

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
May 9, 2016 at 8:30 am
Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena**

Dr. Harry Lieberman, Chair
Janet Braun, Vice-Chair
Ellen Daigle, Member – excused at 9:30am
Vernon Rene Daley, Member
Luis Reinoso, Member
Alex Wing, Member – not present
Robert S. Joe, Council Liaison
Sue Kaplan, South Pasadena CERT Committee Chairperson
Paul Riddle, Deputy Fire Chief
Mario Rueda, Fire Chief Staff Liaison
Art Miller, Police Chief Staff Liaison – not present
Matthew Ronnie, Police Sargeant

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

Approval of Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the Commission's April 11, 2016 meeting was moved to accept by Commissioner Braun and seconded by Commissioner Daley.

Public Comments. Sue Kaplan, CERT Chair suggested the PSC webpage provide more pertinent information to include when, where, members, term limits, staff liaison and mission statement for easy access and transparency to the public. The suggestion was moved to accept by Commissioner Daley and seconded by Commissioner Braun. Commissioner Reinoso will check with Chris Castruita, Management Analyst for direction on how to proceed.

Council Liaison Comments. Councilmember Joe advised of the AmGen Bike Tour on May 16, 2016 with FD/PD participation. The Mission Meridian structure will now offer public parking at 12:00 noon which will be consistent with other Goldline parking lots. City Council increased fees to developers for residential and commercial property improvements to \$7.65 a square yard with funds to go to directly to parks. "Pocket parks" (passive parks) will be purchased on Berkshire and Grevalia, there is no impact for additional police/patrol expected. A new ordinance has been passed which prohibits inflatable structures in the parks.

Search for New Commissioner. Chair Dr. Lieberman advised that the search for a new PSC Commissioner is in progress and Mayor Mahmud makes the recommendation once a decision has been made.

Chief Rueda Liaison Report. Chief Rueda discussed new equipment that includes breathing apparatus and defibrillator. He advised that FD is researching alternate fuel vehicles. At this time the industry standard is diesel but FD continues to research. Chief Rueda and Deputy Chief Riddle are learning about hydrogen fuel safety and inspection as hydrogen fuel will be housed at the ARCO station. Brush notifications have been sent out. FD will have two paramedics and a Gator at the AmGen Bike Tour at the Command Post on May 16, 2016. Deputy Chief Riddle advised that Mission will be shut down from Fremont to Meridian. Train service will not be disrupted. CERT volunteers will be utilized at this event. Chief Rueda advised there is a new Edison contact who is eager to work with FD and the City. Commissioner Daigle requested Edison be advised that power outages happen recurrently and are adversely impacting local business and residents. Trees not trimmed in a timely manner contribute to the problem.

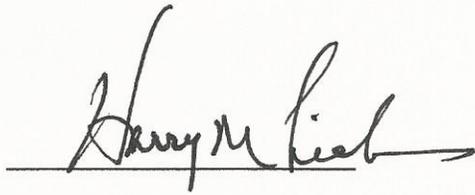
Chief Miller Liaison Report. Sgt. Ronnie represented Chief Miller as PD Liaison. Three recruits attending LASD academy ran in the Colors Run for fallen officers on April 18, 2016 at Zuma Beach. The recruits graduated last Friday, May 6th at LASD Biscailuz Center and Chief Miller was the keynote speaker. Officer Perez will assume the K-9 officer assignment vacated by Sgt. Robledo. Officer Phillips was promoted to Corporal and a new Police Assistant was hired. Det. Lee hosted a Neighborhood Watch Block Captains meeting on April 27, 2016. Officer Johnson reported today to West Covina to participate in a two-three year assignment for a narcotics task force. PD will participate in the Amgen Bike Tour on May 16, 2016. The Special Olympic's Torch Run will take place on June 9, 2016 at 7:00am. Corporal/FTO Salcido and trainee Officer Wiley responded to a call for service last night on May 8th for a suicidal subject who threatened to jump onto the 110 freeway. The officers were able to safely get her to the sidewalk – it was Officer Wiley's first day on patrol.

CERT Liaison Report. Sue Kaplan, South Pasadena CERT Committee Chair advised that on April 13, 2016 there was a CERT training meeting using the Map Your Neighborhood module. Forty-five volunteers were graduated. Additionally, she handed out a Map Your Neighborhood pamphlet and class statistics. Three neighborhoods in South Pasadena are interested in the Map Your Neighborhood module. Local business Heartsaver Education will instruct CERT in First Aid and CPR training at a discounted price of \$50 per person. Ms. Kaplan advised on May 14, 2016 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm CERT will celebrate a first and second year anniversary luncheon in the FD backlot. PSC is invited to join the luncheon. Deputy Chief Riddle advised that the AmGen Bike Tour on May 16th will be CERT's first opportunity to assist in a volunteer capacity. FD is working on how to call out volunteers and a code of conduct. Additionally, Chief Rueda and Deputy Chief Riddle thanked Sue Kaplan for the many hours and excellent leadership she has provided to CERT. September is National Preparedness Month and it was suggested that the Commission contact Bill Glazier at the South Pasadena Review to run an article profiling CERT and how to prepare for an emergency.

Neighborhood Watch Liaison Report. Commissioner Reinoso attended a "train the trainer" class and would like to use the Map Your Neighborhood module to establish block captains and volunteers. Additionally, he discussed the Zello app that works like a walkie talkie and could be useful to CERT and residents. One drawback is that anyone can use the app.

Commissioner's Comments. Next month's meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 8:30am in the EOC. Commissioner Daley indicated he was able to refer an upset neighbor to file a police report online. PD staffing and availability in the station was discussed and online crime reporting for minor crimes was determined to be a useful, efficient tool for residents when PD officers are out on calls for service. PD long term staffing goals plan for a forty officer department. Commissioner Braun advised the POA contract expires June, 2017. The Commission concurred the importance for Public Safety to obtain, staff and retain quality employees with competitive salaries. The Commission asked the status of simulated EOC training requested for the June PSC meeting and Chief Rueda will check with Chief Miller for status.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05am.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harry M. Lieberman", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Harry Lieberman

Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Idessa Gonzales

Police Clerk