

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, November 18, 2015

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order 1830 hrs.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Taverna, Erbacher, Chiechi, Shaw, Blackburn

Commissioners Absent: Johnson, Salisbury

Ex Officio Members Present: Fleming

Ex Officio Members Absent: Hashizume, Shultz, Mahaley, Keener

STAFF PRESENT: Captain Spanheimer
 Sergeant Londerville

APPROVAL

OF MINUTES: The minutes for the September 16, 2015 were approved.

APPROVAL

OF AGENDA: Agenda for the November 18, 2015 was approved.

COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Blackburn asked for nominations for position of Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Shaw nominated Commissioner Taverna for the position of Chair. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote. Commissioner Taverna nominated Commissioner Shaw for the position of Vice Chair. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

The formal election will take place at the beginning of the December 16, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Erbacher brought to the attention of the commission the passing of former Commissioner Mary Beauvais. Mary Beauvais was a founding member of the

Commission as the representative for Red Cross. She served 17 years as a Commissioner and was a very active and dedicated volunteer with Red Cross.

Commissioner Blackburn stated he has been on assignment with FEMA in Washington D.C. reviewing the National Flood Insurance Program following how the system worked following Hurricane Sandy. The focus was on reducing fraud, processing claims, affordability and overall coverage. The program is scheduled to end in September 2017 and will need to be presented to Congress to be continued.

Commissioner Blackburn stated he attended a briefing by NOAA and the National Weather Service today regarding preparedness for the El Nino storms. The expectations are that California will have more rainfall this winter than during a normal winter. The southern portion of the state will be impacted greater than northern California. There are concerns over the amount of ground water that has been pumped affecting causing portions of land to sink along with weakening levee walls and canal walls.

Commissioner Shaw updated the Commission on the Fog Fest booth. There were about 30 new applicants signed up for upcoming CERT classes. The Survey was completed by 39 people and the drawing was completed for free first aid kits.

EX-OFFICIO COMMENTS:

Ex-Officio Member Fleming reported that Red Cross is working with numerous agencies around the Bay Area preparing for El Nino weather related problems and the Super Bowl. They are looking at trying to designate centralized shelter locations in advance.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Assistant City Manager Lorenzo Hines conducted a power point presentation regarding the City of Pacifica budget for 2015-2016

Sergeant Londerville reported on a training table top exercise that was conducted with the Pacifica School District for an active shooter scenario. The participants were principals of elementary schools and administrators. The exercise demonstrated areas to improve upon and some issues that had not been thought of. The school district was very open to continued training exercises in this area in the future.

Captain Spanheimer reported he has had conversations with Ex-Officio Member Hashizume about conducting similar training focusing on District Office personnel and their role during this type of incident.

Captain Spanheimer informed the Commission about the new tactical body armor for response to an active shooter event. The body armor will be stored in the patrol cars and will be an additional resource for officers when dealing with incidents such as an active shooter. Sergeant Wachtelborn has been the lead on this project and should have the project completed by the end of the year.

Captain Spanheimer reported that the fire department has also begun training for response to an active shooter event to have medical teams enter the affected area with police protection and set up a casualty collection point to provide first aid.

Captain Spanheimer allied for a grant through State Farm for Emergency Management related expenses. He applied for the grant under CERT with the idea of using the money to purchase a utility trailer to store CERT equipment.

Captain Spanheimer is looking for a volunteer from CERT to assist with Emergency Management.

Captain Spanheimer is continuing his work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The original deadline had been March 2016. The date has been revised to June 2016 for the completed plan to be presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Commission discussed the end of the year Christmas party.

OTHER: None

ADJOURNMENT: 2047