

MINUTES
MALIBU PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2016
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Saul called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair David Saul; and Commissioners Marlene Matlow, Meril May and Carol Randall

ABSENT: Vice Chair Chris Frost

ALSO PRESENT: Bob Brager, Public Works Director; Arthur Aladjajian, Public Works Superintendent; and Mary Linden, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Guy Blake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Matlow moved and Commissioner Randall seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Frost absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recording Secretary Linden reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on July 28, 2016.

ITEM 1.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1.B. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Matlow suggested Birdview Avenue be made a one-way street, with a lane for emergency vehicles, from the beach to upper Birdview to reduce summer traffic and speeding. She stated it had been previously discussed and dismissed, but Councilmember House brought up the same suggestion at a recent City Council meeting.

She discussed issues related to the Point Dume Traffic Management Plan. She stated widening roads and removing encroachments endangers public safety by increasing traffic, crime, trash, and damage to natural habitat in the headlands. She requested the safety component of widening streets and the addition of parking be added to a future agenda.

Recording Secretary Linden stated the Point Dume issues were being addressed by the City Council and would be added to a Commission agenda only if the Council made that assignment. Chair Saul suggested Commissioner Matlow discuss her concerns with her appointing councilmember.

Commissioner Randall asked why there are no flashing lights on Civic Center Way indicating that it is a school zone. Public Works Director Brager stated staff could look into it. He stated warrants may be required. Commissioner Randall discussed the traffic backup from a recent accident at Temescal. She expressed frustration with inadequate traffic management. Public Works Director Brager suggested she bring up the issue at next week's PCH Task Force meeting. Commissioner Randall requested an update on the La Costa crosswalk project. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated Caltrans sent an engineering team to the location to develop ideas and design exceptions that might move the project forward.

Commissioner May discussed Graeme Clifford's suggestions to adjust signal sequencing at Topanga Canyon to reduce backup on PCH. He discussed sign repairs, brush clearance, enhancing medians on PCH and congestion at Nobu. He discussed Caltrans' efforts to increase visibility at El Matador Beach. He suggested additional signage to increase pedestrian safety. He stated new signs were needed near Surfrider Beach to increase citation enforceability. He thanked the City Manager for getting Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors to increase the number of personnel collecting parking fees at the Zuma parking lot that reduced traffic backups. He commended the Volunteers on Patrol (VOP).

Chair Saul reported he met with City Manager Feldman regarding how the Commission's meetings should be conducted. He stated she advised him that the City was buying signs that will be installed in tow-away zones by Caltrans. In response to Chair Saul, Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the City is working with Caltrans to finalize the design of the signs, which he expects will arrive in 2 to 3 weeks. Chair Saul stated he discussed homeless issues with the pastor of Malibu Methodist Church and Sheriff's Deputy Treinen at the request of Burt Ross. He stated Mr. Ross advised him that his group is working with an agency to place homeless individuals in homes. He expressed gratitude for the work of the VOPs.

Commissioner Randall asked if any of the City's six digital speed signs had been removed. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian reported that one on PCH north of Heathercliff was removed after it was damaged in a traffic accident.

ITEM 2 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Matlow moved and Commissioner May seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Frost absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- A. Previously Discussed Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2016
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of May 4, 2016.
- B. New Items
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2016
Staff recommendation: Approve minutes of the Public Safety Commission Regular meeting of June 1, 2016.

ITEM 3 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 4 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update on Projects Affecting Traffic on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and City Streets
Recommended Action: 1) Receive and file status updates on projects affecting traffic on PCH and City streets, including: a) Point Dume Speed Advisory Signs; b) Engineering and Traffic Survey; c) Valet Attendant Safety Requirements; d) California Incline Bridge Replacement Project; and e) Caltrans maintenance work; and 2) Provide questions to be asked during the City's biweekly conference call with Caltrans staff.

Chair Saul asked if the penalties for violating the valet ordinance had been established. Public Works Superintendent Aladjajian stated the fines were included in the Municipal Code.

Commissioner May discussed the deterioration of PCH and questioned why surface improvement had not been done in more than three or four years. Public Works Director Brager discussed the City's road maintenance program. Commissioner May requested staff ask Caltrans if slurry work or grinding and overlay on PCH in Malibu, including bike lanes and shoulders, was scheduled.

Commissioner Matlow thanked the City for the speed reductions in the Engineering and Traffic Survey. Public Works Director Brager confirmed that all roads in Point Dume now had 25 miles per hour speed limits. Commissioner Matlow suggested a joint meeting be scheduled with the Public Works Commission.

In response to Chair Saul, Public Works Director Brager stated staff could provide an update on work recommended in the PCH Safety Study on an upcoming agenda.

Commissioner May commended City Manager Feldman for increased communication with Caltrans. He discussed increased fire prevention efforts in Topanga Canyon.

Commissioner Matlow suggested installing signs indicating Speed Limits Strictly Enforced. Public Works Director Brager stated he would see if that signage was recommended in the PCH Safety Study.

Commissioner Randall requested Caltrans be asked to repair the lip on the land side of PCH between Moonshadows and Las Flores Canyon Road. She stated she would provide Public Works staff with address information for the worst areas.

B. Public Safety Agency Activity

Recommended Action: Discuss recent Public Safety Agency activities and receive and file monthly activity reports from the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and Lifeguard Division.

In response to Chair Saul, Mark Russo, VOP, stated VOPs spent approximately 25 percent of their time near El Matador Beach. He explained one car usually laps around Paradise Cove, Point Dume and Zuma Beach, while another is usually in the Surfrider Beach area. He stated VOPs also provide assistance to the Beach Team. He discussed signage needed from the entrance to El Matador to the first residence nearby. He stated a decoy car placed at El Matador had no impact. He stated pedestrians crossing PCH or walking along the right side of the highway were given verbal warnings. In response to Commissioner May, Mr. Russo stated increased signage would not hurt but would probably not change the situation.

CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission requested the City Manager ask Caltrans about the feasibility of installing pedestrian signage near El Matador, similar to signage near border cities.

Guy Blake, VOP, stated the only solution to the problems at El Matador was to reduce the speed limit.

Commissioner May asked if the State had liability or responsibility to provide traffic management due to heavy, unsafe traffic creating a public nuisance.

In response to Commissioner Randall, Mr. Russo explained how websites and phone apps that provide information about beaches and hiking trails resulted in the number of visitors to Malibu increasing dramatically over the past few years. He suggested signs warning pedestrians and motorists to watch for each other would be helpful.

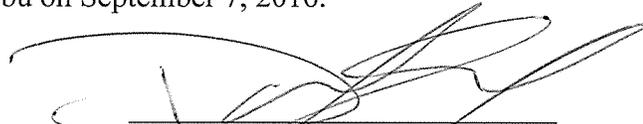
CONSENSUS

By consensus, the Commission requested that updates on the La Costa Crosswalk, ingress and egress to the Trancas shopping center, and implementation of PCH Safety Study recommendations be added to upcoming agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

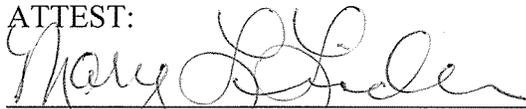
MOTION At 6:04 p.m., Commissioner Randall moved and Commissioner Matlow seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried 4-0, Vice Chair Frost absent.

Approved and adopted by the Public Safety Commission of the City of Malibu on September 7, 2016.



DAVID SAUL, Chair

ATTEST:



MARY LINDEN, Recording Secretary