



**AGENDA – PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
BOARD MEETING – June 9, 2022**

**6:00 PM – 7:30PM**

**Via Zoom Videoconference**

**Prior to Meeting**

**5:55 PM: “Zoom doors open”/  
log-in and technical assistance**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/9146619026>**

**Meeting ID: 914-661-9026**

**Audio Only/Dial-In:**

**1-669-900-6833**

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**1. Call to Order and Reading of Community Council’s Mission.** The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. *See PPCC Bylaws: <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/>.*

**2. Zoom Engineer introduction; other introductions deferred.**

**3. Roll-call of voting Board members and Certification of Quorum.**

**4. Approval of Minutes & Upcoming Meetings.**

*1) Approval of Minutes – May 26, 2022. June 23, 2022: 1) Appointment of Election Committee for the PPCC Area & At-large Representatives Election; 2) Chair to announce incumbent Area & At-large Representatives running for re-election; 3) Introduction to new LAFD West Bureau command (Asst. Chief Dean Zipperman and Deputy Chief/West Bureau Commander Richard Fields IV). July 28, 2022: 1) First meeting of new officers' term; 2) Chair to announce membership of PPCC committees, liaisons & advisors; 3) Chair to announce names of candidates in the election of Area & At-large Representatives. August 11, 2022: Area & At-large Representative Candidates Forum (if needed); other topics to be announced. *Topics noticed in advance may change. Note: there is one PPCC meeting only during each of the months of July & August; during PPCC election years, the July meeting takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month and the August meeting takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month (Bylaws, Art. IX.2).**

**5. Consideration of Agenda.**

**6. Treasurer's Report.**

**7. General Public Comment.** *This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC (Bylaws, Art. IX.7). Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.*

**8. Reports, Announcements and Concerns.**

**8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.**

**8.1.1.** PPCC Area & At-large Representatives Election. Deadline for incumbents' written notification to Chair of intent to run for re-election: one hour before the scheduled start of the June 23rd meeting; incumbents who do not timely submit written notification are deemed conclusively not to be running (see Attachment A to Bylaws, Sec. 3.D.2).

**8.1.2.** Topanga Canyon Fire Safe Council webinar update. YouTube video available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqV6t6yWjXk>.

**8.2. From Officers.**

**8.2.1.** Chris Spitz (Secretary). STAP and LAMC revisions update. Letter re scenic highway advertising prohibition, 5/31/22: <http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/PPCC-Letter-CF-20-1536-S1.pdf>.

**8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives.**

**8.4. From Organizational Representatives.**

**8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives.** *Contact information available at:*

<http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/government-contacts/>.

**8.6. From PPCC Advisors.**

**9. Reports from Committees – None.**

**10. Old Business – None.**

**11. New Business.**

**11.1. Election of PPCC Officers** (2022-23 term beginning July 1, 2022).

Nominees: (a) Chair – Maryam Zar; (b) Vice-Chair – Jenny Li; (c) Secretary – Beth Holden-Garland; (d) Treasurer – Randy Young.

**11.2. LAPD Palisades Beach Detail Funding** -- Motion for Board approval of letter requesting CD 11 discretionary funds to support overtime to allow assignment of additional LAPD officers this summer (motion sponsored by Secretary Chris Spitz). See Attachment below for proposed letter. Background/prior PPCC position supporting Beach Detail funding:

<http://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/PPCC-Beach-Detail-Funding-Letter.pdf>.

**12. Adjournment.**

For additional information about PPCC, see [www.pacpalicc.org](http://www.pacpalicc.org) or e-mail [info@pacpalicc.org](mailto:info@pacpalicc.org).

**ATTACHMENT – Item 11.2:**

**Proposed letter re Beach Detail Funding**

Dear Councilmember Bonin:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been advised that due to LAPD staffing issues, no additional officers will be assigned to the Palisades Beach Detail this summer. This is a matter of immediate and grave concern.

As you know, an influx of visitors to our beach and hillside areas regularly occurs during the summer months. Families flock to the beaches and many children and young adults participate in summer camps and the Junior Lifeguards program at Will Rogers State Beach. At the same time, the Pacific Palisades Task Force on Homelessness (PPTFH) informs us that many more persons experiencing homelessness (PEH) traditionally come here in the summer and are already beginning to arrive in greater numbers this year.

The Palisades consists of 26 square miles, much of the area made up of rugged hillside terrain where PEH often set up illegal encampments. Moreover, PPTFH volunteers and outreach workers see increased evidence of severe mental illness and drug addiction among the PEH who are attracted to our beach, bluffs and canyons. Dangerous, violent conduct directed against volunteers and outreach workers by PEH is becoming a frequent occurrence. The risk of fire in our hillsides is always present (fires are frequently started by PEH and/or arsonists) and there is a greatly increased risk with the conditions that PPTFH volunteers, outreach workers and our current Beach Detail officers (Officers Margin and Bermudez) are now regularly observing and experiencing. **All of these conditions put the safety of our entire community at heightened risk.**

The efforts of our Beach Detail are critical to maintaining public safety, but will be stretched thin with the increased numbers of PEH and other visitors expected during the coming months. Last summer, we were fortunate to have four additional officers assigned to the Beach Detail – for a total of **six officers**. We need the same number of officers assigned this summer. **Their efforts are critical to ensure and maintain public safety for everyone – community members, beach visitors, PPTFH volunteers, outreach workers and PEH alike.**

We understand that CD11 has discretionary funds which may be used to fund overtime for additional officers to be assigned to the Palisades Beach Detail. We're also told that Councilmember Koretz has authorized the use of CD 5 discretionary funds for overtime for additional LAPD West Division patrol officers in Westwood and other areas of that District. We urge you to: 1) confer immediately with West Division Commander Captain Jonathan Tom and other LAPD leadership to ascertain the level of funding needed to allow for as many additional officers as possible to be assigned to the Beach Detail this summer (*ideally at least four but no fewer than two more officers, in addition to Officers Margin and Bermudez*); and 2) authorize the transfer of a sufficient amount from CD 11 discretionary funds for this purpose without delay.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated cooperation with this request.

*Please note: The text of this letter was [unanimously] approved by the PPCC Board at the June 9, 2022 public Board meeting.*