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Public Safety Committee Meeting (Virtual)

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
6:30 pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY.

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If the public wishes to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item, the Public will wait to be addressed by the presiding officer before commenting. If accessing the meeting by telephone, the public is requested to press *9. If accessing the meeting by computer, the public is requested to click on the “raise hand” button.

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Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that the public brings to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become an item on a future committee meeting agenda. Public Comment is limited to two minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Jenna Lewis, Co-Chairs at 6:37pm

2. Roll Call

Christy Adair, present; Jenna Lewis, present; Barbara McDermott, absent

3. Review and approval of July meeting minutes.

Christy Adair (yes); Jenna Lewis (yes); Barbara McDermott (absent). July meeting minutes approved

4. Introduction of committee members, elected officials and staff

No elected officials or staff present.

5. Announcements and Committee Business:

- a. www.AlertWildfire.org

- b. Pulse Point app

- c. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair – it's virtual this year!

6. Presentation by Co-Chair Christy Adair regarding how to respond if you witness an accident.

Pamela H. asked question regarding if you should call or not call 911 when see possible drunk driver even if you can only get partial intel. Committee discussed it is best to call 911 if see possible drunk driver – sharing any information and timeline for a possible drunk driver could be helpful to the Police. Call CHP if on a highway or call 911 and tell Operator the location and they will forward, as applicable.

7. Discussion and Possible Motion: Schedule of possible speakers for October, November, December, and January monthly meetings. Potential topics discussed:

- Christy A. can speak on the CERT class units and give helpful information from each of the 7 Units.
- Run-Hide-Fight lecture and training. Need to find a speaker who does not charge a fee for the talk.
- Porch Pirates, Fire Extinguisher training (potential kitchen or dry Christmas tree fires), minor first aid like cutting an onion and slice your hand.
- Go Bags – creating bags for different emergencies
- Radio Coms with walkie talkies. These are inexpensive and easy to operate for short distances like within a neighborhood if power goes out or in an emergency environment.

8. Public forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction

1. Alexandria N. asked about: upcoming fire/draught/high heat days/home prep/cooling centers in Sherman oaks. Water spritzers in Sherman oaks. / water to help prevent overheating. Possibly Van Nuys & Ventura Blvd. During the last heat wave, the senior center opened but not during the current heat wave.
2. Alexandria N. mentioned a concern with homeless who suffer with mental health who do not have advocates within the police department. She believes there is a general lack of care, knowledge and tools when dealing with the public who suffer from mental health issues.

9. Committee response to public comment.

1. Committee Response from Jenna L. stated that the Committee would discuss with outreach to distribute flyers indicating resources for these City Services.
2. Committee Response from Jenna L. stated the Committee will make an effort to get a SLO to speak on this issue.

10. Announcements and Committee Business

- Jenna L. asked for new recruits for the Public Safety Committee. We are looking for people with a passion for disaster preparedness or public safety who have connections to LAFD or LAPD.
- Christy A. mentioned the USC Crosstown Crime report for this month is on the Public Safety website. While overall crime is down, there are certain areas with marked increase between this year and the previous year in September. Specifically, Assorted Assault (battery, aggravated assault and assault with a deadly weapon) up by 71%; Burglary up by 54% and Bike Theft is up by 60%. Crime is notably down for Domestic Violence by 56%, Shoplifting is down by 42% and Identity Theft is down by 36%.
- Christy A. mentioned upcoming Voting Dates:
 - October 1 – LA County mails registered voters Official Sample Ballot and Voting Instructions
 - October 5 – LA County will begin mailing vote-by-mail ballots
 - October 19 – Last Day to Register to Vote
 - November 3 – Absentee ballots (Vote-by-Mail) must be postmarked on or before Election Day to be counted. **DON'T DELAY, MAIL YOUR VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.**
 - November 3 – Election Day
 - LAvote.net – website for more info

11. Adjourn at 7:34pm

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