



**PACIFIC BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING via Zoom
May 19, 2021 6:30PM**

Board Members Present: Marcella Bothwell, Karl Rand, Denise Friedman, Susan Crowers, Greg Daunoras, Michael Herndon, Brianna Jackson, Cathie Jolley, Charlie Nieto, Jane Nobbs, Tony Schlegel, Kim Short, Brian White.

Board Members Absent: Brian Curry, Brianna Jackson, Charlie Nieto, Jane Nobbs, Ron Walker

CALL TO ORDER - 6:31

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Marcella Bothwell welcomed all. Update to tonight's presentation- Regina Sinsky will be speaking about a "Safe Lot" rather than "Slow Streets"

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

Regina reported that Parking Advisory is forming a new ad hoc committee to work on the Slow Streets program- at this time, Diamond is the last remaining slow street in San Diego. If interested in serving on committee, contact: regina@sinsky.net. Parking Advisory Committee update: the Parking Pilot Program and budget is expected to go before committee at end of June and could go before City Council as early as July.

Eve Anderson shared an update on Garnet Block Captains: there was an article featuring them in PB Monthly. Really trying to facilitate businesses talking with one another and encouraging our community to care about our main street. We could use help with tree watering and mulching to help maintain the health & growth of the trees along Garnet Ave. Email: eandersonPB@gmail.com .

Tracy Dezenzo- Represents District 2 for the SD Commission for Arts and Culture. Recently they've put together a tool kit to help people navigate the application process for mural proposals and answer many of the questions about the process. Link: www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/mural_toolkit_fillable.pdf Email: tracyld10@cox.net .

Gary Gartner: Representing OB Town Council. Please join with us in lobbying City Hall regarding the Sidewalk Vending ordinance. It doesn't appear that City Council President Campbell is moving forward with this in a timely manner and summer is upon us. We want to take the best practices from other neighboring cities and push the City Council and the Mayor to do the right thing.

Mary Swenson: MB Women's Club & MBTC – coordinating the annual Memorial Day First Responders Appreciation Event Monday, May 31 9am-5pm at the Police Command Post South (at Belmont Park near the Plunge) and with delivery to Fire Station 21 & Lifeguards. Providing pizza, salads & drinks. The community can lend support by donating: bagged snacks, chips, nuts or providing baked brownies, cookies, bars. You can volunteer to bring items the morning of, or help with set up, serving and/or break down. Mary's email: maswenson@sbcglobal.net or text her at 619-985-7347.

Heather Roberts: Trying to put forth a healthcare resolution through the City of San Diego to support universal healthcare and is asking for local councils to support her initiative.

Jason B also requested support for universal healthcare.

Teja V. is concerned about the large stage built by Moonshine Bar in the parking lot and possible concert/entertainment events going late into the night this summer. Officer Broaddus will connect Teja with Code Enforcement & he will let the night beach team know about it. Marcella Teran suggested he contact Vice and ABC to register a complaint, and she will help him get answers to his questions.

Susan (via chat) announced Sharp will be administering vaccines at MBHS tomorrow from 10:30-4:00 for anyone (not just students). Also, Rubio's on Mission Bay Dr. will give back 30% to the middle/high schools from 5-8pm tomorrow night. Donate in the Promo Code.

Rudy Perrino: concerned about the increasing crime rate in PB. Officer Broaddus explained how the laws like Prop 47 have hampered the police's ability to arrest & prosecute non-violent felonies as they are now classified as misdemeanors.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS

Fire Station 21 - *Captain Richard Marcello* - One of the hot topics continues to be illegal beach fires and the Deputy Fire Marshall has met with Chief of Police to work on a resolution. Wildfire season is upon us and they've had recent training to prepare.

SDPD Northern Division - *Officer Brandon Broaddus* - Gearing up for the Memorial Weekend, and they are looking forward to and appreciate the lunches and treats provided. Denise asked about all the camping out at the beaches because the gates aren't being locked. The PISOs are locking, but sometimes get called away to other issues. He will talk to them about it. They have recently been given permission to tow vehicles that are camping out.

San Diego Lifeguards - *Sgt. Charles Knight* - no report

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Discover PB - *Sunny Lee*: no report

Shoreline Community Services - *Caryn Blanton* – April results: Engagements: 785, Resources: 655, SU Help: 2, Shelter: 6, Housing: 4, Community Volunteers: 63. Two encampments have been removed, working in close conjunction with the HOT team. Karen will be working to compile the data into quarterly reports so that we can see trends in data. This Sunday, May 23 at 11:00 “The Realities of Homelessness” community education presentation at St. Andrews Church.

Mission Beach Town Council Liaison – *Grace King*- absent

Beautiful PB – *Katie Matchett* – Helping to plan a CicloSDias event with a tentative date of November 7th. Parts of Garnet Ave & Cass Street will be closed to cars but open to bikes, pedestrians, scooters, skates, etc. with family-friendly activities to get people out on the street and visiting our local businesses. Eve Anderson offered to help get the business owners engaged in the planning process. www.beautifulpb.com email: katie.matchett@gmail.com .

Neighborhood Watch – *Marcella Teran* - Encouraged the community to always have the Police non-emergency number on hand at home and on your cell phone for reporting incidents: 619-531-2000. It’s important to notify the police about issues in our community and be sure to get an incident number before concluding the conversation. For noise calls, there has to be noise for 1 ½ hours before reporting. Phone trees among neighbors are also helpful in communicating neighborhood issues, concerns or alerts.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman Scott Peters - *Cesar Solis* - gave updates from Congressman Peters’ office including an update about the EPA hearing about polluting from the Tijuana River Valley.

State Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (District 39) - *Miller Saltzman* -no report

Assembly Member 78th District Chris Ward – *Rachel Granadino* – sent a written report read by *Marcella Bothwell*. Email: Rachel.Granadino@asm.ca.gov

Supervisor Nathan Fletcher (District 4) - *Aaron Burgess* – no report

Mayor Todd Gloria - *Kohta Zaiser* – Currently working on the May revised budget which will include public libraries opening again 7 days a week. Other high priorities include 10M for the “Sexy Streets” program for road repair in underserved communities (not PB), and 10M for the Homelessness Strategies Department. To see the budget updates: www.voiceofsandiego.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/budget-process_final-768x1638.png . The City has entered into a tentative agreement with SDGE for a 10 year franchise. Regarding the renaming of the trolley station, he’s found that SANDAG has shown little interest in adding Pacific Beach to the official stop name, as that stop would still be about 3 miles from the beach. The mayor’s office is still

advocating for Pacific Beach. Eve Anderson countered that we would also be willing accept “BALBOA/GARNET.”

Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell (District 2) - Monique Tello – May is water awareness month in effort to reduce water use. Water conservation ideas: www.sandiego.gov/public-utilities/sustainability/water-conservation/water-use-restrictions. Outdoor dining has been extended until July 13, 2022. A proposal for outdoor dining to become permanent will be considered before the full City Council. Loring & Foothill roundabout is in the design phase and will have flashing beacons. Marcella T asked how much longer the steel plates on PB Drive between Mission Blvd and Everts will remain beyond the 2 months they’ve already been there. Monique with update. Barbara B asked about speed control device showing drivers how fast they’re going on Soledad Mt. Rd. Monique has forwarded this concern to Traffic (waiting for response). Email: moniquet@sandiego.gov .

PB Planning Group - Karl Rand, Chair – we have established a couple of new subcommittees: one to review & work with the City on traffic issues by the trolley station. The other will review and monitor land use bills making their way through the state legislature, including SB 9 and SB 10 which will have a major impact on local zoning laws. Next month we’ll get an update on the trolley station and may have a presentation by the Kendall Frost people. We are working with Monique Tello to have a public forum on Slow Streets – Diamond is the last slow street in the City. There will be a presentation about the Rec Center mural. Update on the possibility of preserving the murals from the Chase Bank building (if it is demolished) and displaying them at the trolley station, Karl checked with the City and found out that Chase has suspended their permit application- so at least there is hope the building will be preserved.

FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Pacific Beach Recreation Center Murals Project (Civic Art Collection) – *Cathie Jolley*
Our Recreation Center has been in use for 65 years and is in need of some love from the community. We’re calling this the “Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden” designed by Rob Tobin, who specializes in community art projects. The PBTC will be supporting and fund-raising for this project all year. The north face of the building will have a mosaic mural that will be a permanent part of the City of San Diego Art Collection. In addition to the colorful flowers created from mosaic tile covered surfboards, the landscaping will be upgraded with drought tolerant plantings designed to complement the mural. The south side of the building will feature a sunset of mosaic covered surfboards. There will also be donor tiles in the shape of small surfboards. Community members can help in a number of ways: donate old surfboards, help with mosaic work, or become a sponsor:

- *Waist High - \$50 (6-inch tile)
- *Head High - \$100 (10-inch tile)
- *Overhead - \$500 (14-inch tile)
- *Triple Overhead - \$1,500 (18-inch tile)
- *Tsunami - \$5,000 or more (24-inch customized tile)

Safe Lot – *Regina Sinsky* – Homelessness is increasing in San Diego, and nearly 1 in 3 of those people are living in their vehicles. During the COVID pandemic there was an update to the CA Shelter Crisis Law in 2020 which (1) overrides the CA Coastal Commission, (2) overrides Parks & Rec, and will be in effect until 1/01/25. The proposed location for the safe lot is Rose Marie Starns South Shore Park, at 500 Sea World Drive. It has 120 vehicle spaces, an RV dump station, dumpsters, fencing, lighting, and bathrooms that are serviced daily. The City of SD has a safe lot program run by Jewish Family Services since 2018 with oversight and administration turned over to the San Diego Housing Commission in 2020. There are currently four safe lots: Mission Valley, Clairemont, Serra Mesa, and Encinitas with many support services are offered: case management, meals, housing navigation, employment opportunities, counseling, and DMV support. Link re JFS lots: <https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/news/san-diego-explained-how-safe-parking-lots-work/> . For more information or to support this proposal, go to www.change.org/missionbaysafelot.

ADJOURNMENT - 8:28