

Pierpont Bay Community Council

General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 18, 2021
Location: VIA ZOOM
Time: 7:00 PM
Participants: M. Almeida, T. Foley, R. Birney, L. Almeida, H. Stern, D. Roundtree + 17 other participants

7:02 PM - Meeting was Called to Order by Council Chair Michael Almeida.

Michael welcomed all the participants.

7:04 PM – H. Stern presented the Secretary’s Report which provided summary of our May 4, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Stern reported that the PBCC was looking into using some of its funds to revise or redo its website. Deputy Mayor Joe Schroeder suggested we explore obtaining some of the City’s stimulus funds to help subsidize PBCC initiatives. T. Foley will speak to Marie Lakin of District 4 to inquire about this.

7:06 PM – T. Foley presented the Treasurer’s Report. He reported that the account balance was approximately \$3,500 and that an additional approximate amount of \$12,000 was received and earmarked for the pending Light Up South Seaward project.

7:08 PM – Tyson Butzke of State Parks was not in attendance to provide his report.

7:09 PM – Police Report was presented by Assistant Chief David Dickey. The monthly crime patterns for Pierpont for the last 28 days were modest. There were 3 three crimes in the Lanes consisting of vehicle commercial thefts. On a year-to-date basis, property crime in the City of Ventura is up 4% compared to the prior year mostly consisting of non-residential burglaries. Theft is up about 5%. However, there has been a significant 19% increase in violent crimes. Street robberies have increased 90% in 2021 and sexual assaults have risen 18%. Assistant Chief Dickey reminded us that it is Mental Health Awareness Month.

7:15 PM - Mr. Almeida confirmed the existing slate of PBCC officers in the Election of Officers. It is comprised of the same Board members as last year.

7:17 PM - Committee Reports

STVR's – T. Foley spoke with Joe Schroeder and City Attorney Greg Diaz and asked for a formal opinion on Mr. Schroeder’s ability to vote and/or lobby for the new STVR ordinance as Mr. Schroder is in District 7, the District that will be most affected by a new ordinance. Mr. Foley once again spoke at City Council meeting emphasizing the key issues such as density, proximity and enforcement that need to be addressed in a new STVR ordinance.

Seaward Beautification – D. Roundtree reported that there is a scheduled June 10 Administrative Hearing regarding the proposed monument sign. Dan shared a rendering of the proposed sign that will be located in the planter at the entrance of Pierpont/Seaward. As for the Light Up South of Seward project, electrical drawings are being drawn up by an engineer and will be submitted to the City for review.

Beach - R. Birney reported that ACE Charter School will resume their planned project to build doggy bag receptacles for each Lane in Pierpont. No estimated completion time was given.

Events – L. Almeida was pleased to announce that the next Pierpont Beach Clean-Up event will be held on June 5, 2021. A flyer will go out to remind and encourage the Community to participate.

7:30 PM – New Business/Open Forum –

Deputy Mayor Schroeder reported that the City has conducted two of three planned workshops regarding the 2021-22 city budget. The City has been allocated \$16.3 million in stimulus funds. He also reported that the City has made a commitment to conduct a quarterly clean-up of the riverbed, which has about 250 tons of trash on an annual basis.

R. Birney reported that we will have a representative from Public Works at our June meeting to talk about the Safe Sidewalks Program. Additionally, Robin noted that Pierpont got two community members to join the the Active Transportation Focus Group (ATFG), which aims to develop a plan to enhance pedestrian and bike infrastructure.

Finally, Tom Martin of the City of Ventura asked if he could attend our June meeting and discuss the Marina Park playground.

M. Almedia informed the participants that our next General Meeting will be held on June 15.

7:45 PM – Meeting was adjourned by Michael Almeida.