

MINUTES

City of Pacifica
 Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission
 2212 Beach Boulevard
 Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: April 17, 2024

TIME: 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Crawford, Blackburn, Taverna, Balestreri,
 Gasanyan, Guzzetta

Commissioners Absent: Johnson, Salisbury, Erbacher

Council Liaison Present: Boles

Ex Officio Members Present: Fleming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Peppers, Machado

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for March 20, 2024 meeting was approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for April 17, 2024 meeting was approved

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: None

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commission Chair Crawford spoke about his recent review role of the Commission as indicated in the Pacifica Municipal Code. There was discussion that City Council had decided to review all of the City commissions and committees.

Commissioner Blackburn spoke about recent notices community members have been receiving about the loss of homeowners and fire insurance. He asked if this was a topic the City Council was aware of or would look into further. Commissioner Blackburn

would look into finding a copy of one of these letters of cancellation of insurance to share with the Chair and staff.

Commission Chair Crawford wanted to learn more about non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that could be resources during a disaster. He spoke about a group called Thrive, the Alliance for Nonprofits in San Mateo County.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ms. Fleming from the American Red Cross (ARC) shared that the county library system maintained a database of all non-profits and NGOs in San Mateo County. She also promoted the ARC program Sound the Alarm that encourages and even provides installation of smoke detectors in homes. ARC is seeking volunteers and donations to support this program.

COUNCIL LIASION COMMENTS:

Council Member Boles extended her appreciation to the police department who had been very busy handling a number of high-profile incidents and coping with challenging staffing levels.

Council member Boles spoke to the commission about the next phase of the local coastal land use plan (LCLUP) update. She encouraged commissioners to attend the next scheduled meeting which had not yet been announced. She also spoke about the upcoming annual report to City Council by Commissions and Committees, and reviewed expectations to keep presentations to a reasonable length.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captains Clements reported on the following topics.

March 21 Earthquake County Alliance/ USC Annual Tsunami Preparedness Webinar
 March 21 CERT Quarterly Meeting- Stop the Bleed pres.
 March 23-31 Tsunami Prep Week- social media posts throughout the week
 March 26 Tsunami and Earthquake Preparedness Community Course 7pm in EOC
 March 27 Annual CalOES Tsunami Playbook Exercise
 April 11 SMCo./ UASI Urban Area Securities Initiative Active Attacker Table Top Ex.
 April 17 CERT Leadership meeting
 April 25 SMCo. CERT Coord. Meeting
 April 25 SMCo. Emergency Manager's Assoc. meeting
 May 15 SFO Full Scale Exercise- CERTS needed
 May 18 Pacifica Wildfire Awareness Event – 10am-1pm, Community Center Lot
 May 22 (tentative) CERT Quarterly Meeting
 May 28- Special Session- City Council Commissions/Committees Annual Reports- 5pm
 Aug 3 SMCo. Disaster Prep Day- 11am-3pm, San Mateo Event Center

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Gasanyan reported out on resources that may be utilized when cellular towers go down during an outage or disaster. Service providers can deploy portable cell towers to a location to expand cell service. He also shared these service providers face several obstacles to install new cell towers to expand service in an area.

Youth Engagement: Commissioner Taverna provided an update from the work group on plans to meet with members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB). She will coordinate with Commissioner Salisbury attend the next meeting of the YAB.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commissioners discussed looking forward to review of their charter. Commissioner Balistreri commented he would like more clarification about the Commission's role and the process for making recommendations to City Council.

Commissioner Blackburn encouraged commissioners to become familiar with the local hazard mitigation plan, which is posted on the City website. The process to update the document will begin next year.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 15, 2024