

**MINUTES OF THE
REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
January 31, 2022**

Chief May thanked the Commission and announced that he is rotating to a new position in the new year. Chief Issac Yang will be reporting and sharing their mission to the Commission. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with the Commission and look forward to meeting with them in the public.

Commissioner Marinelli and Commissioner Gupta thanked Chief May for all his hard work.

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Virtual Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chairperson Gaul, time was not called.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli

Commissioners Absent: Couig

Officials Presents: Jason May, Fire Chief
Kyle Lofstrom, Police Officer
Shawn Freeman, Police Lieutenant
Issac Yang, Fire Chief

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairperson Gaul led in the Salute to the Flag

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Couig

E. BLUEFOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

None

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Hannon to close Item H. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Gupta to close Item I. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. COMMENDATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairperson Gaul commend Chief May and Larry for their promotion and retirement. Officer Lofstrom confirmed that Larry retired January 18th. Chairperson Gaul stated that Larry had a ton of energy and did well beyond her job description, was very responsive, well informed of the

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community in various things from animal control to catalytic convertors. She will be missed and hope to see her around.

Chairperson Gaul commemorated Firefighter Flagler that passed away in Rancho Palos Verde, saving a family from a home. Read outloud Governor Newsom's words to John. Chairperson Gaul request a moment of silence for Firefighter John Flagler.

Chairperson Gaul volunteered to join the Commendation Subcommittee.

2. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Hannon thinks it is a good to review the California legislation that is in the pipeline, especially that has been recently approved. A lot of change happening and we should be aware of it and how it effects our community. Happy to help with this.

Chairperson Gaul asked the commission if anyone would like to help Commissioner Hannon collect this information for the next meeting.

Motion by Chairperson Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Gittens, Climate Legislation can be under Legislative Review Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Couig

Commissioner Hannon and Commissioner Gupta is currently on the roster for the Legislative Review Subcommittee. Commissioner Klainbaum has volunteered to join the subcommittee.

3. QUARTERLY REPORT SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairperson Gaul asked how to measure the Public Safety improvement in the City of Redondo Beach? There is a lot of data out there, who is for and how does it make our lives better? Study called Safe Wise, a consulting firm in Utah, they use FBI crime data. When looking at the data, it was property and physical crime. This KPI was used to rate cities and showed year over year improvements in cities but is the gold standard for City of Redondo Beach to market to reduce crime rates. What will it take to move the needle to the rate of Rancho Palos Verde? In the report, Manhattan Beach ranked 1 worse than Redondo Beach in crime. What tools does the police need to improve the metrics for a demonstrated result, what type of budget items, and staff changes? Asked the Commission if anyone is interested in talking off line about this and if this is useful?

Commissioner Hannon believes in metrics but how will we know if it will make the community safer unless we have a before and after, we have to have a baseline. He is sure that the Police Department has metrics that they must monitor and would love to see those. Very familiar of Swithers data, what is happening on the streets, serious injuries and fatalities, it is national data

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that is reported annually. Organization Commissioner Hannon is part of, creates report cards for each city in the South Bay and measures each of the Cities. Reports safety records for bicyclist, pedestrians, and people who participate in active transportation. Thinks this information is useful as one of the metrics and is willing to share what the organization does. How do other rank cities in the United States? Usually based on livability, an exuberated quality of life. One of them is safety, how many burglaries happen on our streets. Encourage to make a motion to look at this group and see what police metrics we have, Swithers data, and livability data, see if we can register the difference.

Commissioner Gupta stated that within his work, they keep track of data. If metrics are tracked every month, then the data can be reviewed internally. Then someone can come in and develop interventions.

Chairperson Gaul spoke on the Safe Wise data and how the cities keep their rank year after year. Baldwin Park went up in rank and is interested to know what their city is doing. Interest in scheduling a data analysis review at some point that Commission or staff provides. Officer Lofstrom stated that specific metrics are found on the City website.

Motion by Chairperson Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Gittens, in the March meeting to have staff provide a series of trend data and FBI crime data from the last 5 years in the agenda along with any other Commissioners data. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

Commissioner Gupta introduced his new born baby girl to the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Hannon and Commissioner Gupta is currently on the roster for the Quarterly Subcommittee.

Confirmation from Commission was made that e-transportation does fall under the Quarterly Report Subcommittee.

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Hannon e-bike local legislative review and how City of Redondo Beach is handling it at the March meeting. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

4. CERT SUPPORT AND PROMOTION SUBCOMMITTEE

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None

5. HOMELESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Chairperson Gaul commented on the LA-HOP organization. If you see a homeless person in your community and are able to describe the person, you may go online and fill out an outreach request instead of calling the police. The outreach workers have: homeless services navigation, mental health training and first aid, post-trauma inform care, and some teams have physical and mental health professionals. Main goal of the program is to get people off the street and into a permanent home.

Commissioner Gupta requested for the LAHOP organization to attend a Public Safety meeting and asked if the Commission has the ability to publicize LA-HOP.

Motion by Chairperson Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to discuss LA-HOP/LAHSa in the March Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

Commissioner Couig and Commissioner Gupta is on the roster for the Homeless Subcommittee.

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to close Item J.1. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

J.2. DISCUSSION OF RECENT FIRE EVENTS

Chief Yang introduced himself and spoke about his experience in the fire department.

Chief Yang began his report with medical aid calls, 694 from November 2021, 290 of the call were fire based (structure fires, unsafe wires, and smoke alarms). 729 emergency responses in December 2021, 483 of those calls were medical, 246 fire emergencies. 5,300 calls a day in 2011, 7,598 in 2022, running 15 calls a day in 2011, now running 21 calls a day. Medical aid is the significant calls of responses. 3,100 calls from the station one on Broadway a day, 3,536 calls from station two, 869 calls from station three. There is a consistent number of increases in call volume throughout the year. 2020 was an outlier year of over 7,000 calls and from March to June ran a 30% call volume because people were not wanting to go to the hospital. Escalation in

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volume in December 2021 with 7,600 calls. An equipment called the auto pulse is used for those that are found without a pulse but not breathing. A trial was made from November 2020 to November 2021, the conversion for compressions in the field is 30% - 65%. Expanding a community engagement campaign in 2022 regarding this technology.

Commissioner Gupta commented that this technology is amazing. Asked if the device does the chest compression?

Chief Yang replied, yes. Briefly explained how the device works, up and down motion on the lower part of the sternum and there is a band that goes around the entire torso.

Commissioner Gupta asked if the defoliator is attached?

Chief Yang replied, that it is applied separately.

Chairperson Gaul asked Chief Yang what is the cost for this system?

Chief Yang responded, the device itself with the batteries and other equipment is about \$20,000. The device is resilient and has an extended warranty.

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Hannon to close Item J.2.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

J.3. DISCUSSION OF RECENT EVENTS IN THE CITY PROSECUTORS OFFICE

The City Prosecutors office was invited but no response was received. Chairperson Gaul sent a letter to the City Prosecutors office.

J.4. DISCUSSION OF RECENT LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS/CRIME RECAP

Steven Cagle from the Core Center Organization began his presentation.

- Curtis Tucker Community Center
- Part of Department of Public Health/Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)
- Main goal is to educate, connect, and provide prevention services to LA County
- Collaborative program located throughout the county. Services are free to the public
- Services: prevention, workshops, support (hotline), opioid overdose
- Different educational workshops: Understanding the Connection Between Sud and Mental Health, Understanding the Risk of Cannabis, Recognizing and Responding an Overdose with Naloxone, Substance Use in Your Community, How to Talk to Your Loved Ones About AOD, Relapse Prevention and Healthy Coping, Stigma and Substance Use Disorders, Teens and Vaping.

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- Locations all throughout LA County

Steven and Krystal opened the floor for questions.

Chairperson Gaul told Steven and Krystal that it is a pleasure to have them at the Commission meeting.

Roman Rardon from Harbor Interfaith has began his presentation.

- Community members would send out a LA-HOP request which then would go to Roman directly.
- Roman would then dispatch to an outreach worker.
- Lead agency in SPA 8
- Redondo Beach contract started in 2017
- Beach Cities contract started 2019
- Roman started as an outreach worker for the Organization
- Collaborate with substance abuse programs, police department, fire department
- Many programs collaborate to get homeless into shelters

Roman end his presentation.

Chairperson Gaul liked the data in their reports. Mentions the terrible event in Redondo Beach of a person that passed away from overdose. Raised a question on tracking the number of homeless in the last 5 years and is there overdose data available in Redondo Beach?

Roman responded that when it comes to the number of homeless in Redondo Beach, there is a Homeless Count coming up. Last year Redondo Beach contracted with a homeless service provider that has numbers on city net.

Krystal also responded to Chairperson Gaul's question, regarding the overdose, she was not aware of any statistic but she can look into it. She is doing a presentation in February with Hermosa. She knows that the police department did an undercover assignment where they bought some pills.

Commissioner Marinelli thanked the presenters for their time and making a difference in the community.

Commissioner Gupta told the presenters they are doing amazing work. Raised a question about interventions targeted toward schools.

Steven responded, that they have started and trying to target more of that demographic. There was panelist from the high school that were educating the other students at the school. Teens are being affected more than ever before.

Krystal also responded that the program is interested in expanding and that the program just started during COVID.

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Commissioner Gupta asked Chairperson Gaul if the Commission can help schools or have any connections as a Public Safety Commission.

Chairperson Gaul replied that he tried to connect with schools on the Historical Commission. There is not much of a connection on the Commission to school level. Asked Commissioner Gupta to send an email to the schools on behalf of the Public Safety Commission.

Commissioner Hannon, commending Steven Cagle and Krystal's services. Shared an experience working with students in Hermosa Beach creating public service announcements, suggested to urge the schools to do the same. Commissioner Gupta, agreed with the Commissioner Hannon's idea. Commissioner Gupta ask Officer Lofstrom if there is data of overdoses among students in Redondo Beach.

Chairperson Gaul, raised a question to staff if the Police Department has access to Channel 3 to broadcast homeless support and over dose intervention. Officer Lofstrom responded that the Police Department has no connection.

Officer Lofstrom began his presentation:

- Call for service report:
 - October to November an 8% increase in calls for service, 16% increase from last year
 - November to December 14% increase, 7% decrease from last year
 - November to December 3,300 citizen calls, November 2200 officer contacts, December 1500 officer contacts
 - November crime activity such as theft from vehicles, 2 robberies, 2 arrest, 3 reports of stolen catalytic converters, Redondo Beach/Torrance storage facility had recurring burglaries

Chairperson Gaul raised a question on using a bait car for the catalytic converters. Officer Lofstrom responded that the option is an expensive one although there is a bait bicycle. There will be more Etching events for the public.

Officer Lofstrom continued his presentation.

- Calls for service went down in December.
- Street racing activity
- Crimes against persons with a deadly weapon, suspect fled, used officer and K-9 resources to search for the suspect and was able to capture the suspect after several hours.

Officer Lofstrom ended his presentation.

Commissioner Hannon commend Officer Lofstrom's presentation and that Officer Lofstrom's report contained a lot of information. Officer Lofstrom responded that the crime analyst prepared most of the information. Property crime is the highest level of crime in Redondo Beach.

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Chairperson Gaul brought up the police text option. Officer Lofstrom confirms that there is a texting option for “911”.

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum to close item J.4.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

J.5. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY POLICING EVENTS

Officer Lofstrom started his presentation.

- Cops and Canvas
- Let it Snow Redondo, 3,500 people attended
- Up Coming Events:
 - Homeless Count, February 23rd

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Hannon to close item J.5.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

J.6. VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING EVENTS

Officer Lofstrom started his presentation.

Active recruitment the department is engaging in and retirement of two long-term volunteers. There was an initiation of a citizen’s policing class that opens the opportunity for more volunteers.

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli to close item J.6.
Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli
NOES: None
ABSENT: Couig

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

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Commissioner Marinelli: Due to his career, Commissioner Marinelli is unable to be part of the Homeless subcommittee but is interested in being a liaison for the Publics Works and businesses near the Harbor. Officer Lofstrom responded that he will connect with units near the Harbor and contact Commissioner Marinelli if there will be a meeting.

Commissioner Klainbaum: None

Commissioner Gittens: None

Commissioner Gupta: Interested in working with schools and asked if Staff has any data or resources on overdose. Officer Lofstrom responded that staff information contains bicycle legislation, overdose data, and 5-years FBI crime data.

Commissioner Hannon: Impressed with Officer Lofstrom report, specifically stopping a crime from happening early on. Spoke to Chief Kauffman about being the first in California to have a diversion (traffic school). The procedure for a bicyclist that received a citation may have the opportunity to go to traffic school, earn a certificate, present the certificate to a judge and have their citation removed from their record. Interest in hearing the Staff's feedback about the program. Officer Lofstrom responded that his main duty is a K-9 handler but has done traffic enforcement before. Officer Lofstrom gives his support for this program. Commissioner Hannon asked the Commission if they are interested in the program.

Chairperson Gaul: Spoke on tsunami history and emergency procedures, looks forward to the discuss at the February meeting. Commented on how the discussion with Mr. Scully and other local leadership on how to minimize damage to boats and the Harbor community. Inviting Supervisor Mitchell's office to the meeting on how Public Safety impacts the community.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Marinelli to approve the adjournment of the Special Meeting on February 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta,
Gittens, Marinelli

NOES: Klainbaum

ABSENT: Couig

Motion by Chairperson Gaul, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Chairperson Gaul, Gupta, Klainbaum,
Gittens, Marinelli

NOES: None

ABSENT: Couig

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Gaul adjourned the meeting, time was not called, to the next Public Safety Commission meeting on February 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Hoffman

Chief of Police