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Susan Collins – Chair
Penny Gilbert - Secretary
Christy Adair
Penny Johnson
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**Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Public Safety Committee Meeting**

MINUTES:

1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair
Meeting Called to order at 6:32pm

2. Roll Call – Penny Gilbert, Secretary: Penny Gilbert- Absent, Susan Collins - Present, Christy Adair - Present, Thelma Mericle-Present, Jesse Smith-Present, Penny Johnson-Present

3. Approval of Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from Dec. 12, 2023 PSC Meeting Barbara moved to approve, Penny 2nd, - Minutes Approved unanimously

4. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff - None

5. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee’s jurisdiction :

Franklin Cooke noted that there have been “No Parking” signs that are no longer valid, repaving is needed on the westside of Valleyheart, and there are broken curbs that need to be fixed.

6. Sherman Oaks Crime and Safety Update / Report from Captain Vargas (Until 7:15)

Captain Vargas gave the community up date: We are #1 in the Valley for reduction in crime. Robberies are down 30%, Aggravated Assaults down 10%, Gang Related Crimes down 20%. 40 guns have been recovered so far this year.

Gang Reduction Youth Development program is coming to Van Nuys soon.

* Van Nuys LAPD are currently looking for volunteers so please reach out if you’re interested, and let your friends and family know they can volunteer too.

Suggestions on how the public can help reduce property crime:

1. Keep lights and T.V. on
2. Make it look as though someone is at home
3. Whenever possible respond to Ring or camera door bell
4. Install security cameras that face the street
5. Do not leave your car FOB in your car, even if you tandem park in a secure garage.

7. Questions from the Public for Captain Vargas. (Until 7:30pm)

CALLER: Ashley asks who to call regarding encampments:

She can call Nithya Raman's Office, 311, and / or (877)ASK-LAPD which is (877) 275-5273 and request a member of the CIRCLE team to come out

ATTENDEE: Franklin Cooke requested parking enforcement, and tree trimming, also requested Division of Streets should have someone come out to view his area.

8. Discuss upcoming meeting topics, locations, hybrid, and / or in person:

Suggested topics for future meetings: Vector Control, 911 LAPD Communications, Animal Control / Coyotes, Fire Dept. (we must be specific when we request a speaker from LAFD), Brush clearance, Child Safety Series, Kids Self defense, Pool Safety, Pet Safety, Heat related Safety, Pet First Aid (burnt paws)

Discussion regarding locations due to time restraints at the library:

Jesse suggested presentations via zoom

Senior Center and area restaurants were also discussed as options

9. LAFD / CERT Updates: Presented by Christy Adair

May 18th there will be an Emergency Preparedness Drill in Encino Park from 8:00am - 1:00pm

*Also noted that there will be a Coffee with a Cop event, Saturday March 12, 2024 from 8:00am-10:00am at the Honda dealership on Van Nuys / Oxnard

*March 23, 2024 starting at 10:00am the Sherman Oaks N.C. Tree Giveaway will take place at the Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks Park

10. Final Committee Business and Announcements: *Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda. None

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at join.ntp-la.org
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com
- To **SUBSCRIBE** to receive monthly meeting announcements and agendas, contact: SoncPScommittee@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch** info, contact your local Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”). To find your SLO: <https://www.lapdonline.org/> | Your LAPD | Find Your Local Police Station
- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at 38903@lapd.online, or call (818) 374-5420.

ONGOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Weekly Walkie-Talkie Radio Check-In: Every Sunday at 10am: Channel 20 (or Ch 16 if 20 is busy), we check-in around the Valley to see how far our voices can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster. The PSC suggests you pull-out a walkie, put in fresh batteries, and listen to next Sunday’s net to see if you can hear anyone.

Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: Every Sunday at 9am on Simplex 145.570 we have a weekly net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly, net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.

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