



**PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL**  
**VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING via ZOOM**  
**OCTOBER 21, 2020**

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**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:** 6:30

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Brian White welcomed viewers to the PBTC General Meeting being streamed live via Zoom on Facebook. PBTC is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit here to serve the community. PBTC's next WEED ABATEMENT event will be held Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> – check website for details.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

**SDPD Northern Division – Officer Brandon Broaddus & Lt. Lisa McKean**

Beach team has been working with ABC and Vice on Covid violations and are monitoring bars and restaurants on a weekly basis. Any violations should be reported to Vice/ABC for a compliance check. Concerns were voiced about the increase of encampments and graffiti in the Rose Creek area. Police are aware of this- in addition to reporting on the Get It Done app, also send a picture and email to Officer Broaddus. Businesses along the boardwalk & Garnet Avenue have also been impacted by increased homelessness and are complaining it's driving customers away. Lt. McKean reported that according to Capt. Wahl in Neighborhood Policing Division, homelessness has decreased by 12%, and it is anticipated there will be further decreases since the City purchased two hotels to be turned into homeless shelters within 6 months. Beach and Criminal Suppression Teams continue to work on the bike theft issue with some success, but it's important for owners to have their bike serial numbers registered. Questions about rampant sidewalk vending on the beaches and boardwalk led to discussion of the problematic SB 946. PBTC supported the draft ordinance for sidewalk vending when it was brought to City Council committee over a year ago, but it has never gone to the full City Council for approval. Lt McKean said that police can enforce encroachment issues related to sidewalk vending if vendors are obstructing a public thoroughfare. She also encouraged citizens to continue to report issues, because police staffing is allocated based on calls for service. Report these issues on the non-urgent call number and press the star button (\*) to get around the phone tree. However, if public safety is even *potentially* in jeopardy, call 911.

## **Fire Station 21 – Capt. Richard Marcello**

Fire Station 21 just released a Public Service Announcement to social media addressing the guidelines for beach fires. Unlike SDPD, there is no ability to triage a 911 call about illegal fires on the beach and they are required to respond to ALL calls, which can negatively impact true emergency calls, like a structure fire, or cardiac arrest. The PSA can be viewed on Instagram PACIFICBEACH\_FIRESTATION21. The non-emergency call numbers for reporting illegal beach fires are: 619-531-2000 and 858-484-3154.

## **San Diego Lifeguards – Sgt. Charles Knight**

Sgt. Knight reported 130 rescues in Pacific Beach during October. They have noticed a slowdown in beach fires as compared with the summer. Lifeguard hours now end at 18:30 and that will change to 17:00 as of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Staffing is at “normal-permanent” with two “seasonals” on the weekdays and 4-6 “seasonals” on the weekends. There was a community member request for the lifeguards to do loudspeaker announcements from the Grand Ave tower reminding beachgoers to pick up trash before leaving. Another request to monitor boat and jet ski speeding on Mission Bay. If there are concerns related to speeding or excessive boat noise after lifeguard hours, call the SDPD non-urgent number.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

### **Garnet Ave Block Captain Program – Eve Anderson**

Eve reported that the Garnet Block Captain Program (co-sponsored by the PBTC and PBPG) is up and running; it’s like Neighborhood Watch, but for businesses. Eve’s team has made contact with every business on Garnet from Crystal Pier to Ingraham St, with the plan to link these businesses together to facilitate communication and problem solve. There are 10 block captains covering 9 blocks, and the biggest issue continues to be trash. Their launch coincided with the PBTC’s power-washing program and they are working to get a commitment from landlords to continue the cleaning on a regular basis.

## **GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell (District 2) – Monique Tello**

Regarding the expected De Anza update, City staff has not prepared the report and the D2 office is asking again for that information to be brought to the November meeting, which is the last of the year. Regarding the sidewalk vending issue, Councilmember Campbell is committed to working with the new mayor and city councilmembers after the election. Issues brought to Monique’s attention included (1) traffic medians (weed abatement, overall improvements and use of herbicides), (2) the ongoing flooding problem at Mission Bay High School and (3) overflowing trashcans at STVRs and the vacationers putting their trash in other residents’ trashcans leading to flies and unsanitary conditions in the alleys of Pacific Beach. Monique will follow up.

### **County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher (District 4) – Aaron Burgess**

Aaron is taking over for Emily Wier, his email is: [aaron.burgess@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:aaron.burgess@sdcounty.ca.gov)

The recently approved Jacobs/Fletcher Initiated Plan for Tobacco Retail License Ordinance will hold retailers more accountable and curb tobacco use by youth. The office has developed job training for social workers due to increases in domestic violence during Covid.

**Assemblymember Todd Gloria (District 78) – Michaela Valk**

California is one of 8 states where Covid -19 transmission is decreasing or flattening, due to mask wearing, social distancing, overall trust in public health officials, and sustained caution with re-openings. The legislative session has ended, the governor has signed AB 2517, AB 2731, and AB 3088.

**PBTC ELECTIONS**

Nominations Committee Chair Jane Nobbs presented the candidate slate for 2021 as prepared by the Nominations Committee. While a full slate, PBTC has opportunities and encourages general members to serve on a number of committees- see PBTC website for a complete list. No additional nominations were made. Scott Chipman motioned to close nominations and accept the 2021 slate of candidates. Brianna Jackson seconded the motion; and there was no opposition by the general membership. The motion was passed. The officers and directors will take office on January 1, 2021. The installation ceremony will likely be virtual and will be announced at a later date.

**PB Planning Group – Karl Rand**

At the PBPG Oct 14th meeting, Scott Chipman gave details about the drainage and flooding problems near Mission Bay High School. A tree on the 1100 block of Tourmaline was potentially scheduled to be removed due to a curb/sidewalk repair issue. Three different solutions were proposed, the City followed PBPG's recommendation in a unanimous vote to save the tree and keep the curb line as is. Parking Advisory presentation made a presentation about proposed parking meters, however, due to public interest, the discussion will be continued at the next meeting followed by a vote on whether or not PBPG will endorse the pilot program. The Complete Communities proposal is scheduled to go before the City Council on Nov. 9th. The STVR issue has been delayed after a 4-3 vote by the commission to get more details. It was then to go back to the planning commission on Dec. 3rd, however, Councilmember Campbell's office is presenting it to the Community Planners Committee (CPC) for endorsement on Oct. 27th.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Cory Briggs, candidate for City Attorney wants to make the office transparent, making it "the people's law office and not special interests' law office." A couple of issues he addressed: STVRs are illegal, any proposal to regulate them is a proposal to relax the rules. Regarding sidewalk vendors, he said there are carve-outs (public health & safety for food sales, disability access and coastal access) in the SB946 that would allow for immediate enforcement, but the current City Attorney chooses not to.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:21**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Crowers, Secretary