

Pierpont Bay Community Council

General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 27, 2021
Location: VIA ZOOM
Time: 7:00 PM
Participants: M. Almeida, T. Foley, K. Hovey, R. Birney, L. Almeida, D. Roundtree + 8 other participants

7:02 PM - Meeting was called to order by M. Almeida.

7:05 PM - Treasurer's Report – T. Foley reported a total of \$15,500 which represents \$12,000 earmarked for the Lights on South Seaward project and \$3,500 in the general operating account.

7:05 PM - Secretary's Report – H. Stern reported that the last PBCC Board Meeting was conducted on July 13, 2021. In addition to Committee Reports that will be presented at the meeting, additional discussions were made about next steps for a new PBCC website and the National Night Out event that will be discussed by R. Birney.

7:07 PM - Police Report - Assistant Chief David Dickey presented the latest 28-day Ventura Police Crime Report – there were 10 thefts; 6 aggravated assaults (mostly domestic); 5 commercial burglaries (higher than normal related to storage sheds attached to houses); 4 vehicle thefts (unlocked car doors); 2 residential burglaries; 1 motor vehicle theft and 1 robbery. These statistics were a bit lower than the last few months.

Overall, as previously reported there has been a 23% rise in violent crimes year-to-year with a slight uptick in street robbery and a large 32% increase in sexual assaults. Most disturbing is the >40% increase in drug overdose calls. D. Dickey also briefly discussed delays in the planned installation of security cameras on Seaward Avenue and at the Ventura Pier. This has been a slower than anticipated process due mostly to the laws with public records and the City's continued search for better technologies to be used.

7:15 PM – State Parks – Tyson Butzke reported that the lifeguards have been extremely busy this summer which witnessed a 25% increase in daily use of the beaches/parks. No planned large City special events are on calendar yet. The Junior Lifeguard Program has been in full gear and State Parks is now fully staffed.

7:20 PM - Committee Reports

STVR's - Committee Chair Terry Foley reported that he continues to attend monthly City Council Meetings to promote the need for a new STVR City Ordinance to be included in the new General Plan. He is feeling optimistic that progress on a new STVR ordinance can be made by the end of 2021. Although the City has lost some important staff in the Planning and Community Development departments, hopefully the existing players can work together and make substantial progress towards this goal.

South Seaward Beautification - Committee Chair Dan Roundtree announced that the Pierpont community monument sign project which was approved is now being constructed. Dan estimates that construction of the sign should be completed in 8 weeks. A potential mural is being discussed to be drawn on the back of the liquor store on the corner of Seaward and Pierpont. A rendering of this mural has been presented by an artist and any public support to the city would be appreciated. The replanting of the medians on Seaward will be delayed until the installation of the new monument sign.

Beach- Committee Chair Robin Birney reported that she has a new volunteer for the Beach Committee. Robin announced the National Night Out event planned for August 3, 2021 at 4:00-6:00 PM @ Marina Park. A flyer has gone out to the Community as a reminder. In addition, guest speakers were announced for our August and September General Meetings.

Events- Committee Chair Lauren Almeida announced that the next Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 8 to 10 a.m.

7:40 PM - New Business/Open Forum – K. Hovey reported on the first Marina Park Playground Replacement meeting. An email will be sent out to the Community regarding the Power Point Presentation by Pacific Coast Land Design which presents vendor design options for the playground replacement. The community will be encouraged to vote for preferred options to help incorporate opinions in the design. Allison Harmon of the Children’s Medical Services also encouraged community members to express their opinions and thanked the involvement of the Marina Park Playground sub-committee.

The next PBCC General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

7:50 PM – Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by M. Almeida.