



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Monday, March 8, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

South Pasadena Public Safety Commission Statement of Civility

As your appointed governing board we will treat each other, members of the public, and city employees with patience, civility and courtesy as a model of the same behavior we wish to reflect in South Pasadena for the conduct of all city business and community participation. The decisions made today will be for the benefit of the South Pasadena community and not for personal gain.

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

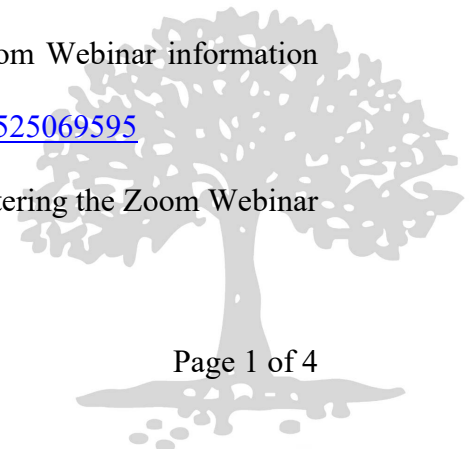
Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission for March 8, 2021 will be conducted remotely and held by Zoom Webinar video conference, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, the Council Chambers will not be open for the meeting. Commissioners will be participating remotely and will not be physically present in the Council Chambers.

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**Public Safety Commission
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Meeting ID: 955 2506 9595**

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Public Comments must be received by **6 p.m., March 7, 2021** to ensure adequate time to compile. Public Comment portion of the email is limited to 250 words. Please make sure to indicate: 1) your name; 2) what agenda item you are submitting public comment on or if it is a general public comment; and 3) clearly state if you wish for your comment to be read.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Amin Alsarraf

ROLL CALL Commission members Grace Liu Kung, Jeremy Ding, Ed Donnelly, Lisa Watson, Lindsey Angelats; Vice-Chair Stephanie Cao; and Chair Amin Alsarraf

COUNCIL LIAISON: Jon Primuth

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

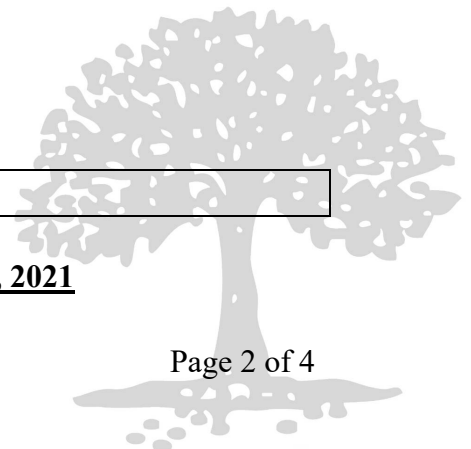
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Pursuant to state law, the Public Safety Commission may not discuss or take action on issues not on the meeting agenda, except that members of the Public Safety Commission or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising public testimony rights (Government Code Section 54954.2). Staff may be asked to follow up on such items.

1. Public Comment – General

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of February 8, 2021



Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the February 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

3. Community Forum for Chief of Police

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission discuss the Community Forum for Chief of Police.

4. Homeless Update

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission discuss Homeless Update.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. City Council Liaison Communications

6. Staff Liaison Communications

7. Commissioner Communications

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC ACCESS TO AGENDA DOCUMENTS

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*I declare under penalty of perjury that I posted this notice of agenda on the bulletin board in the courtyard of City Hall at 1414 Mission Street, South Pasadena, CA, and the City's website at www.southpasadenaca.gov on **March 4, 2021** as required by law.*

3/4/2021
Date

/s/
Brian Solinsky, Interim Police Chief





**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA**

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Ding on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 8:34 a.m., in the Amedee O. “Dick” Richards, Jr., Council Chamber, located at 1424 Mission Street, South Pasadena, California.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Ed Donnelly, Grace Liu Kung, Jeremy Ding, Lisa Watson and Chair Amin Alsarraf, Vice-Chair Stephanie Cao

Absent: Commissioner Lindsey Angelats

Officials

Present: City Council Liaison Jon Primuth, Interim Police Chief/Staff Liaison Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Laura Mendez.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. RESIDENT JOSH ALBREKTSON, is concern that some people at the park are not using masks during this pandemic. He believes that the City of South Pasadena should enact a mask ordinance in order to protect people who are being responsible and wearing a mask. He expects the South Pasadena Police Department to enforce the mask ordinance.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

2. Selection of Chair for a one year term for 2021

MOTION TO NOMINATE AMIN ALSARRAF FOR CHAIR BY COMMISSIONER DING, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER CAO, carried 6-0 to approve Amin Alsarraf as Chair.

3. Selection of Vice-Chair for a one year term for 2021

MOTION TO NOMINATE STEPHANIE CAO FOR VICE-CHAIR BY CHAIR ALSARRAF, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DONNELLY, carried 6-0 to approve Stephanie Cao as Vice-Chair.

ACTION/DISCUSSION

4. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of January 11, 2021

MOTION BY CHAIR ALSARRAF, AND SECOND BY, COMMISSIONER CAO, CARRIED 6-0, to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting with one change, to add Commissioner Cao to the roll call list.

5. Community Forum for Chief of Police

Interim Police Chief Solinsky informed Commissioners that the City Manager would like for the Public Safety Commission to host a Community Forum on the selection of the New South Pasadena Police Chief. The Forum will give community members an opportunity to provide comments, highlight the characteristics and skills that they believe are important in the representation of leadership for The South Pasadena Police Department. The forum would take place in Zoom format taken into consideration the situation we are currently in, but that would be in discussion with the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT; RESIDENT BILL KELLY would like to request that the public be engage in the hiring process for the New Police Chief to make recommendations for the best candidate.

6. Unarmed Traffic Enforcement

Interim Police Chief Solinsky stated that the City Council directed the Public Safety Commission to investigate for potential Unarmed Traffic Enforcement. Community groups have come forward with recommendation for the Public Safety Commission to look at this.

MOTION BY CHAIR ALSARRAF, AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER LIU KUNG, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the creation of a Subcommittee with Commissioner Donnelly and Commissioner Watson to look at the Unarmed Traffic Enforcement issue and make recommendations to the Commission.

Commissioner Ding Opposed.

7. OTS Grant Letter of Support

Interim Police Chief Solinsky states, The Police Department is seeking Office of Traffic Safety Grant that we seek every year, and it is to provide additional funding and tools for traffic enforcement purposes. The Purpose of the OTS grant is to reduce traffic injuries, fatalities and other traffic related offences that endanger the community. The Police Department is looking into implementing 10 items under the OTS grant. The Police Department is asking for a total of \$108,908.31 from the state. To comply with these 10 areas The Department is looking at personnel cost of \$59,440.00, and in additional cost for service station \$49,468.00 which is a surveyor to reconstruct traffic collisions, fatalities and accidents with major injuries. The Police Department is asking for the Public Safety Commission support in signing the attached letter.

MOTION TO ENDORSE AND REQUEST THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE LETTER OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT BY COMMISSIONER DING, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DONNELLY, carried 6-0 to have the Chair sign the letter Office of Traffic Safety Grant.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Counsel Liaison Communications

City Council Liaison Primuth stated he was delighter he was appointed by the City Manager. There has been a lot of issues and interesting things and the biggest decision making is the selection of the New City Manager, the process is a lot of community outreach and we are very optimistic we will be able to get a very talented City Manager.

2. Staff Liaison Communications

Fire Chief Riddle wanted to start with a follow up from the last meeting about a question Mayor Mahmud had regarding senior database whether that was still in place. Chief Riddle did check and the database was still there and he along with Sheila Pautsch will work on updating the information. Also an update that the Fire Department received a notification of approval of MeasureB grant money, they had applied early last year in 2020 with Covid-19 there was a delay in the selection process in the distribution of the funds we have approval for \$94,000 from Los Angeles County. The money will be used for one cardiac monitor, one automatic CPR machine, and two new gurneys that will go in our front line reserve ambulance. Covid-19 Responses dropping a little bit in the county, our call load has also dropped and hospitalization cases are also dropping. To date the entire Fire Department has received their first and second Covid-19 vaccine and the Police Department have received their first dose and are waiting on their second dose.

Interim Police Chief was sad to inform the passing of Police Dispatcher Bayron Salguero who passed away earlier this month from Covid-19 complications. The Police Department will attempt to increase our patrol fleet taking into consideration the cities plan for green fleet we are looking into leasing new vehicles from Enterprise Rent a Car they have a division of fleet vehicles and we will be looking into leasing hybrid cars in

the near future. He also reported that the city has seen an increase catalytic converter thefts.

3. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Donnelly would like welcome our New Commissioners and our new liaison, and thank Commissioner Ding for his service as Chair last year. Also thank Stephanie and Amin for stepping up and leading the commission this year, and thank Grace for being there today.

Commissioner Liu Kung updated that a new framework from the state to reopen schools. Elementary schools may proceed with the reopening when the case rate of the county is at or below 25 cases per 100k people per day for at least 5 consecutive days. Recently the County Department of Public Health announced that the adjusted case rate is expected to be at or below 25 cases per 1000 by Tuesday February 16, once the County meets the thresh hold the district is anticipating opening in person instruction for preschool to 2nd grade. Tomorrow Feb 9th the school board will review the new state and county criteria and discuss the reopening and a revised reopening date.

Commissioner Ding would like to welcome the new Commissioners and thank Amin and Stephanie for stepping up for Chair and Vice-Chair and welcome our New Council Member Liaison.

Vice-Chair Cao would like to welcome and thank everyone and would also like to thank the Chiefs and staff for keeping the community safe.

Commissioner Watson wanted to thank everyone for welcoming her and she really appreciates being at the commission.

Chair Alsarraf wanted to welcome Commissioner Watson and Angelats, and wanted to thank Commissioner Ding and Liu Kung for their service in the Commission last year. Welcome Liaison Primuth and a lot interesting things that are happening with the current time. Thank you Chief Riddle and Solinsky for your work and your teams work for the past year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alsarraf adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Laura Mendez /
Recording Secretary

Amin Alsarraf /
Chair

South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program “HOPE”

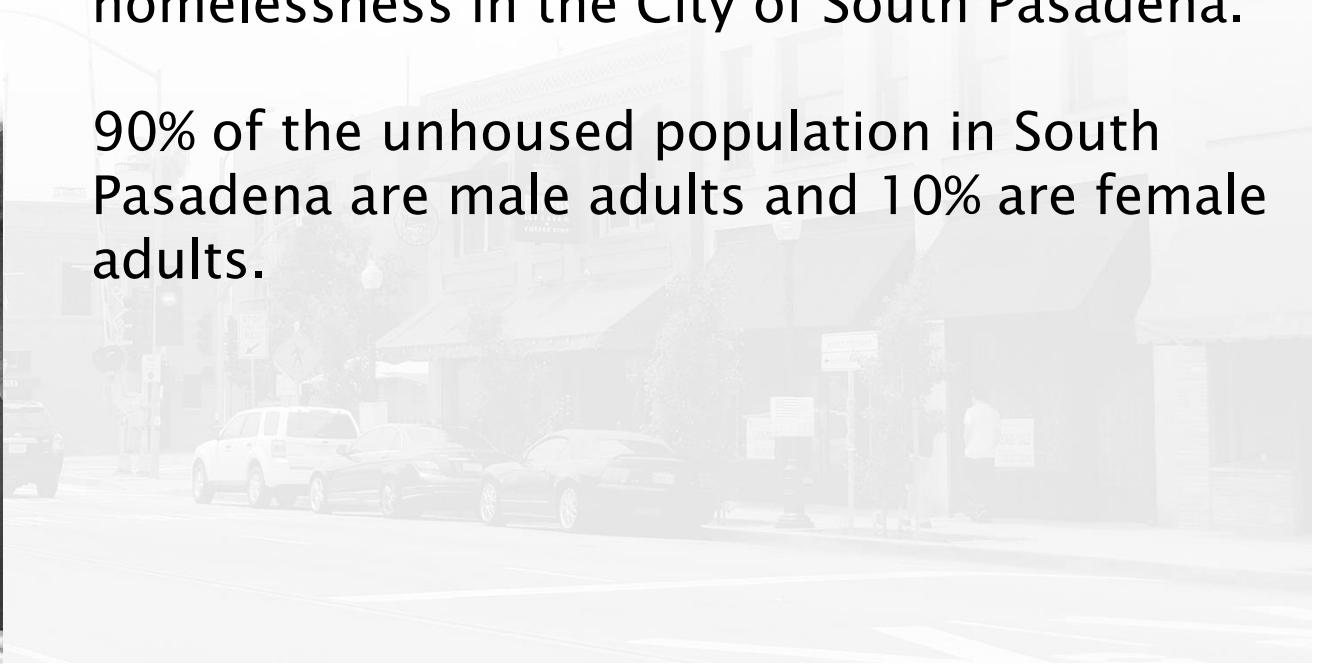
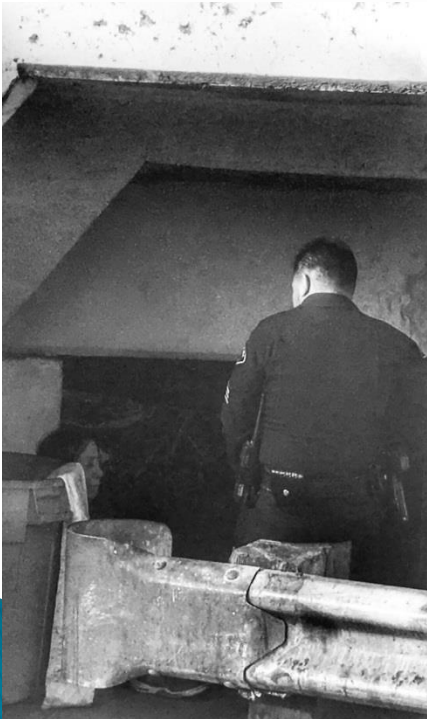


Unhoused Population



The Los Angeles Homeless Authority estimates that 15–20 people are experiencing homelessness in the City of South Pasadena.

90% of the unhoused population in South Pasadena are male adults and 10% are female adults.



Available Resources for Homeless in South Pasadena



- South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)
- Union Station Homeless Services (No cost to City)
- Mental Health Evaluation Team (WSGV MET) (No cost to City)
- Holy Family Giving Bank (No cost to City)
- Shower of Hope (No cost to City)
- LAHSA Homeless Engagement Team (HET) (No cost to the City)
- Path Metro Team (LASD) (No cost to City)



Outreach Frequency



- SPPD HOPE: Weekly.
- WSGV MET: Three times a month.
- Pasadena Union Station Coordinated Entry System (CES) Housing Navigation: weekly.
- Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority's (LAHSA) Homeless Engagement Teams: Weekly/Bi Weekly
- Path Metro Team (People Assisting The Homeless –Metro): 5 Days a week.
- It not uncommon to have multiple engagements with the same homeless individual by different outreach teams. This helps to build a rapport and trust, eventually accepting resources. Although, some homeless do not want assistance no matter how often help is offered.
- Grassroots organizations also assist our city's unhoused



South Pasadena Police Department Homeless Outreach Program (HOPE)



The South Pasadena Police Department HOPE Team contacts the unhoused within the city, establishes a rapport with them, strives to determine their needs, and directs them to resources, which include:

- Housing
- Mental Health Services
- Food
- Hygiene
- Clothing
- Official Documents

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