



**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 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 Vice-Chair Hall on Monday, March 12, 2018, at 8:35 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, Grace Liu Kung and Luis Reinoso; Vice-Chair Greg Hall.

Absent: Commissioner: Vernon René Daley; Chair Ellen Daigle.

Officials

Present: Councilmember/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, Acting Public Works Director/Staff Liaison Rafael Casillas, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DING, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER REINOSO, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Hall opened the Public Comment period.

Stephanie Cao/Stephan Lee, South Pasadena residents, voiced concerns regarding traffic and street conditions at Via Del Rey, displayed videos and photos pointing out several traffic violations and impacts due to downhill speeding, expressed public safety concerns for residents and pedestrians, urged the City to address traffic concerns and provide traffic calming measures.

Wayne Hegedus, South Pasadena resident, echoed concerns from residents, reported similar incidents and impacts along the stretch, noted costs of repairs and additional barriers by residents, reported on the replacement of street poles and installation of a speed feedback sign, noted several ongoing communications with City for traffic calming solutions.

Acting Public Works Director Casillas observed street improvements that have been made, advised more research is needed before making recommendations on traffic calming measures, will follow up with past communications and review traffic reports, noted Public Works will work directly with the residents to resolve issues.

Commissioners considered several approaches to help mitigate, including reaching out to schools to help inform and educate on responsible driving, encouraged residents to have Neighborhood Watch meetings to discuss public safety issues that concerns their neighborhood, advised that public comments regarding street conditions to be directed to the Public Works Department and the Public Works Commission.

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

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Mahmud expressed concerns regarding traffic conditions contributed by unsafe driving behaviors, encouraged awareness for public safety when driving especially heeding speed limits; followed up with Management Analyst Aceves and Police Sergeant Robledo on their attendance at the Women in South Pasadena Political Action (WISPPA) Input Session held on Saturday, March 3rd regarding the Homeless Plan and having community input, explained the South Pasadena Library Code of Conduct.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Police Chief Miller reached out to Pomona Police Department offering condolences and any assistances; discussed the March 14th community forum on “active shooter” incident and first responders, informed that the South Pasadena Police Department have continuously trained over 300 police officers regionally on how to respond; discussed the implementation of a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO); introduced Police Sergeant Robledo, noted that under his direction the South Pasadena Police Department have been proactive in helping to provide services and resources to the homeless, currently working with Management Analyst Aceves and Consultant Winnie Fong on the City’s Homeless Plan.

Fire Chief Riddle provided update on the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) improvements, indicated that the City Council approved the appropriation of funds, noting funds will be used to upgrade the EOC with updated equipment and furniture with emphasis on technology and communications; reported that the City staff went through an official training for emergency operation and disaster preparedness covering incident command system, incident management, roles and responsibilities; provided update on CERT classes; followed up on Commission's inquiry on pinch points up on the Monterey Hills, advised that it will be a three phase approach.

6. UPDATE ON LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP) - RIDDLE

Fire Chief Riddle informed that the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) is currently being updated to ensure public safety and reduce loss of life and property impacted by natural or man-made disasters, a three year plan that looks at specific hazards to the community and the proactive steps to mitigate and accomplish emergency response and recovery in the event of a disaster, part of the plan includes the training of all City staff to efficiently respond and recover in a disaster and is in compliant with California's Standardized Incident Management System (SIMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS), which will also ensure eligibility for FEMA funds.

7. DISCUSSION OF MARCH 14TH COMMUNITY FORUM ON "ACTIVE SHOOTER" TYPE INCIDENTS – MILLER/RIDDLE

Police Chief Miller announced a community forum "We will Be Going In," a discussion on the extensive training police and fire department prepared in the event of an "active shooter" incident, noted Fire Chief Riddle and School Superintendent Yantz will also co-facilitate the discussion and address the expectations of first responders when going into the scene, invited the community to come meet, greet, ask questions with police officers, dispatchers, and firefighters/paramedics, on March 14th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Library Community Room.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

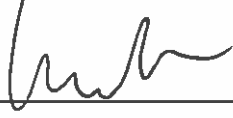
Commissioner Ding provided update on the Neighborhood Watch meeting on February 25th, with residents from Adelaine Avenue.

Commissioner Kung provided update; indicated that Measure S, which helps maintain teachers, school staff, and many academic and enrichment programs passed overwhelmingly by 80%; thanked Police, Fire, and community members for participating in the "Read Across America" on March 2nd; noted that Police Officer Burgos announced a contest for new mascot name; advised of the upcoming students walkout to end gun violence on March 14th, at 10:00 a.m. until 10:17 a.m. across the nation, marking the one month anniversary and the seventeen lives loss from the Parkland shooting in Florida, noting school staff are supportive but prepared.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m., with in memory of fallen Pomona Police Officer Casillas, the seven students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and the three women at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, California.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair