

**PIERPONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Minutes of Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:** Total membership in attendance: 18

PCC Officers: Dan Scully, Chair  
Mike Biedebach, Vice Chair  
Howard Stern, Treasurer  
Laura Kinney, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**ELECTION OF PCC OFFICERS:** Dan Scully reached out to all PCC members to consider serving on the PCC Board. Elections will be held at the May PCC meeting. The board is specifically seeking candidates for Vice Chair and Treasurer, as well as at-large members who would serve as committee chairs. Please contact Dan if you have any interest in becoming a Board member. Dan will reach out to PCC members for a 2<sup>nd</sup> time through NextDoor and email to encourage volunteers.

**VERIZON CELL TOWER:** Pierpont/Keys residents Beate Schickerling, Harry Gaskill and Gina Tanner presented concerns about the proposed Verizon cell tower to be installed near Vons. The main concerns are the potential negative health effects of Radio Frequency Emissions (“RFE”), and the aesthetic impact. At its 2/21/2017 meeting, Ventura City Council denied Verizon’s application. Verizon has appealed, and the appeal will be heard by City Council in about 10 days.

**POLICE REPORT:** Report presented by Commander David Dickey, Ventura Police Department

- Crime was down compared to the prior month, and way down compared to Ventura as a whole.
- A question was asked about what happens when people are released from the Ventura County jail located on Victoria Avenue. CDR Dickey explained that the booking facility for every city in Ventura County is located at the Ventura County jail on Victoria, and anyone released from booking or jail is released at the Ventura County courthouse. The suggestion was made to provide transportation back to the released people’s home city.

**UPDATE ON CITY COUNCIL’S STVR REVIEW PROCESS:** presented by Mike Biedebach

- The city plans to select volunteers for the STVR Stakeholders group this month (March). The City’s intent is to create a balanced group of stakeholders who represent pro, con, and neutral positions on STVRs. The stakeholders will meet several times over the next several months to review the current STVR ordinance and suggest possible changes.
- A summary of inputs from the public Community Meetings held on 12/13/16 and 1/31/17 can be found on the City of Ventura website, <http://www.cityofventura.net/ft/STVR>.

**SURFRIDER FOUNDATION ASHCAN PROJECT:** Surfrider foundation is seeking donors to fund and maintain “Ashcans” for the collection of cigarette butts. Some Ashcans are already in use in downtown Ventura, Seaward Avenue and the Ventura Pier. The goal is to properly dispose of butts to prevent the significant pollution and environmental detriment caused by cigarette butts. For more information, please go to <https://ventura.surfrider.org/new-ash-cans-in-downtown-ventura/>.

**DANITA RODRIGUEZ, New Superintendent of California State Parks:**

- Danita Rodriguez is the new Superintendent of CA State Parks in the Channel Coast Region (covering Mandalay SB to Point Sal SB) Danita transferred here from the Bay Area District. Danita was part of the State Parks Transformation Team for 2 years, tasked with implementing suggestions for improving the

State Park system. This is Danita's second stint in the Channel Coast Region (left 9 years ago to move north).

- Danita will be involved in the issues of rocks on the beaches and handling the sand blown onto the lanes. State Parks intends to meet with the City of Ventura in April. Currently, the Coastal Commission's main driver is to "preserve the natural condition" of the beach. Grooming the beach has not happened since 2006-7 or earlier.
- Any changes in the current processes will require agreement from the CA Coastal Commission, permits, etc. Many residents are hoping to be allowed to push the blown sand back onto the beach (rather than truck the sand to surfers point or elsewhere), and to be allowed to cover up the many rocks on the beach which seriously interfere with recreational use of the beach.
- When asked what happens to the sand that's picked up from the lanes, Danita said some of it is stored near Santa Clara until it is "repurposed" (meaning sold).

**VENTURA WATER'S ADVANCED METER INFRASTRUCTURE ("AMI") PROJECT (Craig Jones and Joe Zdybowicz):**

- Ventura Water is implementing an automated metering system. No jobs will be displaced by the automation (current meter readers will be reassigned). The project will be phased in over the next 2-3 years.
- "Smart Meters" and a web portal will allow customers to see their real-time water usage by the hour, allowing customers to actively manage their water usage and understand their water consumption. The system also provides advanced leak detection and notification. Overall, the new metering system should result in significant water savings.
- Each water customer will eventually have a smart meter. Data from the smart meter is transferred to AMI Data Collector boxes (small boxes mounted on existing traffic poles), which then send data over existing cellular networks to Ventura Water. Customers will be able to access their water data through a CustomerConnect web portal.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Laura Kinney, Secretary  
Pierpont Community Council