

MINUTES

City of Pacifica
Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission
2075 Coast Highway
Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: January 20, 2021

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Hitz, Taverna, Blackburn, Lotridge, Hladky,
Gasanyan, Salisbury, Erbacher, Johnson

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex Officio Members Present: Council Member Bigstycck

Ex Officio Members Absent: Machado, Peppers, Fleming

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements, Sergeant Cumming

CORONA VIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) NOTICE

Read by Captain Clements

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for December 16, 2020 meeting were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: The agenda for January 20, 2021 meeting was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn presented a brief explanation and background on the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. (BRIC) will support states, local communities, tribes and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. BRIC is a new FEMA pre-disaster hazard mitigation program that replaces the existing Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program. The BRIC program guiding principles are supporting communities through capability- and capacity-building; encouraging and enabling innovation; promoting partnerships; enabling large projects; maintaining flexibility; and providing consistency.

Commissioner Hitz spoke about the importance of the HAM radio program in Pacifica during a disaster and the placement of an antenna at the old police station. Commissioner Hitz spoke about the logistics and the need for the antenna.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

City Council Member Bigstycyk gave a brief introduction and said he was attending his first EPSC meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS:

At the request of the Commission Captain Clements spoke about the number of collisions of pedestrian vs bicycles that occurred in 2019 and 2020.

2019: 0 reported collisions

2020: 0 reported collisions

Captain Clements also talked about the status of the Covid-19 vaccinations in San Mateo County.

Captain Clements provided a detailed presentation of the Pacifica CERT Program. CERT stands for (Community Emergency Response Team). Captain Clements talked about CERT history, training to be a CERT member, and role of the CERT member. Captain Clements also answered questions related to CERT.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Ken Miles addressed the Commission and provided them with a document regarding the threat of wildfire in Pacifica. Mr. Miles spoke about vegetation control and providing this information to the Pacifica City Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Captain Clements presented the Commission with the following list of topics for upcoming meetings in 2021. The Commission was asked to review and vote on their favorite topics.

- smoke-free zones during wildfires
- factors affecting closure of Lantos tunnel in reasonably-expected events
- ambulances in Pacifica ... how many would be available in an emergency?
- is Pacifica prepared to help neighboring communities during PSPS or other event?
- public works - prepared to clear reasonably-expected road closures?
- is sheltering capacity adequate for reasonably-expected events?

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission inquired about signage at local beaches regarding hazards when near the ocean. The Commission is concerned visitors to Pacifica beaches unfamiliar with these hazards are sufficiently warned by existing signage of the potential for large waves and surf hazards.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:54 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 17, 2021 at 6:30 PM