



**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
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, January 8, 2018, at 8:20 a.m., in the Fire Department EOC Room, located at 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner: Jeremy Ding.

Officials

Present: Mayor Richard D. Schneider M.D., City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe, Councilmember/City Council Liaison Robert S. Joe, Police Chief/Staff Liaison Arthur Miller, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, Fire Division Chief Eric Zanteson, and Management Aide/Recording Secretary Kim Kha. Other staff members presented reports or responded to questions as indicated in the minutes.

Mayor Richard D. Schneider M.D. and City Manager Stephanie DeWolfe introduced themselves and spoke briefly to the Commission before heading off to another meeting.

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DALEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER REINOSO, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2017 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Daigle opened the Public Comment period.

Danielle Zamora, Outreach Coordinator of BikeSGV, provided update on the “Bicycle Friendly Business Districts (BFBDs)” project here in the City of South Pasadena, a project where businesses provide bike services and amenities to attract more customers, noted the District are businesses along Mission Street between Palm and Fair Oaks Avenue, and also along Fair Oaks Avenue between Grevelia Street and Monterey Road, BikeSGV and BFBD promotes and encourages people to bike more, creating a healthier and safer environment/neighborhoods, and improve well-being, invited everyone to Bike SGV Free City Cycling Class on January 13th at the War Memorial Building, where it teaches how to bike safely and predictively on the streets, and also to join the community bike ride held every 4th Thursday of the month to explore a featured business in the District, noted all information can be found on www.bikefriendlyvsgv.com and www.bikesgv.org.

Commissioners gave suggestions to work with the South Pasadena School District, PTA President Commissioner Kung, Police Chief Miller, and other organizations for more outreach and support.

Harry Yadav, Editor of South Pasadena Review, gave introduction; encouraged everyone to bring ideas, editorials, opinions, promotions, or anything interesting for print.

Zhen Tao, South Pasadena resident, commented on community outreach.

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

4. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilmember Joe informed that the City of South Pasadena is among the cities to receive a grant funded by Measure H, a special sales tax measure to be used to prevent and combat homelessness, advised the Commission to work with Police Department in utilizing the grant; requested Fire and Police Department to work together to survey homeless encampments for potential health and fire hazards, noting the recent Arroyo Seco fire and the conditions at Nature Park were one of the concerns brought up at the City Council meeting.

5. STAFF LIAISON REPORTS/FOLLOW UPS

Fire Division Chief Zanteson provided updates for the improvements to the Emergency Operating Center (EOC), informed that Fire Chief Riddle has submitted staff reports and will be presenting to the upcoming City Council meeting, informed that this is a joint effort with the Police Department to reorganize and bring the EOC up to date in better serving the community during a catastrophic disaster; initiated parking and traffic study in the Monterey Hills, Minagar & Associates will be commissioned to analyze access points and address traffic and street conditions in the hill areas, noted the support of the Safety Public Commission and the ongoing efforts to address the issues to the community, stressed the challenges and difficulties to navigate the fire trucks and ambulance up in the hills, limiting FD's ability to respond quickly not only on Red Flag days but also everyday emergencies-365 days 24/7; informed that two new laterals are currently going through background checks and will start on February 5th, noted an Engineer's test will be given to fill vacancies; reported that Captain Dunn was deployed to the Thomas Fire as a strike team leader trainee and Engineer Larkin was deployed to the Creek Fire as a fire line medic.

Police Chief Miller provided the "Monthly Statistical Report" on crime stats, stated that overall crime in the City for 2017 is down 22%, noting significant decrease due to many factors such as increased police presence, deployment of bike and motorcycle units, directed and predictive policing, dedicated officers/staffing; welcomed a new lateral to the force, Police Officer Kim; informed of potential candidates going through background checks to fill three openings for full-time parking enforcement, noting this will allow Police Department more flexibility for duties such as traffic control, assist emergency response, parking enforcement, keeping streets clean from abandon and/or disabled cars, citing cars parking excessively overtime, providing crossing guards, and where needed; recapped Councilmember Joe on the grant from Los Angeles County and United Way of Greater Los Angeles funded by Measure H, noted having meetings with Homeless Outreach Coordinator, Police Sergeant Robledo, and Grants Analyst Karen Estevez in obtaining and utilizing the grant, noted that under Police Sergeant Robledo's direction the South Pasadena Police Department have been proactive in helping to provide services and resources to anyone in need.

6. DISCUSSION OF MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Vice-Chair Reinoso provided update, noted that Map Your Neighborhood is a program implemented by the American Red Cross, teaching emergency preparedness and getting to know your neighbors, noted the importance of developing a map of the neighborhood with contact information, names in the household including pets, medication, special needs, etc., also include how neighbors can help each other following a disaster, advised that the American Red Cross does not have upcoming dates for certified trainings, noted discussions with Bob Vanderwall to hold two trainings/seminars for the public and to also train volunteers to assist with the trainings/seminars, will be working with Commissioner Ettinger on volunteering/training.

7. DISCUSSION OF 2017 REVIEW AND 2018 GOALS

Chair Daigle provided the "Annual Report 2017-2018" recapping progress and accomplishments in the past year, noted coming on board in April 2012 and seeing incredible changes, improvements, and new programs, expressed gratitude and appreciation for working with the best Public Safety Commission and Departments, highlighted future goals with Map Your Neighborhood and fulfilling the Neighborhood Watch.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS


Commissioner Kung Commissioner Kung informed that Monterey Hills Elementary will be presenting their safety plan to the public, informed that the South Pasadena Council PTA will be having a general associated meeting on January 10th, recapped Councilmember Joe on the March 3rd conference, a bi-annual festival highlighting special needs.

Commissioner Hall will follow up with Detective Lee with participants who have signed up for the Neighborhood Watch Program at the "South Pasadena Police and Fire Department Open House."

9. ADJOURNMENT

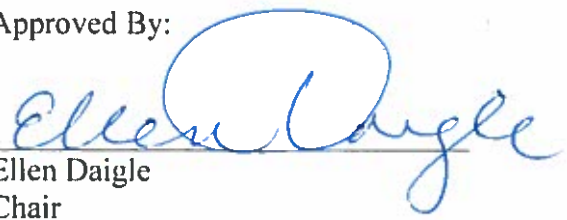
Chair Daigle adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kim Kha
Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Ellen Daigle
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