

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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Public Safety Committee

April 6, 2011 6:30PM

Westfield Mall Community Room

Present: Anthony St. John, Pat Davenport, Maxx Kanzler and 2 Boy Scouts to observe meeting

Absent: Alan Taylor, Janet Richmond, Max Calne, Jay Beeber

Report on funding for digital speed trailers to be placed near intersection of Woodman and Riverside Dr. Two trailers have been funded by Notre Dame High School, Westfield Mall and Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council. These have been approved by LAPD, LADOT and have proven to be effective in reducing speed in School Zones. The trailers will be re-located periodically to prevent driver complacency. We hope to have them in place by summer with the temporary ones from LA City remaining in place until then. This combined with increased LAPD enforcement should help to calm this very busy intersection making it safer for the students at Notre Dame HS and Millikan Middle School as well as patrons of Westfield Mall.

Anthony reported on his recent visit with Assemblyman Mike Feuer in Sacramento concerning the wording of the State regulations in regard to the solicitation of community input when the State mandates and LADOT implements changes in a community that the community doesn't want. An additional meeting is scheduled for later this week with a full report to follow. The goal is to compel LADOT to come before community groups before making changes to area traffic patterns etc. and ask for input and recommendations.

Report on attempted kidnapping at Beeman Park of two Carpenter Avenue students: The

children were playing basketball yesterday afternoon at about 5:00 p.m. when they were approached by a man in his late 50's who asked the children, "Do you want to come see my sleeping dog in the car?" The students managed to get away from the suspect without physical harm and reported the incident to one of their parents who was nearby.

The suspect is being described as a tall, Eastern European looking male, with salt & pepper full length hair. He was well groomed (clean shaven) and wore eye glasses. He was wearing black denim pants and a black leather jacket. He was accompanied by a slender young man with black hair approximately 12 years old who was wearing tight jeans. The two individuals were driving a black SUV with bike racks attached to the back of the car. LAPD is handling the investigation at this time. EarthquakeCountry.org, Fire.lacounty.gov and Lacoa.org/pdf/EmergencySurvivalGuide/

Pat Davenport reports a program to reward tips on graffiti. If you have information about suspected graffiti vandals, illegal dumping or other acts of vandalism you may be eligible for a \$1,000 reward for reporting them. For more info go to

A reminder, if you hear choppers overhead and wonder what is going on you can contact LAPD Air Support Division at (213)485-2600.

The Guest Speaker at the next Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council public Board meeting will be the new LAPD Capt. at Van Nuys Division Capt. Paul Snell. Come by, get to know the new Capt. and ask him your questions about crime, traffic, gangs, medical marijuana clinics etc. Meeting April 11, 6:30PM Sherman Oaks Elementary School Auditorium. Entrance on Dickens St.

Adjournment: 8:30PM

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<http://bpw.lacity.org/OCB/> or use the Android or iPhone App available from Councilmember Krekorian's office: <http://cd2.lacity.org/APP/index.htm> to report.

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There was a report of an arrest at 14547 Greenleaf St. as a possible drug bust. This may be an ongoing investigation so no details from LAPD at this time.

Maxx Kanzler reported on the tire slashings that have occurred in the 1400 block of Davana Terrace, the 13400-13500 blocks of Margate Street and Huston Ave. during evening or early

morning hours. He believes a suspect had been arrested but we have no confirmation from our LAPD SLO. If you have any information or if you have been contacted by a tire repair shop after this has happened to you, call Van Nuys Auto Detectives at (818) 374-0020.

VNSO Park Senior Center due to open soon. This will be additional approved shelter space in case of a natural disaster. This space augments the gym as a Red Cross approved shelter. There are medical supplies, and other resources available there and now the Senior Center includes a power generator. These web sites are helpful with disaster preparedness info: