

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 1, 2019
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Chris Frost; Vice Chair Tracy Wright; and Commissioner Andy Cohen

ABSENT: Commissioner Fred Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Arthur Aladjadjian, 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

Mark Russo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Executive Assistant Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on April 24, 2019.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tracy Jordan-Johnson, Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Oversight Commission), explained the Oversight Commission was recently created to establish transparency between the Sheriff's Department and the communities it serves. She announced the Oversight Commission's Town Hall at Malibu City Hall on June 1, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. She stated there would be resource booths for attendees, including mental and public health resources, emergency services, and victim services.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Safety Manager Dueñas announced Sheriff Villanueva's Town Hall scheduled on Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Agoura Hills Community Center. She announced the Public Safety Expo will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Trancas Country Market. She announced the City hired Jerry Vandermeulen, a retired Fire Battalion Chief from Ventura County Fire Department, as the City's Fire Safety Liaison. She stated an item regarding banning rideshare scooters would be taken to the City Council on May 13, 2019. She stated the City will amend its contract with Everbridge to expand cellphone numbers available from about 3,000 to about 12,000. She announced that Los Angeles County Fire Chief Williams will discuss the planned prescribed burn at the May 13, 2019 City Council meeting.

Executive Assistant Linden announced Mayor Pro Tem Farrer had deferred her appointment to the Commission to a future City Council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian announced the City's street maintenance project was nearly done, with just minor punch list items remaining. He stated the project will be closed out in the next few weeks.

Public Works Director DuBoux discussed last night's community meeting with property owners in Phase 2 of the Civic Center Water Treatment Facility (CCWTF). He stated HRL would fund \$3.6 million for the design of Phase 2 and would be reimbursed when the Phase 2 assessment district is formed. He stated most of those in attendance provided positive feedback. He stated an item would go to Council on May 13, 2019 to allow properties not scheduled in Phase 1 or Phase 2 to be added into Phase 2.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the plastic sandbag ban had been reinstated. Executive Assistant Linden stated plastic sandbags could be dropped off at the City property located at Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Heathercliff.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cohen discussed plans for the Public Safety Expo on June 15, 2019. He stated the Sheriff's Department's sweep of Legacy Park was successful.

Vice Chair Wright suggested the Public Safety Expo be advertised at local schools. She stated she was excited to see the stairs at Surfrider Beach finally being repaired. She announced she would be resigning after this meeting since she will be moving outside of the City. She urged the Commission to continue outreach to bring the younger generation in and keep them interested and involved.

Chair Frost expressed disappointment about Vice Chair Wright's resignation. He stated he was happy to see the new Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) vehicle in service. He commended the VOP team for its enthusiasm and success. He discussed loaded trucks coming down

Kanan Road for debris removal. He commended the Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol (CHP) for stopping many of those trucks from coming down Kanan. He announced the Topanga Fire Expo this weekend.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items
1. Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2019
 Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of April 3, 2019.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Caltrans Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Project Update
Recommended Action: 1) Receive a status update from Caltrans regarding Caltrans construction projects and Caltrans permitted projects; and 2) Provide Caltrans with issues for future reports to the Commission.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian introduced Caltrans District 7 representatives Abdi Saghafi, Chief, Office of Corridor Management (West), Osama Assaad, Corridor Manager, and Eric Menjivar, Public Information Officer.

Mr. Saghafi stated the La Costa project was moving forward with plan revisions. He stated a rider to the permit for the Malibu Beach Inn crosswalk had been issued and the permit expires in December 2019. He announced the PCH Median Project was complete. He stated the contractor would begin clearing the channel near Malibu Seafood. He stated nightly closures continue for the Topanga slope stabilization project, which included drilling anchors and foundations on the slope to prevent further slides. He stated repairs to damaged signs and debris removal following the Woolsey Fire was continuing. He stated the pedestrian crossing near Corral Canyon was in the design phase, which was expected to be finished by the end of June 2019 in order to secure funding. He requested the City inform Southern California Edison to provide electricity at the project address. He stated the signal

was exempt from a coastal development permit according to the California Coastal Commission. He discussed potholing for the location of stormwater devices on PCH near Topanga.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Mr. Menjivar stated temporary speed limit signs would be removed after project completion was accepted.

Vice Chair Wright expressed concern that median project's new pavement was not smooth. She stated she hears complaints daily about the pavement surface. Chair Frost agreed the surface did not appear to be consistent. Mr. Menjivar explained some sections of PCH have a concrete surface and the new section is asphalt. Chair Frost requested Caltrans review what was called for in the original project design.

Chair Frost stated the light at Paradise Cove had been operating erratically for seven weeks. He stated it had reverted to default timing. He questioned if nearby construction on a new home had caused some damage. He requested an update on the status of stenciling a dedicated right turn on PCH at the Malibu Pier.

Mr. Assaad stated his staff was looking into the impacts of that right turn on parking and the bus stop. He stated a traffic investigation report would help determine if it would be safe to install. He stated the City Manager requested it be completed before Memorial Day weekend. Chair Frost stated the bus stop was east of the location and would not be an issue. Mr. Saghafi discussed the timeline for completing electronic collection of traffic data and the Caltrans engineering process.

In response to Public Works Director DuBoux, Mr. Saghafi stated the traffic investigation report protected Caltrans' liability. Mr. Assaad stated it was a backup document. Mr. Saghafi suggested Mr. Assaad's team work with the operations office.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Mr. Assaad confirmed the traffic data would be collected on a weekend.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Saghafi stated replacement of signs burned in the Woolsey Fire was ongoing. Mr. Menjivar confirmed guardrails damaged in the fire had all been replaced.

Chair Frost asked if Caltrans had a map indicating how curbs throughout the City should be painted and marked. Mr. Saghafi stated Caltrans followed the PCH Parking Study for curb painting on the ocean side of PCH. He stated there was an update done for the area near the Malibu Pier. He stated his office was working on establishing a GIS map that would indicate curb markings and signs.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Saghafi provided an update on the Trancas Bridge Replacement Project. He stated design should be 65% done by July 2019. He stated the new structure would provide for a pedestrian undercrossing in dry seasons. In response to Chair Frost, he stated a right turn pocket at the intersection of PCH and Trancas was not feasible due to Trancas Market access driveways, necessary room for an acceleration/deceleration lane, loss of parking, and lack of warrants. He stated there had been only one accident reported at that location.

Chair Frost stated vehicles proceeded straight through the intersection from the right lane when other motorists were attempting to make legal right turns from the second lane. He stated there is no street parking allowed on that stretch of road. He requested it be looked at more closely so to could be included as part of the project.

Mr. Saghafi stated adding a right turn lane would negatively impact the project timeline. Chair Frost stated improving safety at the intersection was a higher priority.

Chair Frost stated the recent presentation about the crosswalk at Malibu Seafood underestimated the pedestrian numbers. He stated Mayor Wagner wanted the project to be discussed by the Commission to include discussion of the underpass.

Mr. Saghafi stated his understanding was that the Mayor wanted the drainage channel to be used as an undercrossing, and that the City would approach other jurisdictional agencies to see if that was doable. He stated the City could submit a permit application to Caltrans to explore the drainage channel as an undercrossing.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated it was clear that everyone who attended the public meeting was opposed to the crosswalk. He stated most supported the idea of using the drainage channel as an undercrossing, and Mayor Wagner had requested Caltrans come back with an evaluation of that process. He stated it was requested that the channel be cleaned out and that Caltrans come back to the City with a process for using it as an undercrossing.

Mr. Assaad stated the City had requested more information about pedestrian hybrid beacons (PHB) and to look into the undercrossing. He stated a traffic study and warrants for the PHB were presented. He stated Caltrans had concerns about graffiti, homeless encampments, and runoff in the drainage channel. He stated Caltrans was open to looking at alternatives, but is under the gun for funding for the crosswalk. He suggested a meeting of all agencies involved to discuss using the undercrossing.

Public Works Director DuBoux suggested Caltrans come back with a second public meeting to present design challenges and issues related to the undercrossing. He stated funding should be included in the discussion.

Mr. Assaad asked if there were any other similar undercrossings. Commissioner Cohen stated the undercrossing at Will Rogers Beach was well lit and was used by both pedestrians and cyclists. Chair Frost stated there was an undercrossing just north of Topanga Canyon Boulevard and another in San Clemente.

In response to Mr. Assaad, Public Works Director DuBoux stated future presentations should include issues of concern and potential collaborative solutions.

Chair Frost stated the channel was originally designed to be big enough for a car to drive through.

Mr. Menjivar stated other issues included obtaining a right of way for ADA access and permitting costs. Public Works Director DuBoux stated he was in contact with the other agencies, so a collaborative effort was already being established.

Mr. Saghafi stated he would request Caltrans' Coastal Commission liaison also be involved.

In response to Chair Frost, Mr. Menjivar stated the Escondido slope stabilization project was expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2020. He stated the only traffic interruption would be for installation of delineators and striping, which would be done at night.

Public Works Superintendent Aladjadjian asked if the 30 miles per hour (mph) temporary speed limit was still enforceable. Mr. Menjivar stated he thought the signs should be covered. Chair Frost stated there was no End Work Zone sign posted.

Mr. Saghafi stated 30 mph signs would be removed by the end of next week.

RECESS At 6:29 p.m., Chair Frost recessed the meeting. The meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m. with all commissioners present except Commissioner Roberts.

B. 2019 Summer Enforcement Team Proposal

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Sheriff's Department proposal for the 2019 Summer Enforcement Team deployment; and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council to approve the proposal as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Lieutenant Seetoo presented the report. She thanked the City for providing new quads for the Beach Team.

In response to Commissioner Cohen, Lieutenant Seetoo stated the Beach Team would go to other beaches but would not be working traffic on PCH this year.

In response to Chair Frost, she confirmed the one traffic deputy in the proposal would be working at Zuma Beach. She confirmed the deployment was the same as in past years.

MOTION Vice Chair Wright moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council approve the 2019 Summer Enforcement Team Proposal as part of the Sheriff's Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The motion carried 3-0, Commissioner Roberts absent.

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 there would be a dedicated Traffic Enforcement Team for Summer 2019. She explained PCH would be divided into four zones with one or two deputies for each zone and a VOP vehicle in three zones. She stated bicycles had been loaned to the Lost Hills Station to be used to patrol the Civic Center area. She stated there was outside funding so it would not cost the City. She stated VOPs were not used on Winding Way or other private roads, so the Traffic Enforcement Team would provide assistance in those areas.

Chair Frost suggested involving Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA) to address problems on Winding Way. He stated MRCA does not own the waterfall.

Lieutenant Seetoo stated she would have weekly conference calls with all local agencies and other affected groups to discuss issues that occurred and how they could be addressed. She suggested the problems of pedestrian crosswalks causing traffic backups might be resolved with crossing guards. She stated she met with Rabbi Levi at Chabad of Malibu at the request of Councilmember Peak. She stated Rabbi Levi suggested an interfaith meeting to discuss security. She stated reserves would be contacted to help provide guidance for increasing security. She stated the meeting would be scheduled in June.

Chair Frost suggested everyone take an active shooter training class. He stated it could be added to the interfaith security planning.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Seetoo stated the bike patrol was not originally intended to include the Ralphs shopping center. Chair Frost suggested the bike patrol also cover the intersection of Webb Way and Malibu Road.

In response to Public Safety Manager Dueñas, Lieutenant Seetoo confirmed deputies had to complete bike enforcement training. Lieutenant Seetoo stated she could use reserves as well, which would reduce the cost by 50 percent. She

explained it was required that the opportunity to be on bike patrol had to first be offered to the deputies.

Chair Frost commended the Sheriff's Department for its homelessness workshop. Lieutenant Seetoo stated she hoped to offer quarterly workshops to ensure community stakeholders understood the guidelines the Sheriff's Department must follow.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 6:57 p.m., Vice Chair Wright moved and Chair Frost seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0, Commissioner Roberts absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on June 5, 2019.



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant