



**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017
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 Reinoso on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Grace Liu Kung; Vice-Chair Luis Reinoso.

Absent: Commissioners: Vernon René Daley, Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, and Greg Hall; Chair Ellen Daigle.

Officials

Present: Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Fire Captain Kris Saxon, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Absent: Mayor/City Council Liaison Michael A. Cacciotti, Deputy Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2017 MEETING

Due to the absence of a quorum, approval of the Minutes of the March 13, 2017 was deferred to the next Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Reinoso opened the Public Comment period.

Janet Braun, South Pasadena resident, voiced concern on the City's ability to recruit and retain public safety officers, explained that through extensive research of salaries in the surrounding cities of the San Gabriel Valley, South Pasadena is below the average and having minimal benefits for medical and tuition reimbursement, expressed grave concerns about the public safety department missing 25% of its force, advised Commissioners to present the findings and voice their concerns to the City Councils.

Police Chief Miller spoke about his experiences of not having a fully staffed department, expressed similar situation where his staff would work many hours and on different shifts, but at the same time making sure they were well taken care of to avoid any fatigue or stress from setting in which can affect public safety.

Fire Chief Rueda and Fire Captain Saxon spoke of the experiences of the Fire Department being under staffed with five vacancies; noted many Fire Departments are currently hiring making it difficult to recruit and provide better incentives; Fire Captain Saxon gave examples of staff working many 24-hour days with little time off, noted positions would get "bumped down" when there is no coverage for the day (e.g., from Captain to Engineer), informed the Commission that normal monthly overtime work would be at 5-15 hours but has currently tripled this month, noted overtime is not worth it and taking a toll due to fatigue factor and little time spent for family.

Vice-Chair Reinoso thanked Janet Braun; noted that he had also reached out to his neighbors and Neighborhood Watch Captain and advised them to get in touch with City Councils and voice their concerns, will also reach out to the City Manager and City Councilmembers for a meeting to discuss.

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

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Police Chief Miller informed the Commission that he is currently working on a legislation that will hold the parents financially responsible for their children's action for "swatting", or fake emergency calls, costing the department thousands of dollars and valuable resources, it would also include parenting/counseling classes, noted support from the Office of Assemblymember Chris Holden, SPUSD Superintendent Dr. Geoff Yantz, and SPHS Principal Ms. Janet Anderson, noted will be meeting with Police Chiefs and the Sheriff for support and a commitment before drafting.

Vice-Chair Reinoso attended the Citizens' Academy, commended the Police Department on a phenomenal job partnering with USC Public Safety where they provided simulation weapons training, understanding of life and death scenarios; voiced support for better salaries and training for public safety officers.

Fire Chief Rueda provided an update on two new firefighters going through background checks, informed Commission that new recruitment for firefighter/paramedic opened last Monday; proposed a shared agreement with surrounding cities to share personnel when needed, allowing crucial response time; reported that Zika virus was found in many of the San Gabriel Valley cities including here in South Pasadena, will follow up on an informational meeting being held tonight; announced a meeting with SPUSD Superintendent Dr. Geoff Yantz on Thursday to discuss a Junior Firefighter Program for fourth and fifth graders, involving assignments on fire and safety inspections, and a certificate upon completion; follow up on plans for CERT anniversary.

6. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE (COMMISSIONER HALL)

Sue Kaplan outlined the upcoming Map Your Neighborhood meeting that will be held on April 12th, at the Library Community Room, advised Commissioner Hall to attend and introduce himself as the new Neighborhood Watch personnel, anticipates in recruiting Neighborhood Watch leaders and gathering new contacts, reported forty-nine people have signed up.

7. MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE (COMMISSIONER REINOSO)

Vice-Chair Reinoso provided an update, informed that he had hosted a Map Your Neighborhood training at his home with neighbors, developed a map of the neighborhood with contact information, names in the household and pets, and any additional information such as special needs in case of emergencies; announced that he will also host the upcoming Map Your Neighborhood meeting that will be held at the Library Community Room, along with Sue Kaplan and Janet Braun, opined the importance of neighbors getting to know each other especially since there have been recent burglaries.

8. CERT UPDATE (COMMISSIONER DALEY)

None.

9. REPORT ON GENERAL PLAN (COMMISSIONER ETTINGER)

None.

10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kung provided update, announced the Red Cross Pillowcase Project presentation that will be held on April 14th, at Monterey Hills Elementary, for fourth graders and taught by five trained Red Cross volunteers.

Sue Kaplan summarized the Pillowcase Project, a program presented by the Red Cross volunteers aimed at children in grades 3 through 5, teaches children how to prepare and handle emergencies, encourages children to talk to family about emergency preparedness, advise children to use pillowcase as their emergency kit and suggestions on what put in.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Reinoso adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
Chair