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**April 9, 2024 - Public Safety Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair**

**2. Roll Call – Penny Gilbert, Secretary** - Penny Gilbert is no longer on this committee.  
Susan Collins, Christy Adair, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Thelma Mericle, Jesse Smith  
(Present)

**3. Approval of Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024 PSC Meeting:**  
\* Minutes were not available at the time of this meeting

**4. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff:** None present

**5.. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety**

Committee’s jurisdiction

**6. Sherman Oaks Crime and Safety Update / Report from Senior Lead Officer Saldana (Until 7:15)**  
**Officers Saldana and Romo attended and gave the following reports:**

**\* Saldana:**

- \* At the location of Stern / Ventura a 14 year old girl was groped in a sexual manner by a Hispanic male, approximately 200 lbs.
- \* Another woman was assaulted in the same way as the previously mentioned minor – the person who groped her was also a Hispanic male, approximately 200 lbs. (it was not clear if they are the same person)
- \* 14000 Block of Valley Vista – breaking and entering occurred while the residents were home. When the criminals encountered the residents, they fled.
- \* April 5, 2024 A mail man was robbed of the master keys and scanner to open mailboxes. The assailants are described as 2 Males, black, in a grey 4 door Tesla.

**\*Romo:**

- \* 2 Robberies occurred: Location 1: Chevron at Ventura / Van Nuys  
Location 2: 7/11 at Fulton / Moorpark – Shots were fired during this robbery. Time of the robbery was approx. 3:00 or 4:00am

**7. Questions from the Public for Officer Saldana. (Up to 7:30pm)**

**8. Action Items:**

- A.)** Discuss and possible vote to approve: A change from monthly meetings to hosting quarterly Public Safety Events, to include multiple speakers and / or interactive events related to public safety.
- Voted unanimously to move forward with events. Through group discussion it was decided we will host a smaller event in June focusing on vector control, brush clearance, forestry division regarding trees, fire extinguishers, CERT table.
  - A larger, public safety meeting to be held in Sept. – dates for both meetings are TBD. This event will host self-defense, coffee with a cop, de-escalation techniques, ready-set-go, etc.
- B.)** Motion to request a presentation from LA Alliance for Human Rights at the SONC Board meeting regarding their settlement with the City and the County. LA Alliance would also provide information on how communities can utilize the tools won in that settlement to help positively impact homelessness. If approved, this request will be submitted to the SONC Executive Committee for approval.
- Committee wants to hear presentation from LA Alliance before suggesting they present to the executive committee – will try to have him join via Zoom at our next meeting in May.

**9. LAFD / CERT Updates:** Presented by Christy Adair

\* Disaster Preparedness / Surviving an active shooter drill:

May 18, 2024 from 8:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Genesta Park in Encino

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

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:55 PM

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- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at [38903@lapd.online](mailto: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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