

PBCC General Meeting Minutes 10/15/19 (attendance: 22)

7:03 p.m. Meeting was opened by VP Mike Almeida: agenda reviewed; VPD Watch Commander and Public Information Officer Tom Higgins and State Parks Chief Ranger Tyson Butzke introduced.

7:05 p.m. Commander Higgins noted that crime statistics for the PBCC area reflect more incidents of minor commercial theft than residential, with only one residential burglary occurring during the recent period. The Crime Analysis Map showed 16 incidents, up from 14 reported in the previous period, but overall crime stats show a decrease of about 50% in residential theft. Cameras have been installed on the south end of Seaward, and the VPD is discussing placement

of additional cameras, including at the corner of Pierpont and Seaward.

7:10 p.m. Tyson Butzke reported that area lifeguard towers have been pulled back for the winter. The State Parks staff has also been involved in an ongoing Cal Fire grant-funded outreach/sweep of Emma Wood through the Ventura river bottom area, removing invasive species (such as arundo and cape ivy) that represent a fire hazard in the area. Construction has been started on the State Parks boardwalk project at Buenaventura State Beach, the goal being to

have two legs of the boardwalk—including an ADA path from the main parking lot which will allow full wheelchair access to the beach—completed by December. Events in the parks have begun tapering off with the advent of fall. Upcoming: October 25th, Tour de Pink Charity Ride will make a water stop with 150 riders expected; October 27th, Haunted Housing Run, a benefit

for the Ventura Housing Coalition, and the Tour de Pink barbeque.

7:15 p.m. Secretary Kate Gullickson reported on the Oct. 1 board meeting, held at the home of Treasurer Terry Foley.

7:18 p.m. Terry reported a balance of \$1,385.00 in the PBCC account and gave an STVR Committee update. He mentioned the City of Oxnard's current ongoing ordinance revisions and invited attendees to discuss committee issues after the meeting.

7:20 p.m. Events Committee Chair Lauren Almeida announced the success of the PBCC's second monthly Beach Cleanup Day, which was held on October 5, with 12½ pounds of trash collected, including 102 cigarette butts! This time the group started at San Pedro and ended at Seaward, but future events will begin at the end of Seaward and branch out from there in both directions. Lauren invited attendees to volunteer on the committee, which looks forward to hosting a family Christmas ornament event in December as well as a series of farm-to-table dinners in 2020.

7:25 p.m. Beach Committee Chair Robin Birney reported on the recent Community Council Congress, which she and Terry Foley attended. The seven-member CCC is tasked with presenting five mutually agreed upon ideas/concerns to the City Council. Preliminarily, each Council will submit 5 ideas/concerns, which will be narrowed down to the required five, representing the overall needs of the seven Councils. She invited attendees to pick up a copy of the Beach Committee's position paper, which will be submitted to the City Council during the upcoming City Coastal Plan update.

7:30 p.m. Seaward Beautification Committee Chair Dan Roundtree updated attendees on South Seaward St. revitalization. Michael Mancini is heading up lighting for the committee and will work with the city to implement additional lighting at the end of Seaward. Dan announced a joint effort with the Events committee to launch a combined Beach and South Seaward Cleanup Day on Dec. 7 th in preparation for the holiday season.

7:35 p.m. Ventura Water Management Analyst Craig Jones and Assistant General Manager Betsy Cooper delivered an engaging and informative presentation on the agency's Pure Water Initiative and Smart Meter Project. Betsy opened with an update on the current condition of the area's six supply sources: Lake Casitas, the Ventura River, the Mound Basin, the Santa Paula and Oxnard Plains Basins, and the agency's Water Reclamation Facility, which produces recycled water for landscape irrigation. Both Betsy and Craig stressed the importance of conservation and applauded area residents for their efforts over the past five years. Outdoor conservation has been a major focus during the drought but attention is now shifting indoors, Craig stated, with the agency offering a number of new devices, rebate programs and incentives to homeowners (information is available on the Ventura Water website). The Smart Meter water meter upgrade project, which commences the week of October 21 in the PBCC area, is being hailed as a "paradigm shift" in the way Ventura Water will interact with its customers. Residents should receive a postcard at least a week before contractors arrive and do not need to be present

during installation, which will take approximately 30 minutes. Installers can be easily identified by their official Ventura Water name badges, and door tags will be left after the work is completed. Betsy cited two important projects that are currently on the horizon: 1) The State Water Interconnection Project, which would create the infrastructure needed to give Ventura rightful access to state water supplies, help address anticipated cutbacks in existing local supply sources and enable deliveries between regional agencies during emergencies; 2) The Pure Water

Project, which would recover, treat and reuse water that is currently discharged into the Santa Clara River Estuary. Treated water from the wastewater facility would be diverted to an advanced purification facility, retreated to drinking water standards and injected into the groundwater basin for storage. Q&A followed.

8:05 p.m. Closing remarks: Mike Almada. Meeting was adjourned.