

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Chair Hitz, Taverna, Erbacher, Johnson, Blackburn,
 Lotridge, Hladkyd, Gasanyan

Commissioners Absent: Erbacher

Ex Officio Members Present: Machado, Flemming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Councilmember Bier, Peppers

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements, Sergeant Cumming

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The approval of minutes for the February 19, 2020 was postponed.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for the July 15, 2020 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Chair Hitz recognized new members to the meeting and asked commissioners to briefly introduce themselves.

Chair Hitz asked if the commission should further discuss fireworks in the City.

Commissioner Taverna spoke about the role of the commission, particularly during an actual emergency such as the current COVID19 pandemic.

Commissioner Salisbury spoke about the role of the Commission during the pandemic and wanted to know how involved the Commission should be during an actual emergency.

Chair Hitz spoke about the role of the Commission in supporting community preparedness before a disaster occurs.

Chair Hitz asked for more thoughts from Commissioners about the role of the commission at future meetings.

Commissioner Blackburn spoke about the benefit of the City website promoting flood insurance as the seasons change in October.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Mr. Machado from the Pacifica School District spoke about his experiences with emergency preparedness on the Coastside and specifically their CERT program.

Ms. Flemming from American Red Cross spoke about available training for community members; recently shelter training during COVID19 pandemic. She agreed to share training opportunities with staff for distribution in the community.

STAFF COMMENTS: Captain Clements reported on these activities:

Captain Clements spoke about important role of Commissioners as advocates for the community if the City isn't sharing enough information. He spoke about the regular meetings with the County and City leaders and regular messaging from City Hall to the community during the COVID19 pandemic.

Feb. 29 CERT class 20-1 graduated

March 3 San Mateo Co. Proclaimed local emergency related to COVID 19

March 3 San Mateo Co. Health Official Declared local health emergency related to COVID 19

March 4 Gov. Newsom Declares Statewide Emergency related to COVID 19

March 16 Pacifica Director of Emergency Services Proclaims local emergency due to COVID 19

March 18 Pacifica City Council ratifies Emergency Declaration

March 18 City initiates the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

April 28 PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff workshop for upcoming fire season

May 12 Restoration of Operations Planning began (ROOP) to discuss reopening facilities

June 3 Tsunami Meeting with NOAA/ NWS/ CalOES, SMCOES, HMB, Coastside Fire regarding new improved tsunami and beach hazards signage at our beaches

June 18 Emergency Services Council meeting approved JPA for another 5 years and annual budget for FY20-21

July 1 First CERT presentation of Earthquake Preparedness Class via Zoom

July 2 Kickoff for Standardized Evacuation Management Platform via Zonehaven. More to come in coming months for this new Countywide platform.

July 4 Independence Day response during COVID19 included closure of local beaches for three days. Illegal fireworks enforcement focused on enforcing local ordinances through administrative citations instead of criminal arrests. 17 citations were issued. These ordinances were the result of work done through the Illegal Fireworks Task Force over past 15 years.

July 16 Tsunami signage sight visits

August CERT Class 20-2 postponed due to COVID 19

Caltrans is working with City Department of Public Works to collaborate on a solution to power traffic signals on SR-1 in the event of a PSPS or extended power outage. Caltrans staff will connect City generators to power traffic signals during a planned extended outage. City staff will monitor the generators when in place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sub committee on future speakers: Chair Hitz (with Commissioners Johnson and Blackburn) suggested future speaking topics; overview of CERT program, PG&E PPS, flood insurance program presentation from FEMA.

Further discussion on goals and role of the Commission

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next Meeting: September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacifica Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:41 p.m.