

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2019
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Susan Dueñas, Public Safety Manager; Rob DuBoux, Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; Jerry Vandermeulen, Fire Safety Liaison; Matt Myerhoff, Media Information Officer; Lieutenant Jennifer Seetoo, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; and Brandie Ayala, Senior Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Roberts moved and Commissioner Gibbs seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Senior Administrative Assistant Ayala reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on July 31, 2019.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Armstrong thanked the Sheriff's Department for assistance with an individual trespassing in his neighborhood.

ITEM 1.B. STAFF UPDATES

Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian announced the La Costa Pedestrian Improvements project construction should be completed within a month. He provided an update on the Caltrans pavement overlay project from the McClure Tunnel to Malibu.

Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen discussed hydrant counts and inspections completed. He stated indicator dots would be installed. Public Works Director DuBoux stated Public Works staff would assist with proper installation.

ITEM 1.C. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Stewart discussed the Management Partners report. He stated he was very pleased with the recommendations. He requested updates on the tabletop exercise on emergency planning. He asked what was being done about traffic in Point Dume. He expressed concern about an increase in the number of recreational vehicles parked overnight along Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). He requested an update on guardrail replacement. He discussed traffic issues near the Nobu restaurant. He stated fire insurance policies were being cancelled or rates increased.

Vice Chair Cohen commended the Sheriff's Department for increased visibility and enforcement of both traffic and parking. He discussed a need for additional Sheriff's presence at shopping centers. He requested an agenda item to discuss a parking shuttle plan for employees in the Civic Center area.

Commissioner Gibbs thanked Fire Safety Liaison Vandermeulen for taking him to a recent workshop that provided great information about protecting homes from fire. He stated he planned to use his certification to share the information with neighbors and particularly with residents rebuilding after the Woolsey Fire. He discussed Sun Fire Defense, a company determined to be fraudulently marketing a product that claimed to protect homes. He requested the City help spread the word about the fraudulent claims. He expressed concern about traffic around the school in Point Dume. He requested traffic calming measures be discussed after the first month of school. He discussed fires in Topanga and Thousand Oaks, as well as a shooting in Malibu. He asked how those simultaneous incidents impacted the Sheriff's Department.

Chair Frost discussed a traffic plan presented by the school district for the newly combined elementary schools. He discussed an increase in food carts in Malibu. He discussed State law regarding food carts. He requested an agenda item to discuss the issue and make a recommendation for a City ordinance regulating food carts.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission agreed to request an agenda item to discuss and make a recommendation for a City ordinance regulating food carts.

He discussed private signs being placed on the roadway. He expressed concern about signs placed on metal chairs. He requested the Commission discuss how the City's sign ordinance is enforced.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission agreed to request an agenda item to discuss enforcement of the City's sign ordinance.

Public Works Director DuBoux stated the sign ordinance was enforced by Code Enforcement.

Chair Frost discussed oversized vehicles parked on PCH. Lieutenant Seetoo explained current enforcement restrictions. Chair Frost discussed signs that need to be reinstalled and red curbs that need repainting. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated Public Works staff worked closely with the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP) to make those repairs as they were reported.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Frost 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 – July 10, 2019
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Special meeting of July 10, 2019.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Newsletter
Recommended Action: 1) Discuss objectives for a Public Safety Newsletter; 2) Form a Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee to coordinate production of the newsletter; and 3) Appoint two commissioners to serve on the Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She explained that the newsletter could be posted to the City website and people could subscribe to receive it via e-notification.

Chair Frost expressed concern that repetitive information could be ignored by residents. Public Safety Manager Dueñas suggested sending headlines by email that

could be clicked on to take the reader to items of interest. Chair Frost suggested using graphics rather than text.

In response to Public Safety Manager Dueñas, Media Information Officer Myerhoff explained the capabilities of the City's e-notification system.

Commissioner Gibbs suggested newsletters be sent twice each year plus after any significant incident.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated monthly issues would be difficult to maintain without becoming repetitive.

Chair Frost agreed with publishing twice a year.

MOTION Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to form a Public Safety Newsletter Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Commissioner Gibbs and Commissioner Stewart to coordinate production of the newsletter. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Homelessness Working Group

Recommended Action: Affirm the appointment of Chair Frost as the Commission's representative on the Strategic Plan on Homelessness Working Group or make a new appointment.

MOTION Commissioner Stewart moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to affirm the appointment of Chair Frost as the Public Safety Commission's representative on the Strategic Plan on Homelessness Working Group. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chair Cohen encouraged Commissioners to do a ride-along with Deputy Treinen to get a better understanding of the issues. Chair Frost agreed it would be very informative.

C. Public Safety and Preparedness Expo

Recommended Action: Receive and file report on the 2019 Public Safety and Preparedness Expo and appoint two Commissioners to an Ad Hoc Committee to work on the 2020 Expo.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas presented the report. She stated planning should begin by January or February 2020, but sponsors should be sought as soon as possible. She said it was important to have funding in place before planning started. She discussed the value of having an event coordinator. She suggested seeking sponsor to cover the cost for that. She discussed what was learned from the first two expos.

In response to Vice Chair Cohen, Public Safety Manager Dueñas discussed location options for the event.

Chair Frost suggested looking into the property below City Hall currently being used as a Southern California Edison staging area.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated City Hall was a good option. She stated visibility is important.

Commissioner Gibbs inquired about the budget for the Topanga expo. He suggested considering combining the Malibu and Topanga events.

Public Safety Manager Dueñas stated both events were more community-specific.

MOTION Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to form a 2020 Public Safety Expo Ad Hoc Committee and nominated Vice Chair Cohen to be on the Ad Hoc Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Gibbs seconded a motion to nominate Commissioner Roberts to work on the Ad Hoc Committee with Vice Chair Cohen. The motion carried unanimously.

D. 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 Lifeguards.

Lieutenant Seetoo discussed a recent deputy-involved shooting. She discussed the importance of the Mental Evaluation Team (MET). She stated there was not currently an MET assigned to Malibu, but one would be in place in September. She explained MET would be deployed at the request of a deputy.

In response to Commissioner Gibbs, Lieutenant Seetoo stated the need for MET was not always related to homelessness. Lieutenant Seetoo announced Malibu would host the next MET training in December.

Lieutenant Seetoo stated a planning meeting before the tabletop exercise was held with approximately 40 agencies represented, including Santa Monica, Caltrans, Ventura County, and the Fire Department. She stated the goal of the tabletop on August 20 was to determine gaps in current emergency plans. She stated ad hoc committees would be formed to address each issue. She stated these exercises will be held annually. She announced she would receive \$37,000 next month to re-do a joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for the Lost Hills Station, CHP, and State Parks.

In response to Commissioner Stewart, Lieutenant Seetoo stated she would report back on the tabletop exercise.

In response to Commissioner Stewart, Public Safety Manager Dueñas explained the tabletop was a joint effort with Lieutenant Seetoo as facilitator. She stated what comes out of the exercise would eventually be incorporated into the City's Emergency Operations Plan and would be communicated to the community.

In response to Commissioner Stewart, Lieutenant Seetoo explained how the joint EOC would cooperate with the Fire Department at Incident Command.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Seetoo stated plans for security at this year's Chili Cook-Off were being coordinated with the City and Boys and Girls Club. She stated there would be an increase in visible law enforcement at the event to ensure the community felt safe.

Lieutenant Seetoo discussed traffic statistics from June 1 to September 30 over the past five years. She discussed the increased amount of time at the station required for citations. She announced there had been no traffic fatalities this summer. She stated the Summer Traffic Team had greatly reduced traffic incidents this year and was a great success. She discussed traffic enforcement near the pier. She expressed appreciation for cooperation from pier area businesses. She stated it was important for the community to partner with the Sheriff's Department. She stated the traffic team was currently budgeted only for summer weekends and holidays.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Seetoo stated the bike patrol had been successful. She stated there were not enough trained deputies and funding to continue it beyond the summer.

In response to Commissioner Stewart, Lieutenant Seetoo stated partnering with the community was the greatest factor in reducing traffic statistics.

In response to Chair Frost, Lieutenant Seetoo discussed Sheriff's Department preparations for responding to large groups of vehicles that come to Malibu. She stated they were welcome unless they caused problems or destruction.

ADJOURNMENT

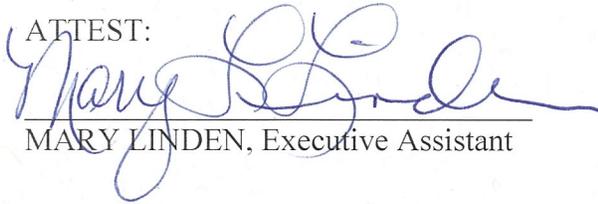
MOTION At 6:28 p.m., Chair Frost moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City
of Malibu on September 4, 2019



CHRIS FROST, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Executive Assistant