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**PIEDMONT PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 25, 2021

A Regular Session of the Piedmont Public Safety Committee was held March 25, 2021, via teleconference, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the Alameda County Health Official's Order #20-04. In accordance with Government Code Section 54957(b), the agenda for this meeting was posted for public inspection on March 22, 2021.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lynne Wright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Lynne Wright, Committee Members Shanti Brien, Lori Elefant, Jeffrey Horner, Chris Houlder, Cory Smegal, Police Chief Jeremy Bowers, Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain

Absent: Committee Member Garrett Keating

Staff: Administrative Assistant April Fitzgerald

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no **Public Testimony**.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

The Public Safety Committee considered the following items of regular business:

**Minutes**

**Resolved**, that the Public Safety Committee approves the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes of January 21, 2021, as submitted.  
Moved by Brien, Seconded by Elefant  
Ayes: Brien, Elefant, Houlder, Smegal, Wright, Bowers, Despain  
Noes: None  
Abstaining: Horner  
Absent: Keating

**Police Department  
Strategic Plan Update**

Police Chief Jeremy Bowers reported the April video for Inside PPD will describe investigation of sexual assaults and include partner agencies. He noted the installation of security fencing around the Police Department is complete, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for investigation of officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths has been signed. He advised that efforts are underway to evaluate essential facilities and the dispatch center, replace body-worn cameras and Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) equipment, refresh procedural justice training, develop print and digital formats of the Strategic Plan, and to implement demographic stop reporting and a new crime statistic reporting platform.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Public Safety  
Cameras Update**

Police Chief Bowers announced two vendors responded to the Request for Quotes (RFQ) for a public safety camera system and conducted site surveys. He noted proposals and a decision are due April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> respectively.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Juvenile Officer  
Update**

Police Chief Bowers announced he received notice of the next cycle of the Tobacco Grant, and the application deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>. He indicated on

April 5<sup>th</sup>, he will seek Council approval to submit a grant application. He summarized statistics for calls for service at schools, informal requests for assistance, and Juvenile Officer reports, and noted the Juvenile Officer made no arrests on school campuses.

**Public Testimony** was received from:

Amy Maidenberg and Mahvash Hassan inquired about continuation of the health counselor, the Juvenile Officer not carrying a gun on campus, data for vaping cessation during the Juvenile Officer's service, and addressing issues that lead to tobacco and nicotine use.

Police Chief Bowers related that the health counselor will not be a component of the application because the grant is geared toward law enforcement and PUSD has identified other grants to fund the position. He indicated the Juvenile Officer will carry a firearm because situations change quickly and police officers at times are targets.

Committee Member Brien believed having a Juvenile Officer prevents the use of alternative resources.

**School Liaison  
Activities Update**

Committee Member Smegal reported schools are operating under a hybrid model, the STEAM building is essentially complete, and construction of the theatre has begun.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**COVID-19 & Health  
Order Update**

Interim Fire Chief Micheal Despain related that COVID-19 case rates continue to fall, Alameda County anticipates moving into the Orange Tier in the next week, the Coliseum vaccination site will close April 6<sup>th</sup>, and people over age 50 will be eligible for vaccinations on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and people over age 16 on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

**Fire Department  
Strategic Planning**

Interim Fire Chief Despain indicated an abridged process for strategic planning resulted in a list of items needed to prepare a community-driven Strategic Plan. He announced a candidate for Fire Chief is undergoing a background check, and this will probably be his last meeting with the Public Safety Committee.

There was no **Public Testimony** on this matter.

Committee members appreciated Interim Fire Chief Despain's assisting the City and his willingness to participate in the meetings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Police Chief Bowers announced Committee Member Keating has completed his term on the Public Safety Committee and acknowledged his contributions. In addition, he announced that the Police Department and City support Asian Americans' and Pacific Islanders' rights and encourage citizens to report violence against them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.