

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Thursday **April 28, 2011 @ 4:00**
Santa Barbara Police Department
Murphy Room
215 E. Figueroa St.

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: 4:03

Present: Commissioners: Lennon, Christensen, and Torres-Santos (Signor & Rodriguez/excused absences)

Staff Present: Police Captain Alex Altavilla, Fire Chief Andy DiMizio, Police Technician Holly Perea, Sergeant Marylinda Arroyo, City Administrator Jim Armstrong, Councilmember Bendy White, Assistant City Attorney Michelle Montez, and Secretary Barbara Sansone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Christensen to approve minutes of the March 24th meeting/Torres-Santos second.

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote: Motion passed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Any member of the public may address the Fire & Police Commission for up to one minute on any subject within the jurisdiction of the Commission that is not scheduled for a public hearing before the Commission. The total time for this item is 10 minutes. If you wish to address the Commission under this item, please complete and deliver to the Commission Secretary before the meeting is convened, a "Request to Speak" form, including a description of the subject you wish to address.

None

4. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Christensen to add Russell Trenholme's item to the May 26th agenda regarding the department's 30 day impound policy. Staff Report requested.

7. Tony Ray's – 731 De La Guerra Plaza: Dance Permit Application

Present: Bea Molina/Tony Gutierrez

- Bea Molina spoke and acknowledged that the restaurant was small and the new owners did not realize that there was no dancing allowed on their patio. The patio was the primary reason for buying the restaurant.

- Bea Molina said that they are trying to provide entertainment for the underserved Latino population. She acknowledged that the venue is too small to be run as a club but they would like to host private parties.
- Bea Molina said that demand is high and without a dance permit the survival of the restaurant would be almost impossible

Police Technician Holly Perea stated that in 2004 when the Fire Department did their walk-through, they specifically noted that the area was approved as a restaurant and the two fire inspectors present said the interior of the business would not support a dance floor due to occupancy limitations and the size of the premise.

Commissioner Christensen asked how this premise was approved through Community Development. Sergeant Arroyo answered that there would be no problem to obtain a business permit and open a restaurant at that location.

MOTION: Christensen to uphold the department's recommendation to deny the dance permit to Tony Ray's

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote, motion passed

Bea Molina requested information on filing an appeal

8. Solomon Tesfamichael: Commission to discuss whether or not to schedule a "Special Meeting" to hear Appeal of Taxi Permit Denial

Present: Mr. Solomon Tesfamichael requested the Commissioners consideration since he has been unemployed since the denial of his permit.

MOTION: Commissioners to approve holding a "Special Meeting" to hear Appeal of Mr. Tesfamichael's Taxi Permit Denial if commissioners are available

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote; motion passed.

*Note: This Special Meeting has been set for May 12, 2011 @ 3:00 in the Murphy Room.

9. Commission to decide whether to open application process to add another tow company to the rotation list

Commission Chair, Pat Lennon stated that he did not think it fair to open the process before Smitty's one year removal from the tow rotation list was up in November.

MOTION: Christensen to approve opening the process in November when Smitty's is available to participate

VOTE: Unanimous voice vote; motion passed.

10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Average response time slightly over 3 months
- 678 calls this month/Station 1 is the busiest station
- Chief DiMizio gave a handout to commissioners with the breakdown of incident types, etc.

- Slightly over 1% of time spent at fires. Two significant fires; one trailer fire on Mountain Drive and a structure fire with a suspicious origin in an apartment building. 72% of calls are medical emergencies
- Fire Department budget document handed to Commissioners. This budget will be heard by Council on May 23rd. Not anticipating any service level cuts.

11. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Presented by Captain Alex Altavilla, Patrol Division

- Team strength in Patrol stands at 50, which is relatively good. This number is typically between 45 and 50
- Currently 5 IOD's on the list
- Two officers in the FTO program
- Two officers graduated from the Ventura County facility last week; they will now go through a one month Post Academy to include: Taser, Rifle & Arrest & Control; these officers will then go out with FTO's; Shortly after this we will have 5 officers graduate from the San Bernardino Academy. When these 5 graduate they will be included with the 2 other graduates to complete the "Post Academy."
- An open entry written test was given on April 15th, on the 16th a physical agility test was held
 - 1703 candidates applied
 - 411 took the written test
 - 289 passed the written test
 - 275 took the physical agility
 - 257 passed the physical agility test
- Three simultaneous oral boards are being held at Human Resources as well as boards being held internally at the PD. Backgrounds will then be done on candidates to be sent to the Academy
- Attorneys in the Lyons homicide are now presenting closing arguments and the case is going to the jury today.

12. ADJORN: 4:33 PM