

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1800 hrs.

ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: Salisbury

Ex Officio Members Present: Wisell, Schultz, Mahaley, Stone Goodman

Ex Officio Members Absent:

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Realyvasquez
Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the January 18, 2012 were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the February 15, 2012 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn reported that staff from FEMA Region 9 Floodplain Management program working with members of the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) performed an audit on the City of Pacifica in order to assess the City's eligibility for entry in to the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The ISO response was very positive. If the City of Pacifica is entered into CRS it will result in flood insurance premium discounts for the City's policy holders.

Commissioner Balestreri commented that a good subject for the Tribune article would be "Mylar Balloons" due to the recent incident of a power outage as a result of a Mylar Balloon hitting a power line.

Commissioner Shaw commented that she attended the training on February 11, 2012 at the City of Pacifica's Community Center from the American Red Cross regarding emergency shelters. The training was very informative and practical.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Member Mahaley stated that June 9, 2012 will be disaster preparedness day at the County Fair. This is the first day of the fair. Cities participating will have booths open from 10am to 2pm. The County wide annual Emergency Operations Center exercise is scheduled for May 24, 2012. The exercise is designed around operation of emergency shelters and emergency volunteer centers.

Ex-Officio Member Schultz stated that the High School District will not be able to participate due to graduations.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Captain Realyvasquez stated he is working on plans for the CERT program in Pacifica. The "Silver Dragon" exercise is scheduled for March 15, 2012 and will take place in Pacifica.

Captain Realyvasquez stated that Pacifica has about 100 CERT volunteers and about a dozen of them are trained in shelter operations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The City of Pacifica Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission had open discussions concerning the City of Pacifica's Financial Task Force findings and recommendations to the City of Pacifica City Council concerning budgetary issues. The City of Pacifica Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission agreed to support the option of the City of Pacifica placing a referendum on the June 2012 ballot of a ½ cent increase to the sales tax.

The main points of concern were:

- 1: Accessibility and use of current police building and EOC.
- 2: Familiarity with City of Pacifica by first responders.
- 3: Local control over current resources. Who will make decisions in future regarding staffing and resources during an emergency?

4: Issues surrounding how the City of Pacifica is isolated from the rest of county.

5: Effects of budget reductions on preparation, planning and response to disasters or emergencies.

6: CERT program. Who will oversee the program?

7: Emergency Preparedness Commission's working relationship with current PD.

The City of Pacifica Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission agreed to draft a letter to be presented to the City of Pacifica City Council showing support of this option. The City of Pacifica Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission further agreed to draft a second letter outlining in further detail the concerns of the commission regarding the City of Pacifica's ability to properly prepare and respond to a disaster in the wake of budget cuts or reduction in city services. Each commission member will present in writing to the Chair Commission Chair, Commissioner Johnson their concerns regarding this subject. The issues documented will be discussed in the March 21, 2012 meeting in order to finalize a detailed letter to the City of Pacifica City Council the concerns of Emergency Preparedness & Safety Commission regarding budget issues.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 1854 Hrs.