

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA  
October 17, 2016 at 9:00 am  
Fire Department EOC Room, 817 Mound Avenue, South Pasadena, CA**

**Dr. Harry Lieberman, Chair – not present**  
**Janet Braun, Vice-Chair, arrived at 9:07am**  
**Ellen Daigle, Member – arrived at 9:32am**  
**Vernon Rene Daley, Member**  
**Robert Ettinger, Member – excused at 10:17am**  
**Luis Reinoso, Member**  
**Alex Wing, Member**  
**Robert S. Joe, Council Liaison – not present**  
**Paul Riddle, Deputy Fire Chief Liaison – not present**  
**Mario Rueda, Fire Chief Staff**  
**Art Miller, Police Chief Staff Liaison – not present**  
**Brian Solinsky, Police Captain**  
**Sue Kaplan, South Pasadena CERT Committee Chairperson**

Call to Order. Vice-Chair Commissioner Braun opened the meeting at 9:07am.

Approval of Minutes. Approval of the minutes of the Commission's September 12, 2016 meeting was moved to approval by Commissioner Braun and seconded by Commissioner Wing.

Public Comments. Sue Kaplan, CERT Committee Chairperson, advised that on October 13, 2016 President Obama issued an Executive Order for the nation to prepare for adverse weather events. FEMA is tasked with providing guidance/checklist to supporting agencies. The chromium level of South Pasadena's water supply was discussed. The current level of chromium is 4.2 and the suggested level is .02 (parts per billion). The PSC expressed concern over chromium levels with a call for research; Chief Rueda will fact find with Public Works and provide details at the November, 2016 meeting. Concerns over a large scale electricity failure that would impact the availability of water was also discussed and Chief Rueda agreed to research with Public Works regarding infrastructure as a starting point. Cpt. Solinsky advised the Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) addresses the City's role in disaster assistance/relief. All agreed for the need to work toward resolutions for these issues utilizing dialogue, persistence and creative solutions.

Council Liaison Comments. None.

Chief Rueda Liaison Report. Chief Rueda advised of staffing vacancies in the near future. FD will evaluate how to fill within Shared Command the positions of Deputy Chief and Division Chief. Office

of Emergency Services (OES) put out a statewide warning earlier this month advising of possible earthquakes due to swarms of smaller earthquakes for cautions sake. No state jurisdictional action was taken. Chief Rueda provided a handout for the Red Flag Parking Restriction Survey which is in progress. He advised that the State indicated in 2007/2008 the City excluded itself as a high risk fire area and that policy decision will be re-examined in 2018. Evaluation of whether to restrict parking or use red flag days or a combination of both will be determined and proposed once the survey is completed and reviewed.

Chief Miller Liaison Report. Cpt. Solinsky represented Chief Miller as PD Liaison. PD Formal Inspection will occur on October 24, 2016 at 10am in front of the station on Mission. The EOP is finalized and will be distributed in digital form. Cpt. Solinsky advised that after a past PD staff report was presented to Council, a portion of asset forfeiture from WCSET will be added to the monies the City has allocated for the new EOC. The shared FD/PD courtyard is currently under evaluation as a possible long term facility for the EOC. The bid process will begin shortly for the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) possibly in February, 2017. Cpt. Solinsky provided details regarding the incidents of the stolen patrol vehicle that was totaled with a suspect fatality and the officer involved shooting for a burglary in progress on Huntington. He advised both incidents are being investigated by the appropriate agencies and the officer involved in both incidents is recovering and expected to return back to duty shortly.

Discussion of South Pasadena Police Department's Contract with West Covina Police Department Special Enforcement Team (WCSET). Cpt. Solinsky advised that Council approved and unanimously passed PD's participation in WCSET. The assigned officer brings previous training to the task force and is a good fit for the position. The officer is designated to the task force for three to five years. SPPD benefits from the education and support the officer and task force share with the Department. As of the last Council Meeting asset forfeiture totals approximately \$400,000.

Discussion of Annual Report of the Public Safety Commission. Commissioner Braun advised that Commissioner Dr. Lieberman and CERT Chair Kaplan prepared the PSC Annual Report which covers the timeframe from July, 2015 through June, 2016. A handout of the Annual Report was passed out.

Discussion of Chromium Level in South Pasadena Water Supply. Chromium levels in the South Pasadena water supply was discussed in Public Comments, please see above.

Commissioner's Comments. Commissioner Reinoso reported that a good number of city trees are not in good shape and suffer from insects, disease and tree decay. Commissioner Braun indicated various groups within the City study trees and Commissioner Reinoso agreed to contact Public Works and the Natural Resource Commission to research this issue. He will report back with information on the urban forest at the November, 2016 PSC meeting. CERT Representative Kaplan advised 40 people graduated from CERT training October 15<sup>th</sup> bringing the total to 140 citizens that are CERT trained largely due to Map Your Neighborhood (MYN). CERT training occurs in February and October of each year with a refresher course in May. CERT volunteers need a new level of attention to remain focused, engaged and to keep perishable skills sharp. The evolution of CERT 2.0 was discussed. The PSC commended the leadership provided by CERT Chair Kaplan and the support of Detective Lee in conjunction with FD and PD.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20am. The next PSC meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2016.

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

Dr. Harry Lieberman

Chairperson

Respectfully submitted,

Idessa Gonzales

Police Clerk