



PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM
AUGUST 19, 2020

Present: Brian White, Greg Daunoras, Marcella Bothwell, Susan Crowers, Brian Curry, Denise Friedman, Brianna Jackson, Charlie Nieto, Jane Nobbs, Karl Rand, Tony Schlegel, Ron Walker

Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian White welcomed viewers to the PBTC General Meeting being streamed live via Zoom on Facebook. We are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit here to serve the community.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Fire Station 21 – Captain Richard Marcello

Summer activity picking up with tourists. There have been many reports of fires in the sand outside of designated fire rings or personal fire pits (which are legal). The fire department is working with code enforcement to get the police or lifeguards to write citations for this violation, because currently the people are only told to put the fires out. Huge bonfires are not permissible.

There was a Firefighter Memorial paddle out for engineer Ryan Ferrara from Station 21 on 7/31/20.

SDPD Northern Division – Officer Brandon Broaddus

Officer Broaddus updated us on recent Beach Team activity and gearing up for Labor Day.

San Diego Lifeguards – Lt. Rick Stropky

No report

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Discover PB – Sara Berns

Reported that Beachfest has been cancelled due to COVID. Greg Daunoras from the Special Events Committee reported that Ocean Blvd (from Thomas to Grand) will be closed effective Friday for a dining parklet for Waterbar and Shore Club for 4 months until the end of the year.

Labor Day Lunches for SDPD and all First Responders

Denise Friedman reported that PBTC will be providing pizzas to Fire Station 21, and contributing to the Labor Day lunches for first responders at the command post at Belmont Park.

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Cory Stapleton from PATH (People Assisting the Homeless)

Cory is an outreach worker in the Pacific Beach community doing street level case management. PATH workers build rapport with people living on the streets or in their cars and tries to pair them up with services, resources or housing. Contact Cory via email corys@path.org.

U.S. Census 2020 Information – Raquel Juarez

Raquel shared with us that Pacific Beach is considered a “hard to count” area due to Short Term Vacation Rentals. It is based on one’s primary residence on 4/01/20. It’s important for everyone to complete the census because it brings funding and resources to your community. So far, there has been a 59% response rate in Pacific Beach, compared to 67% in 2010. It can be completed online at www.2020census.gov or call for assistance at 619-695-5657, otherwise a census worker will go to your residence. Deadline for response is September 30, 2020.

ReWild Mission Bay – Andrew Meyer, San Diego Audubon Society

Andrew shared information about wetland restoration for the Northeast corner of Mission Bay. In recent decades (mid 1900s) the City of San Diego and Army Corps of Engineers focused Mission Bay toward recreation and away from habitat and water quality value. For more information, go to www.rewildmissionbay.org.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (District 39) – Miller Saltzman

Miller reported that there was a call for voluntary electricity conservation due to the heat wave. San Diego is now off the state’s county monitoring watch list, but we still need to wear masks, social distance and limit size of gatherings. The governor has declared a state of emergency due to fires and extreme weather. There was a question about Prop 20 ballot initiative to roll back some of the negative effects from Prop 47. Miller could not address the question but is available by email.

Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell (District 2) -- Jordan Beane

No report

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher (District 4) – Emily Wier

No report

Assemblymember Todd Gloria (District 78) – Michaela Valk

No report

PB Planning Group – Karl Rand, Chair

Three projects have been recently approved at the August 12th meeting. Streets and Sidewalks committee reported on getting designated parking for our lifeguards. Increase in traffic accidents at Beryl and Kendall, so a study has been requested. A tree was saved at 1109 Tourmaline St with plans for the sidewalk to go around the tree. The Planning Group has requested that the slow-street project be expanded to include Hornblend St. The Planning Group heard from Paige and Regina about renaming Pacific Beach Community Park “William and Fannie Payne Park” and like the PBTC, the PBPG endorsed that proposal. Next meeting is September 9th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:23 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Crowers, Secretary

