



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Monday, February 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 February 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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PUBLIC COMMENTS: If you would like to comment on an agenda item or make a general public comment, members of the public may submit their comments in writing, for Commission consideration, by emailing them to: pscpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov

Public Comments must be received by **6 p.m., February 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 Jeremy Ding

ROLL CALL Commission members Grace Liu Kung, Stephanie Cao, Amin Alsarraf, Ed Donnelly, Lisa Watson, Lindsey Angelats

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The Public Safety Commission welcomes public input. Members of the public may address the Public Safety Commission by emailing: pscpubliccomment@southpasadenaca.gov
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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

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

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

ACTION/DISCUSSION

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

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission review and approve the January 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

5. Community Forum for Chief of Police

Recommendation

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

6. Unarmed Traffic Enforcement

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission discuss Unarmed Traffic Enforcement.

7. OTS Grant Letter of Support

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission discuss OTS Grant Letter of Support.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. City Council Liaison Communications

9. Staff Liaison Communications

10. Commissioner Communications

ADJOURNMENT

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arrangements can be made to provide accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II).

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 February 3, 2021 as required by law.

2/3/2021
Date

/s/
Brian Solinsky, Interim Police Chief





**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 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, January 11, 2021, at 8:32 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, and Chair Jeremy Ding, Vice-Chair Alan Ehrlich

Absent: Commissioner Amin Alsarraf, Commissioner Scot Lam.

Officials

Present: Mayor/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud, Interim Police Chief/Staff Liaison Brian Solinsky, Fire Chief/Staff Liaison Paul Riddle, and Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Laura Mendez and Police Department Clerk/Recording Secretary Joe Ramirez.

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
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1. None

ACTION/DISCUSSION

2. Minutes of the Public Safety Commission Meeting of December 14, 2020

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIR EHRLICH, AND SECOND BY, COMMISSIONER ED

DONNELLY, CARRIED 5-0, with to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Cao Abstain, Commissioner Alsarraf Absent.

3. Approve the 2021 Annual Work Plan

MOTION BY CHAIR DING, AND SECOND BY, COMMISSIONER LIU KUNG, CARRIED 5-0, to approve the 2021 Annual Work Plan.

Commissioner Alsarraf Absent.

4. CERT and NW Programs and Recruitment Options

Fire Police Chief Riddle stated that CERT was implemented in South Pasadena in 2013. In 2011 the windstorm triggered a look into this program to help residents and to minimize the effects of any disaster. The year 2020 brought many challenges, it brought a pandemic, civil unrest, the worst wild fire season in the state. The Program teaches skill set, disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, life search and rescue techniques.

Interim Police Chief Solinsky informed that we have not been able to hold in person neighborhood meetings or do many of the community outreach events do to Covid-19. We are looking into hosting some kind of virtual meeting with the Neighborhood Watch Groups.

Vice-Chair Ehrlich gave an overview of Map Your Neighborhood, and stated it connects individuals in the same block and help with preparedness.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. City Counsel Liaison Communications

Mayor/City Council Liaison Diana Mahmud informed the Commission that there is a Commission Congress sometime in late February, which will be held virtually.

2. Staff Liaison Communications

Chair Ding asked that workforce vaccination availability be addressed.

Chief Riddle addressed the strain on department resources due to the current surge of COVID-19 cases. The larger departments took the lead with L.A. County which was

broken up into divisions to get all the Fire Personnel vaccinated. They were able to vaccinate all first responders two weeks ago in a matter of a week and a half. All of the Fire Department staff that wanted the vaccine (about 70%) was vaccinated. The second dose will be administered in a week and a half and Police Personnel will then possibly be hooked up with a neighboring city to facilitate those vaccinations. There are also discussions with the school district to host a vaccination site targeted to law enforcement and city work staff as well as school faculty and high-risk population. Things are changing minute by minute. Mayor Mahmud asked clarifying questions which Chief Riddle answered.

Chief Solinsky reminded that he would be requesting that the Public Safety Commission look at the next February meeting supporting the Police Department's effort for the OTS (Office of Traffic Safety) grant. Chief Solinsky also reported that the San Gabriel Valley COG has asked the Police Department to participate in a steering group for the CAHOOTS model of alternative policing. CAHOOTS stands for Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets. It is an alternative model for first responders, law enforcement responding to mental health issues. Commissioner Ehrlich asked that Chief Solinsky explain to residents why there are so many California Highway Patrol in the city. Chief Solinsky explained that they are in the city in due to the state owned Caltrans Vacant homes to provide extra enforcement to prevent squatters and other property crimes.

Mayor Mahmud asked if the County initiated the COG or if there is a similar effort on a separate track through the County. Chief Solinsky replied that he believes the County initiated the issue. Chief Solinsky went on to explain that the County wasn't sure exactly what model they were going after, but the CAHOOTS model was kind of the gold standard that they were following and look at the individual jurisdictions to see what applied and what didn't apply, and how that would apply to Los Angeles County as a whole.

3. Commissioner Communications

Vice Chair Ehrlich in explaining MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) explained that it is when the need outstrips the resources; we do not usually liken it to what is going on with COVID. Vice-Chair Ehrlich likened it to the Metro link train accident in Chatsworth where there were 60 or more injured simultaneously. Vice Chair Ehrlich also announced that Dodger Stadium was closing as a testing site and opening as a mass vaccination site. Vice Chair Ehrlich also stated that although someone is vaccinated, they may still catch COVID and spread it to someone else. Safe COVID procedures still need to be followed. Vice Chair Ehrlich also stated that on the Red Cross website you can take two of their classes and have your certification (BFA and CPR) extended for 6 months.

Commissioner Stephanie Cao discussed the Los Angeles County DA's special directives and their impact on criminal prosecutions in LA County. These directives are likely to lead to more arrests and citations that do not result in charges and prosecutions. Under the new directives, DDAs are prohibited from requesting cash bail for misdemeanors, non-serious felonies, or non-violent felonies. Since there is no bail to secure the return of these defendants, they are less likely to appear to face prosecution for

these types of crimes. Commissioner Cao asked about either the Police Department's or the City's response to this matter. Chief Solinsky responded that the Police Department is fully aware of it and has seen some of the impacts. Chief Solinsky stated that he has been working with the City Manager's Office on how to best address these issues from the City perspective. He stated that there are a number of law enforcement groups, district attorney groups that are weighing in to see best how to handle this and gain the cooperation of the District Attorney's Office. Chief Solinsky stated that this is a larger policy question that will be presented to Council for some guidance as the numbers come in. Chief Solinsky stated that the department is keeping statistics on the number of cases that are not being filed specifically related to the directives provided by the District Attorney as opposed to other means. Vice Chair Ehrlich asked Chief Solinsky if the LA County Sherriff was releasing more prisoners because of Covid. Chief Solinsky stated that he does not have specific numbers, but that it is the case statewide. Chief Solinsky stated that crimes in general are on the rise for various reasons such as Covid, zero- bail, early release. Vice-Chair Ehrlich asked for advice or recommendations from Chief Solinsky to secure their property. Chief Solinsky replied that most of these are crimes of opportunity and to use a common sense approach. Do not leave your valuables in plain sight, lock your cars, lock your windows at night, property well lit, bushes trimmed, etc.

Commissioner Grace Kung provided an update on the schools. The school continues with distance learning. The district is continuing to plan and prepare with protocols in place. The district approved a provisional reopening date of Feb. 8th for transitional kindergarten and special education students in kindergarten through second grade. February 16 was approved for the remaining primary grades of 1st and 2nd grade. High school sports have been suspended until January 19th. All athletics and athletic areas are closed and closed to the public. The school district has also partnered with Care Solace to provide mental health services to students and families.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ding adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

Laura Mendez / Joe Ramirez
Recording Secretary

Jeremy Ding
Chair



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Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of South Pasadena views public safety as a top priority and is a task that should be shared by every member of this community. As a way to signify this commitment, the City created the Public Safety Commission to support emergency response and provide safety based recommendations to the City Council, which include traffic concerns. The Public Safety Commission is a panel of seven community members, comprised of residents and local business owners.

This Commission recognizes that traffic related issues within South Pasadena not only create safety concerns, but also cause unnecessary quality of life issues and have a negative effect on residents and commuters. This Commission supports every effort made by the South Pasadena Police Department to reduce traffic accidents, injuries, deaths and the removal of impaired drivers from our roadways.

The Commission strongly supports the South Pasadena Police Department and their application for the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. It is our belief that through this grant, many positive and lasting outcomes will be made possible, while improving the safety of our city.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Ding, Chair
South Pasadena Public Safety Commission



SOUTH PASADENA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT



What is the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Program?

- OTS takes a leadership role in efforts to make California roadways safe for all users. Through thoughtful, forward-thinking, and data-driven selection of grants to local and state agencies.
- OTS provides an effective means of eliminating fatalities, injuries, and economic losses resulting from crashes.
- OTS is determined to identify and overcome new traffic safety issues as travel habits change and transportation technologies emerge.





10 Priority Program Areas OTS Focuses on

- Alcohol-Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving
- Drug-Impaired Driving
- Emergency Medical Services
- Motorcycle Safety
- Occupant Protection
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety
- Police Traffic Services
- Public Relations, Advertising, and Marketing Program
- Roadway Safety and Traffic Records



What is South Pasadena Police Department requesting through the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Program.

- South Pasadena Police Department will apply for funds to participate in all 10 traffic safety programs outlined by the Office Of Traffic Safety.
- Equipment: 3D measuring tool to accurately measure fatal traffic collisions. This tool will be available for use when needed by local agencies.



Why we are requesting support from the Public Safety Commission?

- Safer Roadways within South Pasadena.
- Public education and awareness with a variety of traffic related preventions and laws.
- To reduce the total number of persons killed in traffic crashes.
- To reduce the total number of persons injured in traffic crashes.
- To be financially responsible by applying for grant funds.

THANK YOU.

