



**MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Daigle on Monday, August 13, 2018, at 8:35 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Vernon René Daley, Robert Ettinger, Grace Liu Kung, Luis Reinoso; Chair Ellen Daigle, Vice-Chair Greg Hall.

Absent: Commissioner: Jeremy Ding.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Police Captain/Staff Liaison Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Absent: Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ETTINGER, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Donna Dunbar, Mona Rosenthal, and Carol Schneider, South Pasadena residents, raised concerns regarding two metal cover plates for utility vault on a grassy sidewalk by the Franciscan Woods complex, explained that the removable parts are repeatedly missing and plates are not flushed against each other, noting potential hazards for pedestrians, requested assistance in resolving issue; explained of a recent fire at a nearby ravine, learned that the firefighters had to haul water hoses and equipment 350 feet down the driveway and was unaware of a nearby fire hydrant, upon inspection, it was recommended that the privately owned fire hydrant should be painted, have posted sign, and blue dots indicating the presence of a fire hydrant, inquired Fire Chief Riddle on obtaining the blue dots.

Councilmember Mahmud noted that the City of South Pasadena does not own any street utility vaults unless associated with traffic signals which are normally upright and above ground, suggested checking with the utility company and the Franciscan Woods HOA.

Fire Chief Riddle will follow up with Fire Department to provide and install the blue dots, explained that the blue dots are blue reflectors installed on streets to help firefighters locate fire hydrants.

Public Safety Commission thanked the guests for participating in CERT, Neighborhood Watch, and working with Commissioner Ettinger and Commissioner Reinoso on Map Your Neighborhood.

There being no others desiring to speak, the Public Comment period was closed.

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mahmud announced that City Manager DeWolfe has included the activities of the Commissions into the weekly updates, noted the City Council will be up to date on all discussions including recent collaboration of the Public Safety Commission and the Senior Citizen Commission in getting the senior database started; reported on the hiring of a crisis communication consultant to help the City develop a Crisis Communication Management Plan, which will enable the City to be well prepared in advance to react, communicate, and manage crises efficiently and effectively, noting that education and training in advance will help the City to react and move quickly without hesitation, noted a team of staff and the public will be coordinated to help assess, communicate, and give directions in the event of a crisis or disaster.

5. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS

Fire Chief Riddle informed of Fire Division Chief Zanteson's meeting today with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department regarding mass emergency notification systems such as Nixle and Emergency Alert System, noted that Blackboard Connect is the City's mass emergency notification system, explained that residents who sign up will receive important messages and emergency updates by phone, text message, or email; informed that Firefighter/Paramedic Miller was deployed to the Holy Fire as a Fire Line Paramedic; provided update on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), informed that City Council approved and has been sent to CAL OES and FEMA for final approval, which will then come back to City Council for adoption; advised that the renewal of the Cooperative Agreement with the City of San Marino for the Sharing of Fire Department Command Staff (Division/Battalion Chief) will be presented to the City Council on September 19th, an agreement where resources and staffing are shared when there's a shortage; followed up on Commission's inquiries, reported on pinch points up on the Monterey Hills, informed that phase one, vegetation management, was completed, and phase two will focus on community outreach and painting of curbs, noted positive response and understanding when reaching out to residents; reported on the recent fire by Bridewell Avenue, off the 110 freeway, possibly caused by a mulch pile.

Police Captain Solinsky gave introduction, started law enforcement career with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department as Deputy and in 1993 joined the South Pasadena Police Department, worked closely with Police Chief Miller, commended Police Chief Miller in laying a solid foundation for the department and will continue with the same model, enjoy working for the City of South Pasadena and is fully invested in the community; informed that South Pasadena Police Department did everything possible to locate missing person, Andrew Dart, who is now no longer listed as missing and has been in contact; announced a farewell gathering for Police Chief Miller at the War Memorial Building on August 16th; informed on a software update sending reminders for yearly parking permits; attended a couple meetings with Southern California Edison and the Gas Company regarding emergency responses; attended a meeting with the Holy Family Church regarding procedures and suggestions on lockdowns; reported on a press conference with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department regarding the destruction of firearms that were confiscated or turned in by the public; informed of the new electric parking vehicle.

6. UPDATE/FOLLOW UP ON "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

Chair Daigle provided update, reported that the two Block Captains at Neighborhood Watch table were busy with information, receiving fifteen sign-ups, requested suggestions on drawing attention to the Public Safety Commission table, noted information on Blackboard Connect, Project Lifesaver, recent crime summary, emergency response and preparedness are good topics, requested more flyers and pamphlets.

7. UPDATE ON PROJECT "LIFESAVER" - SOLINSKY

Police Captain Solinsky introduced a new program for the City of South Pasadena, explained that Project Lifesaver is an electronic tracking system used to help locate individuals who are at risk of wandering off due to medical conditions such as Alzheimer's, dementia, autism, and other related illnesses, the bracelet is worn on the wrist and once alerted to law enforcement that the individual is missing, the trained officers will track and respond to the location of the signal, which can be within fifteen minutes, saving the department time and resources, noted that it is a national program used across the country and is currently a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department and other participating law enforcement agencies, encouraged anyone meeting the criteria for the no cost, voluntary program is asked to contact Sergeant Matthew Ronnie, additional information can be found on the website, www.projectlifesaver.org.

8. UPDATE/FOLLOW UP ON DATABASE TO TRACK SENIORS

Fire Chief Riddle informed that Community Services Supervisor Torres has given access to the database containing only the basic information such as names and addresses, stated that the information given is in compliant with HIPPA, advised of another meeting for any additional information or suggestions.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS


Chair Daigle brought attention to the school board race with four candidates running, noted questions and concerns especially regarding the crossing guards should be discussed with candidates; discussed the Utility Users Tax (UUT), a local tax which helps maintain public safety staff at the current level and community programs and services vital to the quality of life here in the City of South Pasadena, noted the list of programs and staffing affected by the cuts.

Commissioner Kung informed that school will begin on Thursday, August 16th, noted most schools had orientations, new teachers will start on Tuesday, and returning teachers will start on Wednesday, PTA meetings will begin as well as traffic congestions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

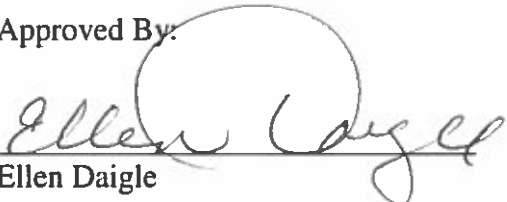
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
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