

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
April 11, 2016 at 8:30 am  
Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena**

Dr. Harry Lieberman, Chair  
Janet Braun, Vice-Chair  
Vernon Rene Daley, Member  
Ellen Daigle, Member - not present  
Luis Reinoso, Member  
Alex Wing, Member – excused at 9:20am  
Robert S. Joe, Council Liaison - not present  
Art Miller, Police Chief – Staff Liaison  
Mario Rueda, Fire Chief – Staff Liaison

Call to Order. Chair Dr. Harry Lieberman opened the meeting at 8:30am.

Approval of Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the Commission's February 8, 2016 meeting was moved to accept by Commissioner Braun and seconded by Commissioner Daley. The March 14, 2016 minutes was moved to accept by Commissioner Daley and seconded by Commissioner Braun.

Public Comments. None.

Council Liaison Comments. None.

Application for Membership for Public Safety Commission. Chair Dr. Lieberman advised the two candidates for membership include Alan Ehrlich and Robert Ettinger. The decision to choose belongs to Mayor Mahmud. Any feedback or comments regarding the applications can be directed to Mayor Mahmud.

Follow up on Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Chair Dr. Lieberman advised that the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was held on February 23, 2016 at Oneonta Congregational Church. The breakfast was well attended including fire and police personnel and Chief Rueda noted the value of public safety participating in community events. LAPD Deputy Chief Mike Downing was the guest speaker.

Chief Miller Liaison Report. Chief Miller advised the following: Sgt. Abdalla and the SET team are in the process of conducting Tactical Medical training at Glendale PD and estimate that over a total of 600 officers, Area C wide, will be trained by the end of this year. Chief Miller and Command Staff were successful in obtaining a \$100,000 grant for training that will be funded in 2017. Mary Urquhart will be awarded a plaque from Fire/Police at the April 20, 2016 City Council meeting. Corporal Robledo

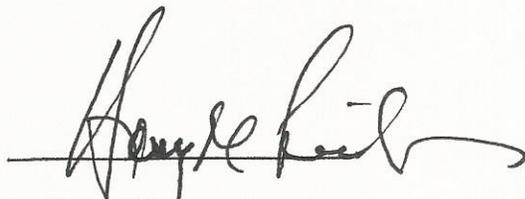
was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Phillips will be promoted to Corporal later in April. A new K-9 officer will be selected to replace Sgt. Robledo. Three recruits will graduate from the academy in May and one recruit in June. Commissioner Reinoso will work with the PD to do a cost analysis regarding the cost of training and personnel turnover. Commissioner Wing requested that City Council Members be given the opportunity for ride-alongs. Crossing guard coverage is funded out of the PD and depletes personnel resources, this detail may become privatized. All Commissioners offered their support/assistance for contract negotiation as the POA contract expires in June, 2017.

Chief Rueda Liaison Report. Chief Rueda advised that Fire has standardized procedures between San Gabriel, San Marino and South Pasadena. The evening after training was completed there was a large fire in San Marino with a seamless application of procedure. The City Manager and City Attorney are reviewing the cost neutral request to share personnel between San Marino and South Pasadena. Medical transport is approximately \$2000 (per ride) and there is a review in progress for shared benefits between the three cities. The City Manager is reviewing the request to upgrade an engine to be a full paramedic engine. The cost is approximately \$2000 and consists of adding a locked box and narcotics. Fire is currently hiring to fill one vacancy and projects losing one engineer by end of year.

CERT and Neighborhood Watch Report. Commissioner Reinoso advised that he attended a Neighborhood Watch meeting in Monterey Hills. He is actively recruiting by word of mouth for volunteers and is partnering with Det. Lee. Chief Miller advised there will be a Block Captain's meeting on April 27th.

Commissioner's Comments. Next month's meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2016 at 8:30am in the EOC. Commissioner Braun requested status of budget and both Chief Miller and Rueda advised both budgets are satisfactory. Commissioner Lieberman was advised by Chief Miller that the expected location of the new EOC will be a multi-functional unit in the current Council Chambers. An expected \$100,00 is to be added to the existing \$200,000 as of July 1<sup>st</sup> for the EOC. Commissioner Daley requested if Sgt. Abdalla could provide an abbreviated Tac Med training class to a group of three to five and Chief Miller will advise. It was requested by the Commissioners to have an abbreviated simulation of the EOC at the June PSC meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35am.



Dr. Harry Lieberman

Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Idessa Gonzales

Police Clerk