

MINUTES

City of Pacifica
 Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission
 2075 Coast Highway
 Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: January 19, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Hladky, Johnson, Taverna, Blackburn, Gasanyan,
 Erbacher, Salisbury, Crawford

Commissioners Absent: Lotridge

Council Liaison Present: Mayor Pro Tem Bigstyk

Ex Officio Members Present: None

Ex Officio Members Absent: Peppers, Fleming, Machado

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements

CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) NOTICE

Read by Captain Clements

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for December 15, 2021 meeting was approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for January 19, 2022 meeting was amended and approved.

PRESENTATION:

Inspector/ Fire Investigator Adams from the North County Fire Authority (NCFA) provided an update on the Vegetation Reduction Chipping Program.

Inspector Adams provided an update to the commission on the grant funded Vegetation Reduction Chipper Program, and other grants the City pursued and will pursue in the future.

In the 2021 grant cycle, NCFCA applied for more than \$1,000,000 in grants on behalf of the City. The 2021 Coastal Conservancy Grant awarded \$130,000 to the City to fund this vegetation chipping program. The grant provided 20 days of chipping for neighborhoods in the designated areas identified by the Coastal Conservancy. The grant targeted lands adjacent to open space areas. The areas approved for this project were located in neighborhoods in Linda Mar, Pedro Point, Park Pacifica, Vallemar and Rockaway Beach. NCFCA reported 2,500 eligible residences were identified in these areas.

Inspector Adams announced there are grant funds remaining, that will provide for an additional 6 days of chipping in the spring of 2022. The dates and locations will be announced in the future. The program disposed of 28 tons of vegetation, thus far.

This grant funded program also provided for distribution of information about building defensible space around homes in these areas. NCFCA also used social media and created an updated webpage to promote defensible space and this chipper program.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn commented on the Tsunami Advisory on January 15, 2022. He commented on the City response to close beaches and beach parking lots that day, and shared it did not seem the warnings about beach hazards during this event kept everyone away from the beaches.

Commissioner Erbacher asked if the City tsunami sirens were functioning properly during the Tsunami Advisory which effected the entire west coast on January 15, 2022. Captain Clements responded the sirens were functioning properly at the time and could have been activated if necessary for that event.

Commissioner Salisbury shared her personal experiences with the devastating Dixie Fire last year, and how it has impacted her and her family. She talked about challenges some face in obtaining fire insurance, and the process of debris removal after the fire.

Commissioner Crawford asked follow up questions about the annual review of school site safety plans. Captain Clements shared that he reviewed plans for each of the campuses in the Pacifica School District, and would appearing before the Board of Trustees at a future meeting to discuss these plans.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL LIASION COMMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk talked about re-organization and committee assignments within the City Council. He also talked about the City re-districting process that is underway. He encouraged community members to attend one of the three upcoming meetings on this topic, review documents and provide their comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk said the 45 day public comment period had opened for the City General Plan Update and Environment Impact Report (EIR). He said this update has been underway for the past 12 years and encouraged anyone interested to attend one of the upcoming public meetings, review the documents and provide their comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk said he has an upcoming meeting with the Public Works Director to discuss our City pump stations and storm water infrastructure. He said there had been some community comments about flooding in Linda Mar and storm water management after the winter storms. He also said the City is in the process of updating the Storm Water Master Plan. This includes seeking funding sources for this important infrastructure project.

Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk also promoted the free at home COVID test kits available through the federal government. He shared the website to register; **covidtests.gov** for these free tests being distributed by the US Postal Service.

Mayor Pro Tem Bigstycyk told the commission he also remains committed to promoting wildfire safety in our City.

STAFF COMMENTS: Staff Report from Captain Clements

Captain Clements pointed out the vegetation management grant program and new City Wildfire Preparedness webpage were the direct result of work the Commission had done in the previous year; seeking to raise awareness and mitigate these risks in our City.

Captain Clements described the City response to the Tsunami Advisory issued on January 15, 2022; closing beaches and parking lots, promoting messaging on local social media and providing subsequent updates on those platforms. Commissioner Johnson praised the efforts of the City to promote these alerts and information, she also emphasized community members have a responsibility to be prepared themselves. Captain Clements also spoke about the community outreach the City conducts to promote awareness and safety including the dedicated City Tsunami Preparedness webpage, class presentations, and promotion during Tsunami Preparedness Week and World Tsunami Awareness Day.

Captain Clements reported the following meetings and activity;

Dec 16 SMC Emergency Managers Association CERT Group meeting

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Dec 22 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #19
Dec 27 social media post re: COVID 19 Testing- post holiday omicron surge
Jan 6 social media post re: COVID 19 Testing- supported SMC promotion/ media
Jan 10 social media post re: COVID 19 Testing – promoted new San Bruno location
Jan 12 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #20
Jan 13 SMC County Manager’s COVID 19 update w/ Leaders
Jan 15 Tsunami Advisory for US West Coast (source: volcanic eruption in Tonga Is.)
Jan 18 Bay-EX Exercise (Feb. 22-24) Planning Meeting w/ SMC DEM
Jan 18 Terra Nova HS School Site Safety meeting re: School Site Safety Plan
Jan 19 SMCDEM Wildfire/ Tsunami Evacuation Plan update meeting #21
Jan 19 social media post re: Free At-home COVID Tests **covidtests.gov**
Jan 20 SMC Emergency Managers Association meeting
Feb 24 Earthquake/ Tsunami Preparedness via Zoom (tentative)

*Visit to **smcgov.org/testing** for COVID 19 test locations countywide

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2022