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Melissa Menard, Co – Chair
Kristin Sales, Co – Chair

Barbara McDermott
Meghan Horan
Loren Naiman
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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 21st, 2017

6:30pm

Sherman Oaks Public Library

14245 Moorpark Street

Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

1. Call to Order by Melissa Menard, Co – Chair at 6:30pm
2. Roll Call: Present- Melissa Menard, Kristin Sales, Barbara McDermott, Meghan Horan, Loren Naiman
3. Approve Meeting Minutes:
 - a. April 25th, 2017 minutes
 - i. Amendment to add Barbara McDermott to committee members in attendance
 - ii. Motion to approve April minutes with amendment approved; Meghan abstained
 - b. May 15th, 2017 minutes
 - i. Motion to approve May minutes approved; Barbara abstained
4. Introduction of Committee Members, LAPD, elected officials and staff
 - a. Crime Stats, Questions and Answers specifically directed to them
 - i. No LAPD, elected officials, and staff present
 - b. Kristin updates committee on LAPD Department Chief John Sherman and Van Nuys Division Captain James Setzer's report at the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) Board Meeting
 - i. There has been a crime reduction over the past few years but is starting to trickle up again
 1. 2002- 40,000; 2012- 28,000
 2. 2017 year to date
 - a. 3% increase in property crime
 - b. 11% decrease in violent crime
 - ii. People are leaving keys in their cars which is increasing theft auto

- iii. Increase in traffic deaths (pedestrians) due to inattentive drivers and pedestrians
 - iv. City of LA: less than 7 minutes to respond to a 911 call; Up to 40 minutes for a non-emergency
 - v. LAPD understaffed per capita
 - 1. 40 new graduates
 - 2. Civilians as sworn officer positions- 160 openings
 - a. 25-40 being filled now
 - vi. Metro Contract: 4,000 officers on overtime to serve at the Metro Station, buses, MTA; taking over for the LA County Sheriff's Department
- 5. Public Forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
 - a. No comments
- 6. Chairs Report
 - a. Strategic plan for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year
 - i. The public safety committee has had an explosion of productive products in the 1st year as a committee.
 - ii. Committee will fine-tune items that occurred over the past year
 - 1. Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)
 - 2. Neighborhood Watch (NW)
 - 3. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training
 - 4. NW Handbook
 - b. Summary Report of Map Your Neighborhood and Neighborhood Watch Information Series
 - 1. Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center requesting to track how many participants are seniors and female
 - 2. Neighborhood Watch Info sessions have had more attendees
 - 3. There were about 50 attendees for all four Map Your Neighborhood meetings
 - a. Flyers were not being posted on the SONC website
 - b. How to attract more participants:
 - i. Possibility to partner with the Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association (SOHA)
 - ii. Can the SONC outreach committee help?
 - iii. School Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs)
 - 4. Meet and greets to introduce elected officials
 - c. Summary Report of Block Captain Meeting at LAPD on May 31st
 - i. Neighborhood Watch Handbook completed and approved
 - 1. Handed out by Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) at Block Captain Meeting
 - ii. Burglary in the 14000 block of La Maida St- residential burglary of a Viking kitchen range in broad daylight
- 7. Public Safety Committee Report from City Council by Meghan Horan

- a. Review of items on City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda from Tuesday, June 20th
 - i. Item 1 (#17-0643): Proposed amendment to the official police garage towing and storage agreement
 - ii. Item 2 (#17-0612): Current state of the Los Angeles Fire Department helicopter fleet
 - iii. Item 3 (#16-0410): Feasibility of the Los Angeles Fire Department utilizing drones, or unmanned aerial systems to assess significant incidents
 - b. For subsequent meetings: Meghan will determine which items on the City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting agenda are of most interest to the SONC public safety committee and report on those items.
8. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Report by Loren Naiman
- a. Vans are being rented on Airbnb
 - b. Burglary rate is going down
 - i. Rates go up and down due to criminal activity
 - ii. Burglaries are still occurring in stores on Ventura Boulevard
 - iii. Use of antennas as car key fob to break into cars
 - c. LAPD cadets: suspicion of police car and equipment theft, chases
9. Crime Map Report
- a. Burglaries are still occurring in Sherman Oaks but are improving
10. Discussion and possible action items:
- a. Old business
 - i. Map Your Neighborhood class- was held on May 24th
 - ii. What is Neighborhood Watch Informational meeting was held on May 30th and June 7th
 - b. New Business- Possible ACTION ITEMS
 - i. CERT Class- new class starts on July 11th
 - 1. Discussion to create a flyer and promote on Next Door and the SONC website
 - ii. Discussion about NNO (National Night Out)
 - 1. Do we want a public safety committee member at each location?
Further discussion at July public safety committee meeting
 - iii. Discussion about SONC Summer Series- Movies in the Park needs a volunteer from our Committee for each evening
11. Announcements from the Committee on subject matters within SONC's jurisdiction
- a. Next SONC Board Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2017- location to be determined
 - b. Next public safety committee meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2017 at Sherman Oaks Public Library
12. Adjourn at 7:59pm