



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

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019  
EOC//Classroom, Fire Station 1  
121 W. Carrillo St.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Present: Commissioners: Christensen, Daniel, Parker, Rodriguez and Stedman

Absent: None

Staff Present: Fire Chief Eric Nickel, Police Chief Lori Luhnaw, City Attorney John Doimas, Principal Project Manager Brad Hess, Secretary Carol Lupo

**2. Changes to the Agenda:**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2018**

**MOTION:** Parker to approve minutes of Dec. 6, 2018 Stedman seconded.

**VOTE:** 4 Ayes; Rodriguez abstained.

**4. Public Comment (Total Time 10 minutes)**

None.

**5. Subcommittee Reports**

Stedman: As Police Liaison, met with the department on Jan. 3, 2019. Received comprehensive overview of Police Department strategy and goals from Chief Luhnaw.

Daniel: Spoke with new Towing rotation Officer Kamin. Due to his new assignment, he has not begun the towing company compliance review. Towing companies have also requested that the annual compliance meeting be moved to March or April as January/February are their busiest response months. This will also allow more time for Officer Kamin to conduct his review and allow Parker and Daniel to review the towing guidelines.

**6. Old Business: Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information or make brief reports or announcements.**

Parker: Attended the Downtown Organization's Safety Committee to introduce himself as a Fire and Police Commissioner. He has been invited to attend future meetings.

Daniel commented that she would like to see more community outreach from the commission. And suggested a workshop with 1-2 members to develop a list of community organizations to contact.

Parker motioned that Commissioners Parker and Rodriguez form a sub-committee to explore the concept of community outreach. However because this item was not on the agenda it will be agendaized for the next meeting.

Daniel asked about the retirement of the inspector who dealt with hoarding issues and who will be the replacement. Nickel answered the Prevention Division is aware of that loss of experience and is in the process of filling the vacancy.

**7. New Business:**

Christensen: Requests asking City Attorney Calonne to bring back Brown Act training for the commission. Doimas responded that they are working on developing Brown Act training workshops for all commissions and will invite the commission to attend. Doimas plans to have the presentation recorded for those that can't make the workshop.

Stedman: Asked to agendaize a review of scope and effectiveness of dance permits.

This led to Daniel stating that an evaluation and update of the commission's scope and power documents is needed, at least to update terminology. Work with City attorney or discuss as a group.

Discussion continued, along with a request to agendaize for the March meeting a review and discussion of the rules and regulations of the Fire and Police Commission. Doimas to check for more current commission documents.

Parker inquired about the ability to agendaize items and requests by commissioner. The procedure is for a commissioner to bring a request to agendaize a matter under New Business, and for the motion to be seconded, and approved by the Commission to be placed on a future agenda.

#### **8. Update on the planning of the construction of a new Police Station from Brad Hess**

The Commission received a presentation on the decision making process to select the building site. The Cota Street commuter lot will be the recommended site. Additional information was provided about the negotiations with the Farmers Market organization to find a relocation area. De La Guerra Plaza has been identified as a possible new Farmers Market location, and could involve an extensive renovation of the existing plaza design and layout.

#### **9. Presentation on the process of implementing SB 923, which governs eye witness protection and AB 748, which govern the protection of video and audio recordings of critical incidents.**

Attorney Doimas provided an overview of the new laws.

#### **10. Monthly Fire Chief's Report**

- Chief Nickel Introduced himself and provided his professional background
- Division Chief Waldron reviewed the preparedness and department up-staffing for previous week's storms
- Beginning the process to fund the update of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)
- Provided department response statistics

Rodriguez requested Chief Nickel provide an update on the All Community Messaging that is being provided at the next meeting.

#### **11. Monthly Police Chief's Report**

- Provided an updated organizational chart showing employee names and reorganization
- Reviewed a draft of the year end statistics
- Reviewed hiring and staffing status
- Provided draft Use of Force Policy
- Retirement of K9 dog Jake, and accepting grant from Police Foundation to purchase new dog
- New 34 ft. Mobile Command Vehicle delivered which was funded by proceeds ONE805 charity group
- Luhnnow is now a member of the Homeland security funding authority approval team
- Tabletop Active Shooter exercise took place 1/23/19
- State of California has doubled the POST training budget

#### **12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.