

City of Pacifica

Fireworks Task Force Committee

Minutes from meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2013

Meeting started at approximately 6:07 P.M.

Present for the meeting: Cindy Abbott, Lynn Adams, Tom Dennison, Chris Fogel, Lauren Jaques, Mike O'Neill, Sue Pemberton, Jim Poket (alternate for William Gray), and Jim Tasa.

The Fireworks Task Force Committee recommendations were accepted by the Pacifica City Council at their meeting on June 10, 2013. The Task Force meeting on June 20th was to discuss what recommendations good realistically be implemented for this year's 4th of July holiday and what items would be evaluated for next year.

The committee discussed how the defined portion of Linda Mar beach would be marked/identified, so that the public knew which area they could utilize for safe and sane fireworks. It was discussed that the north and south borders of the defined area would be outlined with garbage/sign receptacles and yellow rope would be tied from one can to the next. A section on both the north and south end would be left open for pedestrian traffic to enter/exit.

The committee discussed the placement of dumpsters at each of the designated sites (south Linda Mar beach parking lot, main Linda Mar beach parking lot and the south Rockaway Beach parking lot). Representatives from TNT (Dennis Revell) and Phantom Fireworks (Rachel Bennett) stated they would coordinate this with each other and Recology for these sites.

The committee discussed the placement of additional 55-gallon garbage cans on the beach. Historically, TNT Fireworks has provided (20) sign barrels for the beaches and (20) 55-gallon garbage barrels. TNT Fireworks agreed to provide (10) additional 55-gallon garbage barrels and Phantom Fireworks agreed to provide (10) additional 55-gallon garbage barrels. Sign and garbage barrels will be placed at defined area of Linda Mar Beach, south Linda Mar Beach parking lot and south Rockaway Beach parking lot.

The committee confirmed with Ray Biagini, City of Pacifica Department of Public Works, that Public Works would empty the garbage cans on the beach prior to darkness on the 4th of July. Mr. Biagini also confirmed that Public Works would utilize a street sweeper in the south Linda Mar Beach parking lot, main Linda Mar Beach parking lot and south Rockaway Beach parking lot on July 5th after the works crews have completed their clean-up efforts.

A mandatory non-profit fireworks booth meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be at the Pacifica Police Station. This meeting is to inform the non-profit groups of the changes being implemented this year, what has been discussed for next year and the impact it has on their groups. The groups will be informed of their clean-up responsibilities in addition to the July 5th efforts and which sites to respond to. Half of the non-profit groups will be assigned for additional clean-up efforts on July 20th (Saturday) and the other half will be assigned to August 3rd (Saturday).

A flyer is being printed by the police department to distribute at Linda Mar Beach to inform the public of the defined areas to utilize safe and sane fireworks. These flyers will also be distributed to the fireworks booths for distribution to the consumer.

The committee discussed the July 5th clean-up efforts. The non-profit groups need to arrive at their assigned clean-up sites (main Linda Mar Beach parking lot or south Rockaway Beach parking lot) at 7:30 AM and meet with Public Works personnel. The non-profit personnel need to sign in identifying which group(s) they represent. If possible, they should bring gloves, buckets or bags, and litter “picker-uppers”. (Members of the non-profit groups do not have to specifically show up for the clean-up efforts. They may have someone else show up to represent their group.)

The City will promote/encourage block parties through the City website, newspaper, social media (PacificaPatch, Fix Pacifica, Pacifica Index), Community Center sign, PB&R email blast, Pacifica School District email blast, school voice over blast, Pacifica Beach Coalition (Lynn Adams) and Jefferson Union High School District.

The committee discussed the following items to be worked on for next year.

- To look at the fireworks booth application and add language that specifies clean-up efforts.
- Add language to handouts and fireworks booth/event signs to include anti-litter message.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Next Meeting
Monday, July 29, 2013
Pacifica Police Department
2075 Coast Highway, Pacifica, California
6:00 – 8:00 P.M.