

## MINUTES

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

DATE: December 16, 2020

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Hitz, Taverna, Blackburn, Lotridge, Hladky,  
 Gasanyan

Commissioners Absent: Salisbury, Johnson, Erbacher

Ex Officio Members Present: Councilmember Bier, Fleming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Machado, Peppers

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements

### APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the November 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

### APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for the December 16, 2020 meeting was approved.

### COMMISSION COMMENTS:

**Chair Hitz** spoke about bicycle and pedestrian safety when using on paths near Linda Mar Beach.

**Commissioner Hladky** asked if there is a high rate of collisions involving pedestrians and bicycles. Captain Clements will research and report back.

**Commissioner Gasanyan** referenced the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Plan available online for

**EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Bier mentioned the work the Open Space & Parkland Advisory Committee was doing on bike paths and suggested they could help with the concerns about bike and pedestrian safety on the paths near Linda Mar Beach. She also encouraged everyone to help stop the spread of COVID19 by staying home and following health order guidelines over the holidays. She also provided an update on the seawall repairs on Beach Blvd. and road closures in the area. She spoke about the City Council re-organization, and recognized newly elected Councilmember Bigstyck.

**Ms. Fleming** from the American Red Cross spoke about their operations to support the CZU fire and evacuations earlier this year. She spoke about the changes to their response due to COVID19 guidelines.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Deputy Fire Chief Biermann** presented on wildfire preparedness in Pacifica. He spoke about wildfire risk, fire risk mitigation resources, statewide improvements in planning for and response to wildfires, local evacuation plans, and a variety of fire resources available at the website [northcountyfire.org](http://northcountyfire.org)

**Captain Clements** spoke about the City's plan in the upcoming year to develop a City Tree program and Heritage Tree Ordinance. This complex project is expected to be divided into two parts. Further details would be available when planning kicks off in January 2021. This bold undertaking hopes to develop an urban forest management plan, revise applicable ordinances, and review current processes. The planning for this project will involve significant public engagement.

Captain Clements spoke about these events in the past month;

Oct 20- SM Post on Tsunami Messages following Tsunami message

Oct 21- SM post on Red Flag warning NWS video re-posted

Oct 22- SMC Emergency Managers Association meeting

Oct 23- SM PPS public service announcement on SM

Oct 27- SM post Red Flag warning  
 Nov 19 CMO Elected Officials meeting on COVID response  
 Nov 19 Turkey Too From Folks in Blue -123 Meals on Wheels Clients  
 Nov 28 Move back to Purple Tier (eff Nov 30) (SM)  
 Nov 30 Beach Hazards promoted (SM)  
 Dec 2 Promote CVOID Test at Sea Bowl Lot  
 Dec 7 Red Flag Warning (SM)  
 Dec 7 High Surf Warning (SM) drowning incidents  
 Dec 8 Promoted COVID Test locations Countywide (SM)  
 Dec 10 COVID Test CURATIVE (4 CERT volunteers) 123 tested  
 Dec 11 Pacifica Resource Center Holiday Joy Program (SM) \$1,000 donations  
 Dec 16 Tsunami Prep update with CalOES, SMCOES, CA GS, Tsunami Hazard Area  
 Dec 16 CMO Elected Officials Meeting on COVID response  
 Dec 16 PG&E Virtual Townhall Wildfire Prep and PSPS events w/ Q&A  
 Dec 18 Sergeant Robert Londerville retires after 33 years of service CERT, EPSC

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Ken Miles** from Pacifica stated he was impressed with the presentation from the Deputy Chief. He said he had seen conversations on social media about wildfire hazard concerns from other residents. He also said he heard some residents saw their fire insurance costs increase due to apparent wildfire concerns. Mr. Miles referred to a previous letter he shared with the commission about his concerns about wildfire risk in Pacifica.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioners continued discussing the role and goals of the commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioners discussed possible future speakers or presentations on the following;

CERT Program

Water District

Ambulance response

Evacuation Plans

Support for neighboring cities during a PSPS event

Storm Preparedness

Next Meeting: January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:56 PM