



**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 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 Chair Daigle on Monday, March 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners: Vernon René Daley, Jeremy Ding, Robert Ettinger, Greg Hall, and Grace Liu Kung; Vice-Chair Luis Reinoso and Chair Ellen Daigle.

**Officials**

**Present:** Acting Division Fire Chief Eric Zanteson, 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, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, and Deputy Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle.

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017 MEETING**

MOTION BY CHAIR DAIGLE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER KUNG, CARRIED 7-0, to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

**3. SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER JEREMY DING**

Management Assistant Sanchez administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Jeremy Ding.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Sue Kaplan, South Pasadena resident, spoke about her experience with volunteering to train South Pasadena residents in emergency preparedness through programs such as CERT and Map Your Neighborhood; voiced concern on the City's recovery efforts after a disaster; expressed interest in researching best practices, and bringing ideas to fundraise for the City's emergency preparedness.

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

#### **5. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS**

None.

#### **6. GENERAL PLAN AND MISSION STREET SPECIFIC PLAN SURVEY**

Commissioner Ettinger noted he will be attending the General Plan and Mission Street Specific Plan Meeting scheduled on March 22, 2017, and will report back to the Commission.

#### **7. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS**

Fire Chief Rueda indicated ride-alongs are still available to the hillside residents, emphasizing the urgency to address the most problematic pinch points; noting Deputy Fire Chief Riddle is diligently working to make residents aware of the difficulties emergency personnel encounter while responding to calls in the hillside; advised a presentation will be made to the City Council in April, regarding pinch points and restrictive curb painting.

Fire Chief Rueda and Acting Division Fire Chief Zantesson informed the Commission that two new firefighters are going through background checks, one potential promotion for a Fire Engineer, and one upcoming paramedic/firefighter vacancy; noted when there are emergency road closures, emergency personnel are not able to access alternative routes as Southern California Edison's notices sent only include partial information.

Police Detective Lee provided the "South Pasadena Police Department Neighborhood Watch Handbook," which can be found on the City's website; summarized the informational booklet on programs, duties of participants and block captains, tips for residents in crime prevention and reporting; announced three recently held Neighborhood Watch group meetings due to recent burglaries.

Police Captain Neff provided the "South Pasadena Police Department 2016 Annual Report," which can be found on the City's website; summarized the Annual Report of yearlong activities, crime analysis and statistics, department organization, and outreach programs and resources; informed the Commission of newly sworn in Police Officer Tyler.

Police Detective Lee announced the following upcoming events: “Special Olympics Torch Run” being held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, “Fourth of July Parade” honoring volunteers, “National Night Out” being held on August 1<sup>st</sup>, “Cruz’N for Roses Car Show and Public Safety Open House” being held on September 17<sup>th</sup>; noted dates will be provided at a later time for the “Police Department Inspection,” “Coffee with a Cop,” “Prescription Drug Take Back,” Block Captain Meeting with Police Chief Miller, and any additional programs.

In response to Chair Daigle's and Commissioner Ettinger's inquiries, Police Captain Neff provided an update on a recent school lockdown, indicating a student posted pictures of guns and threatening violence towards the school on social media; advised the school decided to place a lockdown and notified the Police Department, noted Police Department and Investigators were present when the student surrendered; informed the Commission when there is a lockdown at a school, there is a collaboration between the Police, school, and the school district.

Chair Daigle thanked Police Detective Lee for his outstanding work in putting together an informative Neighborhood Watch Handbook; commended the Police Department and Fire Department for their commitment and exceptional service to the community.

## **8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice-Chair Reinoso provided an update on CERT and Map Your Neighborhood programs; noted he attended the CERT Leadership Meeting; suggested Commissioners encourage more people to sign up, and requested ideas to help recruit for future CERT classes; welcomed donations for refreshments for the CERT Refresher Training on May 13<sup>th</sup>; inquired whether a core group of leaders selected from the graduating CERT class were certified to represent CERT and provide trainings at a church; invited Commissioners to attend and encourage the public to attend Map Your Neighborhood on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the South Pasadena Library Community Room.

Commissioner Daley provided an update on the Citizens' Academy, which offers residents an insight to the Police Department's operations and resources.

Commissioner Hall provided an update on the Neighborhood Watch Program, requested information from Police Detective Lee regarding the ideal number of block captains needed for recruitment; opined other volunteers and groups such as CERT, Ham Radio Club, Map Your Neighborhood should also work together in relaying messages and news, the Commissioners brought ideas to the table to reach out to these groups; thanked Commissioner Ding for partnering and meeting with Police Detective Lee.

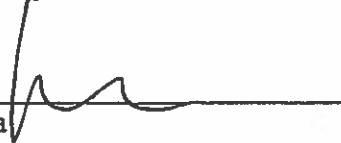
Commissioner Kung noted discussions with Sue Kaplan on programs and trainings for all schools such as CPR, Teen CERT, and any emergency preparedness or involvement with the community; announced a Red Cross Pillowcase Project presentation being held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, at Monterey Hills Elementary.

Chair Daigle commended Fire Captain Saxon for his work in putting together the CERT booth and helping with CERT trainings; noted CERT volunteers were present at the, "626 Golden Street Event," held on March 5<sup>th</sup>; informed Commissioners from last meeting that Chief Miller opined most radio calls were coming from Almanson School, an academy for autistic kids; follow up on the fences on the freeway overpass on Fair Oaks.


**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Kim Kha  
Recording Secretary

Approved By:

  
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Ellen Daigle  
Chair