

Pierpont Bay Community Council

General Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2021
Location: VIA ZOOM
Time: 7:00 PM
Participants: M. Almeida, T. Foley, K. Hovey, R. Birney, L. Almeida, D. Roundtree + other participants

7:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by M. Almeida.

7:05 p.m. Treasurer's Report -Terry Foley reported a total of \$15,013 in our operating account.

7:03 p.m. Police Report - Commander David Dickey reported a citywide rise in the crime rate over last year, both in Part One property crimes (3-4%, mainly driven by commercial burglaries) and violent crime (5%, primarily robbery and aggravated assaults). The VPD crime map for May 14 through June 11 shows a total of 33 incidents in the Pierpont Bay area: 17 thefts, 1 commercial burglary, 1 robbery, 3 motor vehicle thefts, 6 burglaries from a vehicle, and 5 aggravated assaults.

David gave a broad overview of the VPD's plan for July 4, which includes adding 6 extra officers to patrol on Friday, July 2, four of whom have been specifically assigned to fireworks detail, from 5 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday, July 3, 6 extra officers be on fireworks duty from 5 p.m. to midnight, 2 of whom are specifically assigned the Pierpont Bay area, including the harbor and pier, and on Sunday, July 4, there will be 8 officers, plus a sergeant, assigned specifically to Pierpont and the beach areas from 2 p.m. until midnight. Additionally, 5 to 6 State Parks Rangers will be deployed, bringing the total combined extra force to around 15. VPD is also in contact with park staff about installing extra trash cans and additional personnel to pick them up. David indicated that VPD had success in the last couple years in deploying portable lighting units on the beach, which tends to deter those setting up large mortars. In addition to the 9 total officers assigned to the Pierpont area, VPD will also deploy additional officers citywide to respond to fireworks calls and issues. "We have pretty robust staffing, and a watch commander who will oversee those patrol each of those nights," David said, but it remains "a tough situation for the police department to be in" due to divisions within Pierpont Bay community regarding fireworks displays.

7:15 p.m. Guest Speakers -Deputy Public Works Director Mary George Ivers gave a presentation on the city's new Safe Sidewalks Program, which has been allocated the following funds for the calendar year beginning July 1: \$200,000 for the citywide Sidewalks Maintenance Program, \$350,000 for the department's new Resident-Initiated Sidewalk Program, and a total of \$591,000 for capital improvement projects, which include \$400,000 for design and implementation of improvements on the Westside and \$191,000 for accessible sidewalks and right-of-way on Cameron Street.

The Sidewalk Disruption Map, which can be found on the city's website, identifies around 1,700 disruptions currently that the city will work on mitigating. "When we get an email or a phone call or a report from the My Ventura website of a disruption on the sidewalk, we send our Public Works team out to inspect and document and put it into our inventory," Mary stated. The new Measure O-funded Sidewalk Repair Reimbursement Program offers residents an opportunity to be reimbursed for sidewalk repairs totaling 50%

or up to \$2,500 per property and 75% up to \$3,750 per property for qualified low-income residents. Applications are being accepted now, Mary says. Go to safesidewalks@cityofventura.ca.gov to submit, either by downloading the PDF or completing the form online.

7:28 p.m. City of Ventura Parks Project Supervisor Mario Robinson spoke about the Marina Park Playground Replacement Project, which is just getting underway. Moving forward, Mario will be the community's contact person for the project, replacing Parks and Recreation Manager Tom Martin. "We are very excited to start," said Mario. "We never want to see playgrounds that are down and not available for our community kids to enjoy." He will be working closely with the PBCC, the Marina Park Playground sub-committee and the team from Pacific Coast Land Design to facilitate the replacement process. PCLD Senior Associate Eric Berg introduced his team, who gave a brief slide presentation on material options. Team members include Senior Associate Chris Horton, who is also a Pierpont resident, and PCLD Landscape Designer Emily Farlog, who has experience in playground reconstruction. The goal, Eric stated, will be to replace the deteriorated structures "as quickly as possible" with the most durable, cost effective and enjoyable alternatives available. The first sub-committee meeting is expected to take place in the second week of July.

7:40 p.m. Committee Reports

STVR's - Committee Chair Terry Foley reported that both he and Events Committee Chair Lauren Almeida received highly positive feedback after speaking at the recent City Council meeting on the STVR issue. Terry remains optimistic regarding development of a new ordinance.

South Seaward Beautification - Committee Chair Dan Roundtree announced that the Pierpont community monument sign project has finally been awarded both coastal and city permits, with construction set to begin in approximately 20 days. Dan estimates the project will take four to eight weeks to complete. Electrical drawings for the Lights on South Seaward project are nearing completion and will be submitted to the city soon. After a spectacular floral display in the South Seaward medians, the octopus agave had "reached their life expectancy and then some," Dan said, and were recently cut down. The medians will be replanted within the next few months.

Beach- Committee Chair Robin Birney reported that the city has approved the replacement of 2 Stormwater Lift Stations at both Devon and Weymouth Lanes. This project is expected to commence soon and Robin will keep the community informed regarding timelines and progress. Robin also reported that the volunteers for the city's Active Transportation Focus Group (ATFG) are Hugh McTenan and Larry Harris. The volunteers for the Marina Park Playground sub-committee are Reisa Freeling and Kate Gullickson and the volunteers for the Emergency Evacuation Committee are Shelba Robinson and Yvonne Glasses.

Events- Committee Chair Lauren Almeida announced that the next Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, July 3., from 8 to 10 a.m.

7:55 p.m. - New Business/Open Forum - There were a few questions and comments from community members on a variety of topics. The next PBCC General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m.

8:00 p.m. - Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by M. Almeida.