and had parking meters. He stated most of the Laguna Beach regulations were in place before the Coastal Commission was established.

In response to Commissioner Roberts, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated Laguna Beach implemented a locals preference requiring participants to have a nexus to the community to use the shelter.

Commissioner Skophammer asked if the City could establish its shelter location outside the city limits. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the City was partnering with the State and County to establish a location for a Safe Parking Program or bridge housing. She stated the City wanted to avoid having the State force a program on Malibu. Sergeant Braden stated the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in *Martin vs. City of Boise* was basically a forced program.

Chair Frost stated the location had to be reasonably accessible to the homeless individuals.

Commissioner Skophammer stated he did not want the City to use its land for a homeless shelter. He suggested asking about using Camp David Gonzales.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated the City has a long list of locations it was looking into for bridge housing locations. Sergeant Braden stated a regional location for more than one city might be helpful.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated possible locations should be suggested to the City Council. She stated the City needed many options to consider, including those slightly outside the city limits.

In response to Chair Frost, Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated providing a Safe Parking Program would help the City deal with the issue of RVs parking along PCH. Chair Frost stated he thought RV owners would not use Safe Parking locations. He stated many individuals who worked in the City preferred to sleep in

their cars rather than commute from far away.

D. Sheriff's Department Saturation Patrol

Recommended Action: Receive and file report regarding the City's authorization of a Sheriff's Department saturation patrol during the month of March 2020 to address homeless and transient issues in the community.

Sergeant Braden presented the report. He stated discussions between the City and Sheriff's Department regarding increasing community concerns about homelessness led to implementing the saturation patrol. He stated the program would be evaluated after three weeks. He stated the deputies assigned to the patrol were highly effective and well-trained for this type of duty.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Sergeant Braden stated the deputies would work with the Sheriff's Department's Mental Evaluation Team (MET) and Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), as well as The People Concern outreach workers.

Commissioner Skophammer discussed encampments cleared in the Trancas watershed area. He asked what could be done if the individuals returned. Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated residents could report that to her or the Sheriff's Department, and they would work together to address the situation. Sergeant Braden stated that situation was why a shelter or alternative sleeping location would be beneficial.

In response to Chair Frost, Sergeant Braden stated Lieutenant Chuck Becerra was Acting Captain at the Lost Hills Station, and Deputy Joe Telles had been assigned to fill Deputy Treinen's role in addressing Malibu's homeless issues. Sergeant Braden stated the City might want to consider offering showers, a clothing exchange, or other ways to prevent illness transmission, including coronavirus.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated she was attending a homeless conference tomorrow and expected hygiene concerns to be an issue of discussion.

E. 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 Lifeguard Division.

Sergeant Braden stated he had someone working on providing statistics requested by Commissioner Skophammer at the February 5, 2020 Commission meeting. He discussed crime trends and recent noteworthy incidents. He stated vehicle

burglaries were still an issue.

In response to Chair Frost, Sergeant Braden discussed a solo-vehicle fatality accident last weekend.

Vice Chair Stewart noted an increase in property collisions in January 2020 compared to January 2019.

Sergeant Braden discussed a joint operation with CHP using available grant funds to respond to a car club plan to take over PCH. He stated the agencies were prepared to stop a similar plan being advertised on social media for this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

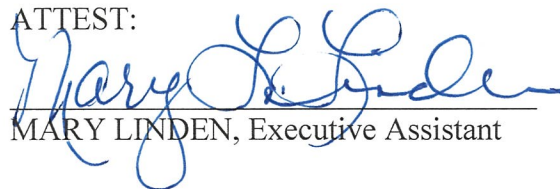
MOTION At 7:14 p.m., Commissioner Gibbs moved and Commissioner Skophammer seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on July 1, 2020.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant