

MINUTES

City of Pacifica
Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission
Pacifica Police Department Conference Room
2075 Coast Highway
Pacifica, CA 94044

DATE: Wednesday, February 18, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Blackburn

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Balestreri, Erbacher, Chiechi, Shaw, Johnson,
Salisbury

Commissioners Absent: None

Ex Officio Members Present: Wisell, Schultz, Christine Peterson

Public: Mahaley, Lancelle, Jean Johnston, Chris Orman

STAFF PRESENT: Realyvasquez

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the January 21, 2009 meeting were approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS: None

STAFF COMMENTS:

Realyvasquez reported that after a review of the city ordinance, the city ordinance specifically states that Ex-Officio members should be from local school districts and the third person should be with the American Red Cross. Christine Peterson agreed to fill this role.

Realyvasquez reported that he met with Chief Ron Myers and Matt Lucett regarding the CERT program. Chief Myers was supportive of our efforts and said he is more than willing to support a coordinated effort to improve our CERT programs. Realyvasquez

asked Commissioner Erbacher if he would be willing to host Ham Operator Training at our next CERT meeting and he said he would.

Realyvasquez reported that on March 11, 2009, five of our CERT members will be participating in the Silver Dragon III exercise in Daly City. Realyvasquez and Blagrove will also participate in this training with the North County Fire Authority. This exercise is designed to practice the deployment of CERT volunteers in case of a disaster.

Realyvasquez also told the commission that a CERT class will be hosted by the Pacifica Police Department in Pacifica on March 26, 2009. Realyvasquez and Lucett have been working on the exercise and the upcoming CERT training. Coastal Amateur radio operators will also be assisting in the monitoring and deployment of the CERT volunteers during the exercise.

On 01/27/09, Realyvasquez met with Jo Ann Scordino, Robert Londerville and Dave Barranti to update them on upcoming CERT plans.

On 02/10/09, Realyvasquez and Blagrove attended a Silver Dragon Planning meeting in Foster City.

On 02/11/09, Mike Blagrove attended a pre-training meeting at the San Mateo County Health Department in San Mateo. Realyvasquez said that our participation in this year's exercise will allow us to conduct our own Silver Dragon Exercise in Pacifica.

On 02/12/09, Realyvasquez met with the National Weather Service Coordinator, Tom Evans. Mr. Evans replaced Dave Saroka who was recently promoted and relocated to Washington DC.

Realyvasquez reported that the tsunami signage project in the Linda Mar Beach area has been completed. This 1st phase will facilitate and streamline the remaining signage areas in Pacifica.

Realyvasquez reported that he will be meeting with the Lee Diaz from the Planning Department and a representative from Hormann America to discuss the performance of the warning siren located on Hilton Way. There is a problem with the solar charging system.

Realyvasquez told the commission that he has recruited Mike Blagrove as an assistant for the CERT program. Mike Blagrove retired as a Captain from the Pacifica Police Department and his prior experience will be invaluable to the CERT program.

Realyvasquez told the commission that he is continuing to work with city staff in an effort to clarify Disaster Service Worker status for our CERT volunteers.

Realyvasquez told the commission that seven CERT members have signed up for the March 26, 2009 class.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lancelle asked if CERT members could make up CERT classes in other jurisdictions. Realyvasquez stated that students are more than welcome to go to other jurisdictions to attend trainings.

Johnston reported that she was concerned that she couldn't readily locate the dates of the Emergency Preparedness Commission meetings. Johnston was advised that we would follow-up with the Pacifica Tribune to make sure that the meetings are clearly advertised.

Johnston stated that she lives within a few blocks of the beach. Johnston reported she is concerned for the safety of citizens flocking to the beach to play in the waves. Johnson felt that we should publicize the hazards of this behavior during the storm season. Johnson was advised that we would consider placing a storm related safety article in the Pacifica Tribune.

Lancelle suggested that we consider placing a disaster preparedness article in the Pacifica Tribune. This would serve as a reminder of the importance of being a disaster prepared.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

As noted in this meeting's agenda, the six goals for 2009 are on-going objectives.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER:

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.