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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, September 25th, 2017

6:30pm

**Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403**

Committee Members:
Melissa Menard, Co – Chair
Kristin Sales, Co – Chair

Barbara McDermott
Meghan Horan
Loren Naiman
Melissa Cortez (Alt.)
Brandon Pender (Alt.)
Carolyn Casavan (Alt.)
Jessica Wood (Alt.)

1. Call to Order by Melissa Menard, Co-Chair: 6:31pm
2. Roll Call: Kristin Sales, Melissa Menard, Meghan Horan, Loren Naiman (later in meeting), Brandon Pender (later in meeting)
3. Approve Meeting Minutes from August 28th, 2017
 - a. Motion to approve August minutes passed unanimously (Loren and Brandon not yet present)
4. Introduction of Committee Members, LAPD, elected officials and staff
 - a. Jeffrey Hartsough, 1st Vice President of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) board in attendance
5. Public Forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
 - a. No public comments
6. Chairs Report
 - a. LAPD warning- Fake service people are going door to door and distracting residents, providing the ability for a second assailant to enter the home
 - b. 2018 calendar of Map Your Neighborhood and Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting Series: discussing further down picking dates
 - i. Update- Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA)-meets every 4th Saturday at Emergency Operations Center in DTLA.
 1. Kristin Sales is a guest speaker
 - a. Presentation on Ready Your LA Neighborhood- uses Map Your Neighborhood as a tool
 2. Two members from Bel Air-Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council are interested in developing a communications plan
 - c. East Valley Emergency Preparedness Summit; Saturday, October 21st, 8:30am-12pm, Church of Scientology, 11455 Burbank Blvd. North Hollywood
 - i. Not to be confused with Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair
7. Public Safety Committee Report from City Council by Meghan Horan

- a. Review of items from previous City Council Public Safety Committee Agendas
 - i. Item # 14-0953: Designation of Applicants Agent/ Flood Mitigation Assistance/ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/ California Governors Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) Grant
 - 1. Approved by City Council on 8-29-17 (11-0-4)
 - ii. Item # 12-0122: False Alarm Fee Implementation
 - 1. Continued item to/for a date to be determined for City Administrative Officer to report back with recommendations on 8-23-17
 - 2. Add to next public safety committee meeting agenda as possible action item for a community impact statement (CIS): **MOTION**: Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supports charging a fee for recurring false alarms
 - iii. Item # 09-1977-S2: Instructing Los Angeles Fire Department to report with recommendations regarding homeowners when clearing brush from their property
 - 1. Approved by City Council on 9-1-17 (10-0-5)
 - b. Review of items on City Council Public Safety Meeting Agenda from September 27, 2017
 - i. Item # 17-1061: LA Fire Commissioners report relative to the proposed decision and recommendations for the 2016 Brush Clearance Assessment appeals
 - 1. See Public Safety Minutes item 9(b)(i)
 - ii. Item # 16-0037-S51: Resource Enhancement Services Enforcement Team. Video Management Equipment System Upgrade/ Police Skid Row/ Monetary Donation
 - 1. End discussion as it does not pertain to Sherman Oaks residents
8. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Report & Crime Map Review by Loren Naiman
- a. Burglary up 14%; LAPD does not separate residential and commercial burglaries; not as high as a few years ago at 41%
 - b. Three murders since August; Five homicides in Van Nuys since the beginning of the year
 - c. Report on petty theft
 - i. Petty theft is misdemeanor; prior law under Penal Code section 666 made petty theft with three prior theft offenses a felony
 - ii. Crimes are now misdemeanors pursuant to Proposition 47; drug offenses which were felonies are now misdemeanors
 - iii. On California Information Index Rap Sheets (CII), stay away orders and probation terms were listed on rap sheets on felony offenses; probationary terms are no longer listed since the offenses are no longer felonies
 - d. Traffic issues at Sepulveda at Ventura as well as Beverly Glen at Ventura
 - e. Community Police Academy
 - i. Starts 9-28-17 from 6pm-9pm at the LAPD West Valley Station Community Room, 19020 Vanowen St, Reseda, CA
 - ii. Loren to find out when the next session starts
 - f. LA Times crime mapping- 6 month trends
 - i. Sherman Oaks- 100 violent crimes; 1,027 property crimes; 172.2 crimes per 10,000 people (higher than in Bel-Air, Beverly Crest, Brentwood, Valley Glen, Encino, Van Nuys, and Valley Village)
9. Discussion and possible action items:

- a. Old Business
 - i. Valley Disaster Fair- OCTOBER 7th, 2017, 10am-2pm; www.valleydisasterfair.com
 - ii. Selection of Committee member working shift (in order to maintain PS committee member status, each committee member must attend at least 1 event every 6 months).
 - 1. After committee discussion, members are urged to participate in committee events to ensure an effective and useful committee
 - iii. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 1- next course starts on January 9th
 - 1. Promote through neighborhood watches and Next Door
 - 2. Brandon volunteers to attend the first night to represent the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council and the and Public Safety Committee
- b. New Business- Possible ACTION ITEMS
 - i. Community Impact Statement- Council File 17-1061 LA Fire Commissioners report relative to the proposed decision and recommendations for the 2016 Brush Clearance Assessment appeals: **Tabled**
 - 1. Suggestion by Loren to invite LAFD Fire Captain to next meeting
 - ii. Map Your Neighborhood class- select dates: **Tabled until next meeting**
 - iii. Neighborhood Watch Informational Meeting- select dates: **Tabled until next meeting**

10. Announcements

- a. Next SONC Board Meeting: Monday, October 9th at the Sherman Oaks Elementary Auditorium
- b. Next Public Safety Meeting: Monday, October 23rd at the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center

11. Adjourned 8:18pm