

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

July 11, 2016 at 8:30 am

Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, CA

Dr. Harry Lieberman, Chair

Janet Braun, Vice-Chair

Ellen Daigle, Member, excused at 9:55am

Vernon Rene Daley, Member, arrived at 9:00am

Robert Ettinger, Member

Luis Reinoso, Member

Alex Wing, Member – not present

Robert S. Joe, Council Liaison

Paul Riddle, Deputy Fire Chief

Mario Rueda, Fire Chief Staff Liaison

Art Miller, Police Chief Staff Liaison

Dr. Geoff Yantz - South Pasadena Unified School District Superintendent

David Lubs - South Pasadena Unified School District Assistant Superintendent

Call to Order. Chair Dr. Harry Lieberman opened the meeting at 8:31am.

Approval of Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the Commission's June 13, 2016 meeting was moved to accept by Commissioner Braun and seconded by Commissioner Daigle.

Public Comments. None.

Council Liaison Comments. Councilmember Joe advised that there was an ad hoc committee meeting last month with the school district to discuss SPUSD contributing financially to fund the crossing guard contract for \$144,000. No commitment was made due to legal issues cited by the SPUSD.

Joint Discussion with Representatives of School Board. Superintendent Geoff Yantz and Assistant Superintendent Dave Lubs from South Pasadena Unified School District joined the meeting at 8:40am. Commissioner Lieberman identified the common interest of the PSC and the School District is children and safety. There was discussion regarding SPUSD not contributing to fund a portion of the crossing guard contract. In addition to budget constraints, Superintendent Yantz indicated that for liability reasons related to the California Education Code, the District was not permitted to participate financially. He added the "EdCode" specifically spells out that school districts cannot be responsible for traffic safety (crossing guards) and to participate financially violates the code. Commissioner Reinoso wishes to keep the funding issue open as well as maintain solidarity with the District and the balance of

the PSC agreed. Chief Rueda discussed MySafe:California which is a pilot program for fourth and fifth graders that influences fire and life safety skills. Chief Miller discussed the crime spree that occurred on 6-29-16 and the school versus PD's role when lockdown is implemented. Additionally, Chief Miller provided an SRO handout. Superintendent Yantz requested Nixle assistance for parents in the new school year and would like a school district representative to participate in the EOC when activated. Superintendents Yantz and Lubs were thanked and excused at 9:15am.

Chief Rueda Liaison Report. Chief Rueda discussed the impact the drought has had in L.A. County over the last five years. FD has gone through brush training. Chief Rueda did a flyover of Monterey Hills and observed the difficulty for ground access. Additionally, he observed areas of risk in the city that have not been adequately addressed. He described the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks up in the hills. A small brush fire would require a multiple agency response. He proposed the need to proactively consider red flag days and restricted parking. Brush and weed abatement service is provided by LA County and is cost effective. All Commissioners agreed to assist and support FD to problem solve and will continue discussion at the September, 2016 meeting. Hydrostatic testing will begin in September on a gas distribution line at Garfield and Monterey Road. Deputy Chief Riddle requested all Commissioners sign a Code of Conduct document that is to be returned to the City Clerk.

Chief Miller Liaison Report. Chief Miller advised that due to the Dallas incident police officers rode double in patrol vehicles over the weekend for safety. He has sent his thoughts to Bill Glazier at the South Pasadena Review regarding the Dallas incident and values our City's community support for law enforcement. The community has provided food throughout the weekend which reflects a symbolic outreach to LE across the nation. Chief Miller has no doubt that people in oppressed areas want LE presence and we want to serve. Additionally, he discussed the June 26th crime spree and that with the concerted effort of community and PD the suspect is in custody. Chief Miller advised that by the end of the year PD should be fully staffed.

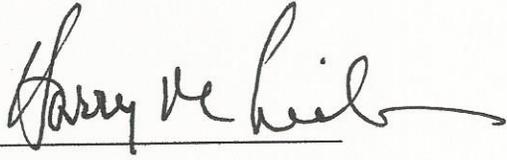
CERT Team Report. There is a CERT meeting on July 12th and discussion will be postponed to the September, 2016 meeting.

Neighborhood Watch. Commissioner Reinoso discussed the mixed feedback of the newest Neighborhood Watch signs that were posted. It was determined the signs are appropriate and serve the purpose for which they were designed. Commissioner Lieberman has accumulated watch data on his block and Chief Miller agreed to check with Det. Lee for a commercial program to store the information.

Commissioner's Comments. Commissioner Reinoso reviewed modifications for the PSC website. It was determined that public comments will be excluded from the webpage and he will track down the PSC mission statement. Commissioner Braun will discuss with Superintendent Yantz a seasonal invitation to promote unity and understanding between SPUSD and PSC. Chief Miller will provide California Education Code numbers for Commissioner Braun and Daley to research liability and traffic safety. Telephone landline discussion will be postponed to the September, 2016 meeting. The PSC is dark in August, the next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2016.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry Lieberman", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Harry Lieberman

Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Idessa Gonzales

Police Clerk