

# MINUTES

City of Pacifica  
Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission  
2212 Beach Boulevard  
Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: June 19, 2024

TIME: 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Crawford, Blackburn, Taverna, Salisbury,  
Gasanyan, Guzzetta

Commissioners Absent: Johnson, Erbacher, Balestreri

Council Liaison Present: Boles

Ex Officio Members Present:

Ex Officio Members Absent: Fleming, Peppers, Machado

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Clements

**APPROVAL**

OF MINUTES: The minutes for May 15, 2024 meeting was approved.

**APPROVAL**

OF AGENDA: The agenda for June 19, 2024 meeting was approved

**COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gasanyan spoke about the local traffic impacts that seem to be the result of warm weather that was present in the previous week. He also inquired about the next scheduled meeting regarding the Quarry project. Councilmember Boles provided an update and shared the next meeting date is to be determined.

Commissioner Taverna spoke about her recent observations in Europe around beach safety and use of drones. She asked about possibly enhancing local beach safety through use of drones that can deliver a life preserver to swimmers in distress. Captain Clements

shared a similar drone program is in use on the Coastside by the Sheriff's Office, and available to respond upon request. The Pacifica Police Department's "drone" program is in the planning phase, and he explained some of what that process entails. Commissioner Gasanyan asked what the commission could do to support that program. Several other commissioners voiced similar support of such a program. Captain Clements said he would keep these up to date on the progress of that project.

Commissioner Guzzetta shared an observation he made of a beach access area near the pier on Beach Boulevard, that appeared to be hazardous. Captain Clements will follow up with the Department of Public Works.

Commission Chair Crawford spoke to commissioners about the annual report presentation to city council.

**EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:**

No Ex-officio members were present.

**COUNCIL LIASION COMMENTS:**

City Council Member Boles attended the meeting and spoke about the following topics;

- Upcoming public meeting/ study session on short term rentals Monday, June 24
- Upcoming LCLUP meeting on Wednesday, June 26 at 6pm
- Planning Director Murdock's departure for a similar position at Mountain View

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Captain Clements reported on the following topics;

May 15 Emergency Services Council meeting

May 18 Pacifica Wildfire Awareness Event – 10am-1pm, Community Center Lot

May 23 SMCo. CERT Coordinators meeting

May 23 SMCo. Emergency Managers Assoc. meeting

May 28- Special Study Session- City Council Commissions/Committees Annual Reports

June 5 Earthquake Country Alliance- workshop, impacts to utilities, recent So. Cal. EQs

June 25 CERT Quarterly Meeting- NCFE Wildfire Preparedness

June 27 SMCo. CERT Coord. Meeting

June 27 SMCo. Emergency Manager's Assoc. meeting

Aug 3 SMCo. Disaster Prep Day- 11am-3pm, San Mateo Event Center

Aug 6 National Night Out – promote SMCAlert, Zonehaven, CERT, etc

Sept 28, 29 Pacific Coast Fog Fest

Captain Clements spoke about the City summer intern program. The organizers are seeking commissioners interested in working with a summer college intern on commission projects. Commissioners Taverna, Salisbury and Crawford volunteered to work with this group, and will work on strategies to improve youth engagement. The summer intern program is being coordinated through the City Clerk's Office.

Captain Clements spoke about Planning Director Murdock, his departure, accomplishments while working at the City for the past 10 years, and his contributions to the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Commissioners discussed the Disaster Preparedness Day event on Saturday, Aug. 3, 11am-3pm at the fairgrounds in San Mateo. Commissioners Crawford and Johnson expressed interest in working this event again this year.

Commissioners discussed Fog Fest preparation and the work group will meet later in the month. Activity books were popular for youth and we should have more on hand. Some ideas for topics included promoting the local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) to community members.

Commissioner Blackburn spoke about the LHMP and encouraged commissioners to also become familiar with this plan. He suggested a QR code at Fog Fest could be used to promote and provide ready access to the LHMP to community members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The commissioners discussed the upcoming 2024 Fog Fest and previously agreed to again host a booth. A work group for this event will review materials on hand and provide updates at future commission meetings. The Fog Fest will be Saturday, September 28th and Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:22 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 21, 2024