

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBURARY 23, 2022**

**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, Klainbaum, Couig, Chairperson Gaul

Commissioners Absent: Gupta, Gittens, Marinelli

Officials Presents: Kyle Lofstrom, Police Officer

Issac Yang, Fire Chief

Sean Scully, Planning Manager

**C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chairperson Gaul led in the Salute to the Flag

**D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA**

Motion by Commissioner Couig, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Couig, Klainbaum, Chairperson Gaul

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gupta, Gittens, Marinelli

**E. BLUEFOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS**

**E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS**

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Couig to approve the Blue Folder Items. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

AYES: Hannon, Couig, Klainbaum, Chairperson Gaul

NOES: None

ABSENT: Gupta, Gittens, Marinelli

**F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Commissioner Hannon, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum to approve to Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

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

**F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

**G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

None

**H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

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

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

**I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS**

**J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION**

**J.1. PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CITY’S UPDATE TO ITS DRAFT SAFETY ELEMENT (STATE REQUIRED GENERAL PLAN ELEMENT). The City’s Safety Element is a state-required General Plan Element that identifies potential natural and human-created hazards that could affect the City of Redondo Beach’s (City’s) residents, businesses, visitors, and services.**

Sean Scully, Planning Manager, thanked the Commission for having the Special Meeting for this item. Started the presentation:

- Safety Element – Background/Overview
  - 7 required Elements: Land use, Circulation, Freeway, Open Space, Conservation, and Housing
  - 1992 was last safety element and is due for an update.
  - Incorporates hazard and safety elements.
  - Vulnerability assessment to test the impacts of climate change
  - Elements set the foundation of how to handle disasters in the City
- Purpose of the Safety Element
  - Identify and address natural and human-caused hazards existing in/or near Redondo Beach
  - Functions: As projects come into the City they have to make sure the goals and policies are followed; every policy is required to have a limitation program but do not have them ready for the safety element yet; strengthen hazard preparedness

planning and post-disaster reconstruction policies; identifies how hazards are likely to increase in frequency and intensity due to climate change

- Required by State law to have 6 sections
  - Emergency Preparedness, response, and Recovery
  - Geologic and Seismic Hazards
  - Flooding and Sea Level Rise
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Fire Hazards
  - Additional Climate Change Hazards
- Components
  - Relation with other public health and safety documents: Vulnerability Assessment, Redondo Beach Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and City's COOP and Emergency Operation Plan
  - Relationship with other General Plan Elements: Land Use Element, Open Space and Conservation Element, and Transportation and Circulation Element
  - All general plan elements have to be internally consistent with one another.
- Staff Edits: Continuity of Operations Plan and Emergency Operations Plan
  - Sean Scully and Isaac Yang reviewed this section that is presented. The words crossed out was removed and the words highlighted was added. Staff does not have either a Continuity of Operations Plan or Emergency Operations Plan but this element has a policy and a goal.
- Staff Edits: Strategic Efforts
  - Replacing a location with the Main Library, Second floor.
- Staff Edit: First Rule and First Policy
  - Replacing a policy that is presented with the highlighted sentence.
- Goal SF-1
  - Sean Scully asked the Commission what they want edited from this section that is presented
  - Sean Scully read aloud the goal.

Sean Scully opened the floor for comments and suggestions

Commissioner Couig raised a question to the Commission, if all Commissioners have reviewed the section prior to the meeting. Chairperson Gaul responded that he did not focus on this goal and that this is the first time and asked the Commission if they have any suggestions for edits. Commissioner Hannon raised a question to Sean Scully if it states anywhere in this section that residents will engage in mitigation. Sean Scully responded that there are no components that states specifically but only to educate the public. Chairperson Gaul suggest to include; increase and involve the public to participate for emergency response planning procedures Commissioner Hannon suggest to add "engagement" to the wording. Commissioner Couig commented that this is a policy not an implementation of what is to happen and if a disaster were to happen, groups would engage and a plan will be made. Commissioner Hannon asked for Issac Yang, Fire Chief, to give his input is a disaster would happen. Issac Yang responded, relative to the conversation, first action is to take care of yourself, your family, your neighbors, and secure your safety. First call out would be the alumni group and there would be staging areas set up. A staging area specific to resourcing people based on their ability and capacity to be able to assist in control spaces such as administration and rehabilitation. Issac Yang continued, if there were at least

1,000 alumni responders to cover 1,000 blocks then it would be of tremendous assistance. Commissioner Hannon asked Issac Yang if the information he shared should be in the policy. Issac Yang suggested to Commission to add language of increase public awareness of potential participation in an emergency response.

Sean Scully read aloud the new language to add the policy: increase awareness in emergency response planning and procedure to include public engagement.

Sean Scully continued with his presentation.

- Critical Facilities
  - Integrity of the infrastructure
  - Chairperson Gaul raised a question, if 19-33 structures were part of the previous structure.
  - Sean Scully responded, is not aware of those facilities in the City.
- Hazard and Emergency Data
  - Establish a data base in GIS
  - Chairperson Gaul asked if this system is update. Sean Scully confirmed the system is up to date.
  - Commissioner Hannon raised a question on flood insurance west from PCH, is there anything specific plan to control that. Sean Scully responded that reports would build up to create the database for certain locations and informs staff to preform studies and inform staff of high-risk areas. Commissioner Hannon replied, there is both consequences and likelihood, the consequence are high risk for those that live in that area that this requires special attention. Commissioner Couig responded that the policy requires what Commissioner Hannon was referring to and reminded that this is only a policy.
- Goal: Seismic and Geological Hazards
  - Reduce death, injury, property, damage, economic and social dislocation, and disruption of vital resulting from seismic and geologic-related events.
  - Making individuals aware of what faults are near
  - Commissioner Couig, if there already gas shutoff earthquake sensors. Issac Yang responded, the policy is referring to occuppies such industrial facilities.
- Goal: Tsunami Hazards
  - Protection of life from tsunami run.
  - Chairperson Gaul, what are specific measures that are easier to implement. Sean Scully, there would be a variety of different of situations and different measures for those situations and then find funding. Improving warning of tsunami is important. Chairperson Gaul, is there a connection to Channel 3 to help warn the public. Sean Scully, Community Services Department has access to communicating to the public. Issac Yang speaks of ways to communicate to the warning the public and how time is valuable.
- Goal: Flood Hazards
  - Protection of life of floods
  - FEMA updated information flood hazards zones
  - Make sure we are aware of the locations that are potential flood hazards
- Goal: Sea Level Rise

- Safeguarded and adaptively managing for rising sea levels
- The next waterfront project will incorporate this policy
- Commissioner Hannon, identification of different issues in future plans. Sean Scully confirms Commissioner Hannon's comment.
- Chairperson Gaul, how will the pier constructed to be more resilient? Sean Scully, the Public Works Department are consistently working on trying upgrade the pier. Chairperson Gaul, recommended to hire an individual to work on grants to fund the projects.
- Goal: Hazardous Materials
  - Cannot accept applications without looking for the hazardous materials.
  - Redondo Beach has hazardous materials such as oils that have to be mitigated.
  - Make sure the small amount of ground water we have does get clean.
  - Commissioner Couig commented on the dry cleaners that are under evaluation. Sean Scully, the chemicals the dry cleaners use can be toxic.
- Goal: Fire Hazards
  - Issac Yang led the discussion for this slide.
  - Minimize risk of injuries.
  - New regulations include fire hazards.
- Goal: Additional Climate Change Hazards
  - Resilient community able to adapt climate change hazards
  - Drought conditions are more common.
  - Commissioner Klainbaum, refer to policy 10.7, if it is referring storm runoff reduction or collection. Sean Scully confirmed it is referring reduction. Commissioner Klainbaum asked if there is a policy for storm runoff collection. Sean Scully, some establishments are required to have storm water mitigation, low impact development involve retention. This information is currently in an ordinance.
- Bring the draft and edits General Plan Advisory Committee, then the Planning Commission, and the City Council.
- Land use plan need to be completed before taking the Safety Element Plan the Planning Commission.

Sean Scully ended his presentation and asked the Commission for comments or questions. Commissioner Klainbaum raised question, the emergency center locations are all on the same block. Sean Scully, the locations is where there are now. Issac Yang, the immediate functionally of the police station emergency location is serve the community in that space but if the incident expands then they will move into the library facility. Commissioner Klainbaum, ask staff to consider expand the locations to different areas. Commissioner Couig, suggest back up locations if the need arises. Commissioner Klainbaum, suggested measuring the goals objectively so there is a benchmark. Sean Scully responded, that level of detail would be attached as an appendix. Sean Scully took note of the backup plan for other emergency center locations. Issac Yang, any space that able to assemble can be utilized.

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

AYES: Hannon, Couig, Klainbaum, Chairperson Gaul

NOES: None  
ABSENT: Gupta, Gittens, Marinelli

**K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF**

Chairperson Gaul made a call to the City Attorney's office requesting attendance to the Commission meeting.

Commissioner Couig: None

Commissioner Klainbaum: None

Commissioner: None

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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 March 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Hoffman

Chief of Police