



City of Fort Bragg

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Meeting Agenda Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

3:00 PM

Via Video Conference

Special Meeting

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

DUE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND STAFF WILL BE PARTICIPATING BY VIDEO CONFERENCE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021.

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We appreciate your patience and willingness to protect the health and wellness of our community and staff. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Police Services Technician Laura Godinez, lgodinez@fortbragg.com, 707-961-2800 ext. 101.

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1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1A. [21-191](#) Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Committee Meeting March 17, 2021

Attachments: [PSCM Special 2021-03-17.pdf](#)

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 3A. [21-192](#) Receive Verbal Report On Police Department Continued De-Escalation Efforts
- 3B. [21-193](#) Update on Tobacco Compliance Checks and Paraphernalia Ordinance
- 3C. [21-194](#) Update on Graffiti Abatement Program
- 3D. [21-195](#) Receive Verbal Report on Homeless and Mental Health Current Issues

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

- 4A. [21-196](#) Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

ADJOURNMENT

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 COUNTY OF MENDOCINO)

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the City of Fort Bragg and that I caused this agenda to be posted in the City Hall notice case on Monday April 26, 2021.

 Laura Godinez, Police Services Technician

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Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Committee Meeting March 17, 2021



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Meeting Minutes Public Safety Committee

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting Chair Peters opened the meeting at 3:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: 2 - Bernie Norvell and Lindy Peters

- 1A. [21-106](#) Approve Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting February 17, 2021

The Committee Minutes were approved for Council review.

- 2A. [21-107](#) Approve Minutes of the Special Public Safety Meeting February 17, 2021

A motion was made by Committee Member Norvell and seconded by Chair Peters that these Committee Minutes be approved for Council review. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comments on non agenda items made by:

Jacob Patterson

Jenny Shattuck

3. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 3A. [21-102](#) Receive Report And Provide Direction On Updating Chapter 9.28 Drug Paraphernalia And On Addressing Youth Tobacco Sales In The City Of Fort Bragg

Associate Planner from the Community Development Division Heather Gurewitz presented the prepared report.

Committee members discussed the available options to update local ordinance in order regulate drug paraphernalia and youth tobacco sales in City limits.

Public Comments heard from:

Jacob Patterson

Chair Peters concluded that in order to update our outdated ordinance we will have to educate the public on the differences between in tobacco, marijuana, and methamphetamine pipes. Committee Member Norvell included that in the planned Municipal Code he would like to see a ban on flavored tobacco in order to discourage more youth from smoking. Chair Peters suggested to have more sting operations done in order to have business comply with the ordinance once a Municipal Code comes into law.

3B. [21-104](#) Receive Report And Provide Direction To Staff On Addressing The Feeding Of Wildlife On The Coast Trail

Associate Planner from the Community Development Division Heather Gurewitz presented the prepared report.

Local resident and Biologist Terra Fuller submitted a letter expressing her concerns regarding citizens feeding the wildlife on the coastal trails. California Code of Regulations 14.251.1 Harassment of Animals clearly states that if any game, nongame bird, or mammal or furbearing mammal is disrupted from their normal behavior pattern by breeding, feeding or sheltering these actions are defined as harassment.

Associate Planner Heather Gurewitz explained the two options in order to fix the issue at hand. First and foremost a local ordinance should be in place and posted along the trails to inform the public. Secondly, a public education campaign would be beneficial in order to educate the public of the risks from feeding the wildlife. She demonstrated how the City of Davis has an exceptional example of both an ordinance and a public education campaign.

Public Comments made by:

David Jensen
Cate Hawthorne
Terra Fuller
Tim Bray

Chair Peters recommended that he would like to implement both an ordinance and a public education campaign to reach more of the public. Committee Member Norvell agreed with Chair Peters in putting both options into effect. They will plan on adding this topic to a City Council Meeting to discuss and vote with the other Council Members.

3C. [21-108](#) Receive Report From Staff On Trespassing Letter Program

Community Service Officer Katelynn Holaway presented the prepared report.

There are two separate trespassing letters available to the public which assist the Fort Bragg Police Department to enforce no trespassing on properties. The first letter is a general trespass letter which allows an officer to advise individuals of trespassing and making arrest on behalf of the property or business owner. The second trespass letter is for a specific named individual who is prohibited from being on a property. In order for an arrest to be

made one of the two letters should be in effect and filed with the Fort Bragg Police Department prior to the incident. In order to obtain these letter the public can download them from City's website under the Police Department link, request a copy at the front office at the Police Department and or ask an officer out on patrol for a copy. Both letters are only active for 1 year and members will be contacted within 30 days of their letter expiring to notify them and offer them a new letter.

4. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE / STAFF

4A. [21-109](#) Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities

Capitan O'Neal mentioned that the Police Department is planning on purchasing new vehicles in the future. In April the Department will be welcoming two new employees one Officer and one Community Services Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 4:16 PM



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Receive Verbal Report On Police Department Continued De-Escalation Efforts



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Update on Tobacco Compliance Checks and Paraphernalia Ordinance



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Update on Graffiti Abatement Program



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Receive Oral Update From Staff on Departmental Activities