

Pierpont Bay Community Council

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 17, 2023
Location: Via Zoom
Time: 7:00 PM
Participants Present: H. Stern T. Foley, D. Roundtree, K. Krieg, S. Holanov + 20 others

7:00 PM - Meeting was Called to Order by Council Chair Howard Stern.

Treasurer's Report – Terry Foley reported the account balance is approximately \$7,500 which includes unused donations for the Pierpont Public Art Project. An additional \$500 donation is on its way.

7:05 PM - Police Report – Assistant Chief David Dickey presented the latest 28-day Ventura Police Crime Map – new reporting based on NIBRS statistics. There were 3 assault offenses; 7 property crimes; 9 drug/narcotics offenses and 25 society crimes for a total Group A crimes of 44 vs. 60 crimes last month which is a substantial decline. Mr. Dickey also mentioned that additional surveillance cameras will be installed near the Pier. The abuse of electric throttled bikes continues to be an issue in the City.

7:15 PM - State Parks Update –Ranger Dave Wilson reported the following:

- All the lifeguard towers have been removed and stored for next season.
- State officers continue to monitor the dunes at night for vagrants and overnights.

7:20 PM - Guest Speaker – Bill Ayub, City Manager was the speaker. He has been City Manager for 90 days. He has had a thirty-seven-year career in law enforcement and is excited to serve our community. Issues that he is currently working on include the city's General Plan update; Main Street Moves; updating class and compensation for City employees; Park upgrades and the Public Arts. His email is bayub@cityofventura.ca.gov.

There were a few questions for Mr. Ayub regarding the status of the Pier and additional dialogue on Main Street Moves but audience questions were minimal.

7:50 PM - Committee Updates

STVR- Terry Foley reported that the City' legal department is still aiming to present a Staff Report to the Council with a new STVR ordinance by the end of 2023. Not sure if this will happen but that is the goal.

Beach- Kaycee Krieg reported that our October 7 Beach Clean-Up event did not happen due to lack of staff to help while she was gone. H. Stern encouraged participants to attend and was disappointed by the continued poor attendance at the beach clean-ups and asked the audience if they had any ideas on how to increase participation. One participant suggested that we consider doing a clean-up by Lane.

Website/PR- Steve Holanov reported that he added the GoFundMe link to the Home Page and encouraged people to donate.

Seaward Beautification - Dan Roundtree reported that the latest lighting on Seaward is orange and green for Halloween. The artist for the proposed Public Arts project for the concrete trashcans on Lower Seaward should be selected shortly and is expected to start on December 1. Holiday bows should be ready to install in the coming weeks. Dan encouraged participants to donate to the Public Arts project.

8:05 PM – Joe Schroder reported the following:

- The City has allocated \$7 million to upgrade technology. We are two generations behind on the City's technology systems.
- City Council recently updated its ADU policy to match the State standards.
- Recently had a two-three hour meeting on Main Street Moves. There is overwhelming support to keep the street closed and city is working on issues such as ADA access and parking.
- The city approved \$32 million for Project Room Key which is a La Quinta Inn that was purchased by the City to have 134 rooms to provide permanent and transitional shelter for the unhoused.

8:20 PM – Meeting was adjourned by H. Stern.