

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission was called to order by Chair Gaul at 7:00 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California and teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Marinelli, Klainbaum, Gupta, Gittens, and Chair Gaul

Commissioners Absent: Hannon and Couig

Officials Present: Joy Abaquin, Quality of Life Prosecutor
Isaac Yang, Fire Division Chief
Kyle Lofstrom, Redondo Beach Police Officer

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Gaul led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Klainbaum, seconded by Commissioner Gupta, to approve the order of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Marinelli, Klainbaum, Gupta, Gittens, and Chair Gaul.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Hannon and Couig.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS - ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Police Officer Lofstrom confirmed that there were no Blue Folder Items.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

F.2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 31, 2022 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Gittens, seconded by Commissioner Klainbaum, to receive and file the Consent Calendar. Motion carried unanimously, with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Marinelli, Klainbaum, Gupta, Gittens, and Chair Gaul.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Hannon and Couig.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Gaul opened the floor to public comments.

Police Officer Lofstrom confirmed that there were no e-Comments or public comments received.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair Gaul closed the floor to public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. PANELIST DISCUSSION

1. PATH (PEOPLE ASSISTING THE HOMELESS)

2. LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY

3. HARBOR INTERFAITH

Chair Gaul thanked the PATH and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority organizations for the presence at this meeting.

PATH (People Assisting The Homeless)

PATH Associate Director, Courtney Reed provided a verbal report, that included the following information regarding work done by PATH:

- Provided services at the meal programs: St. James Catholic Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Shared Bread at First United Methodist Church.
- Referrals for shelters.
- Assist in homeless court.
- Connecting people to permanent housing.
- Assist individuals in obtaining vital records and assist in the judge's decision for that individual.
- Team of six but two focus on services with the City of Redondo Beach.

Discussion followed regarding methods on PATH obtaining referrals for services, community awareness of the website that can be used to ask for assistance from PATH, challenges PATH has seen regarding the meal programs throughout the City, City Council to publicize the information on the resources available from PATH, Police marketing tools used to promote LA-HOP (Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal), City provide assistance with shelter and other things needed, vouchers provided for additional services, history of the PATH organization, number of employees retained by PATH, reduction in homeless issues, modifications to provide additional resources that can be provided by the City, partnering with the Beach Cities (neighboring cities) to work together to provide services, pallet shelters,

medical care issues, mental health services available, joining with covered California for insurance, and database used by various services to assist in sharing information when needed.

Associate Director Reed and PATH Senior Director, Haley Fuselier responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

LAHSA Associate Director of Unsheltered Strategies, Colleen Murphy provided a verbal report, that included the following information regarding work done by LAHSA:

- History of LAHSA.
- Outreach and creation of the multidisciplinary team.
- Outreach coordinator.
- Creation of database.
- Expansion and increase of beds and permanent housing beds.
- How to prevent homelessness.
- Video available online, "People Becoming Homeless."
- Regional solutions by partnering with various Cities.
- City of Redondo Beach providing robust outreach and strategic use of LA-HOP.
- "Get Help" providing additional resources online through LAHSA.
- Workaround pallet shelters.
- Project Roomkey is beneficial as an additional resource.

Discussion followed regarding transportation services for homeless within the City of Redondo or throughout the metropolitan area in Los Angeles, LAHSA working with the medical system and assisting potential individuals that are homeless, scarce resources available in some communities, keeping people off the streets and safe from contracting COVID in shelters, presenting services on the Green Line where Northrop Grumman is located, constraints or obstacles in marketing services on all Metro Lines, Metro providing funding for shelter beds, how can the Public Safety Commission be of assistance to the organizations, public education on the reasons for homelessness, prevention and support for those in need of assistance, campaign services from the City for public outreach and awareness, vocational training for homeless, "Chrysalis" a non-profit assisting individuals who are navigating barriers through the workforce, creating opportunities for vocational training, substance abuse assistance, share the database to see successes of the various programs and assistance, Measure H releases data quarterly due to funding, HIC (Housing Inventory Count) report, access for Cities to update information as needed, and any campaigns with information for assistance.

Chair Gaul asked for a Healthcare Alliance Meeting and a Community College Meeting.

Associate Director Murphy and PATH Senior Director Fuselier responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

Harbor Interfaith

Harbor Interfaith SPA 8 Regional Coordinator, Max Estrada provided a verbal report, that included the following information regarding work done by Harbor Interfaith:

- SPA 8 covers Harbor and Central regional sections.
- Provider of the pallet shelter in the City of Redondo Beach.

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- Assistance with various services.
- Dispatcher of the SPA 8 area and work in coordination with other organizations such as LAHSA.
- Provide outreach services that leads to interim housing as they work on permanent housing.
- Meeting held every Wednesday called the "Care Coordination Meeting" where all outreach workers and service providers and identify hotspots and collaborate on how to best assist that community.
- Provided a brief history of the program.
- Access to the SPA 8 Center in San Pedro where services are provided for prevention or homeless services.

Discussion followed regarding current usage and reuse of pallet shelter services for the City of Redondo Beach, case managers provided Section 8 vouchers to individuals using the pallet shelter services, congregate setting where individuals feel safe and comfortable while receiving services, Project Roomkey costs, costs for individual spaces rather than shared spaces, outreach worker for the City of Redondo Beach, case managers at the shelters assisting the City with individuals, concerns with landlords accepting vouchers for housing, and PATH "LeaseUp" an insurance programs for landlords when providing housing with vouchers,

Regional Coordinator Estrada responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

Chair Gaul opened the floor to public comments.

Police Officer Lofstrom confirmed that there were no e-Comments or public comments received.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair Gaul closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioners' thanked all the presenters for this item.

J.2. DISCUSSION OF RECENT FIRE EVENTS

Fire Division Chief Yang provided the following recent fire events report:

- 2020 – 7,314 calls.
- 2021 – 7,600 calls.
- 2022 – Projected to go over 7,700 calls.
- Past Quarter Data:
 - January 2022 - 646 calls, 400 calls were medical, and the remaining were fire related.
 - February 2022 – 684 calls, the 468 medicals, and remaining were fire related.
 - March 2022- 503 calls, 228 medicals, and the remaining were fire related.
- Fire Incidents:
 - January 2022 – 6 fire-based calls, 2 in the City of Hermosa Beach, and 4 in the City of Redondo Beach.
 - February 2022 – 2 fire-based calls in the City of Redondo Beach.
 - March 2022 – 3 fire-based calls in the City of Redondo Beach.
- Fire Department training provided to the residents as a form of reducing fire hazards.

- Mental Health and Wellness – May 25, 2022, the Redondo Beach Fire Department and Beach Cities Health District will be providing services, training, and collecting data in advance from the Older Adult population at Casa de los Amigos.
- Fire Department is currently pursuing all seven senior living homes and the three senior groups from the City.
- May 7, 2022 – Fire Service Day, over 1,000 residents attended the event at both Fire Station Nos. 1 and 2.
- Beach Life Festival – Firefighters in attendance to assist on duty during the event.

Discussion followed regarding the statistics regarding the number of calls, increase in population and increase in the number of structures, use of autopulse on calls, any additional procurement of other devices to assist with calls, partnership between Fire, Police and Public Works during large events, how the Fire educates the residents with safe fireplace usage, and if the City can do anything to assist in providing more public outreach for smoke alarm awareness, and possibly asking City Council to fund a survey regarding public outreach.

Fire Division Chief Yang responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

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

Quality of Life Prosecutor Abaquin provided the following City Prosecutors Office report:

- Anastasia Papadakis has left the City. The City has hired Suzanne Delgin as a prosecutor.
- Homeless Court last month (April) had 23 participants and 1 graduation.
- Next Homeless Court is May 25, 2022.
- Articles about modeling Homeless Court for other Cities in California like the Redondo Beach Homeless Court.

Discussion following regarding benefits of the Homeless Court, individuals changing their lives, once individuals graduate from Homeless Court they usually do not return to Homeless Court, cases of relapse more common, 104 individuals referred to Homeless Court, and City of Torrance and City of Long Beach duplicating the Homeless Court from Redondo Beach within their own Cities.

Quality of Life Prosecutor Abaquin responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

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

Police Officer Lofstrom provided the following Law Enforcement Events/Crime Recap:

- 12 stolen vehicles.
- 7 catalytic events.
- Staff applying for grants in order to purchase additional ALPRs (Automated License Plate Readers) for the City.
- Beach Life – Public Safety resources available throughout the event. 12,000 in attendance each day at the event.
- Organized retail theft and recovered \$5,000 worth of stolen retail at the property where vehicle was located.

Discussion followed regarding the Beach Life event and the reasonable sound from the event, staff did a great job in managing the crowds, theft incidents near the pallet shelter, if there is an increase in thefts because of the pallet shelter, District 4 and the pallet shelter, and survey on how individuals receive City news.

Police Officer Lofstrom responded to the Commissioners' questions and provided clarification.

J.5. DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY POLICING EVENTS

Police Officer Lofstrom provided the following Community Policing Events:

- Coffee with a Cop – May 28, 2022, in the Esplanade. Planning a different location in the summer.
- Citizens Police Academy Class of 2022 graduated this May. New session starting September 2022.
- Riviera Village Farmer's Market – Sunday, May 22, 2022
- Homeless Court – May 25, 2022
- June 12, 2022 – Community Partnership with the Elks Lodge for pancake breakfast.
- Blood Drive event at the Library.
- Police K9 Show at the Redondo High School – July 16, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Gupta asked for Police Officer Lofstrom to provide information on the Citizens Police Academy.

J.6. VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING REPORT

Police Officer Lofstrom provided the following Volunteers in Policing Report:

- Three Additional Categories in the Reports: Cold Cases, Administrative Cases, and Crime Analysis Data.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Gupta inquired about a survey on how individuals receive City news.

Commissioner Gittens inquired about the Beach Life event and traffic affecting policing and if that is something that the Commission should be looking at those details.

Police Officer Lofstrom responded and provided clarification.

Chair Gaul inquired about additional communication with the agencies.

Quality of Life Prosecutor Abaquin responded and provided clarification.

Chair Gaul inquired about an El Camino College worker training individual and invite someone from PATH, LAHSA, or Harbor Interfaith. Additionally, inquired about collecting data and improve the safety of the City.

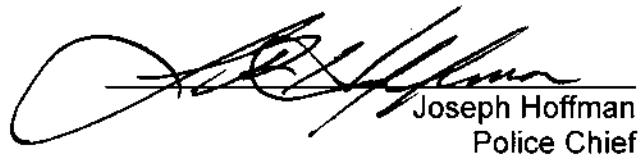
Commissioner Marinelli thanked Police Officer Lofstrom for conducting this Public Safety Commission meeting in person at the Redondo Beach Council Chambers.

L. ADJOURNMENT

By order of Chair Gaul, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM.

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Public Safety Commission will be a Regular Commission Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on July 18, 2022, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California and via teleconference.

All written comments submitted via e-Comment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.



Joseph Hoffman
Police Chief