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Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda (Virtual)

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13, 2021
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.

Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter 842 7040 8817 and then press # to join the meeting. The meeting can also be joined from the Zoom “Join Meeting” screen using Webinar ID: **842 7040 8817**. Instructions on how to sign-up for Public Comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT AT SONC PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.

Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.

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-Chair at 6:34pm
2. Roll Call by Penny Gilbert, Secretary
Christy Adair, Cissy Altamarino, Penny Johnson, Jenna Lewis, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith, Penny Gilbert. Quorum present
3. Review and approval of March 9, 2021 meetings minutes.
Penny Gilbert asks for roll call approval of February 9, 2021 minutes. In favor of approving minutes of March 9, 2021 Christy Adair, Cissy Altamarino, Penny Johnson, Jenna Lewis, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith and Penny Gilbert
4. Introduction of committee members, elected officials and staff.
Chair Christy Adair, Chair Jenna Lewis, Secretary Penny Gilbert, Barbara McDermott. Provisional Members: Cissy Altamarino, Penny Johnson, Jesse Smith, City Dep Attorney Andy Soliman
5. Special Guest Speaker: Deputy City Attorney Andy Soliman—Neighborhood Prosecutor Program
There are 28 attorneys assigned to Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. Due to the size of the City, it is broken down into geographical areas and the 28 NPP attorneys are assigned in each area to deal with specific issues. Deputy City Attorney Soliman formerly was assigned DUI cases. His new assignment with the NPP allows him time to address specific areas of need within the Sherman Oaks community. Deputy Attorney Soliman works with various agencies within the City to target and address various issues. He 2 offices: 1-6262 Van Nuys Blvd and 2-inside the LAPD, Van Nuys Div. He works directly with the SLOs. The biggest crime issue in this area at present is vehicle theft. This crime is preventable by remembering to lock your vehicle and if you have valuables inside the car to conceal them.
Christy Adair asked about citizens filming activity in their neighborhoods and then posting those videos. Deputy City Attorney Soliman said he would pass this onto the SLO.
Penny Johnson asked about street racing. Jenna Lewis answered Penny Johnson's concerns by stating that specialized police officers were aware of the problem and were at present working on the issue. Deputy City Attorney Soliman added that a program of citing street racers with hefty fines was working better than arrests.
Penny Gilbert asked about getting assigned SLOs. Deputy City Attorney said that issue was not in his jurisdiction. Barbara McDermott did point out that Officer Magana was assigned as SLO or the next 4 weeks.
Cissy Altamarino wanted contact information for Deputy City Attorney Soliman.
6. Public Comments--None
7. Committee Response to Public Comments
There were none

8. Discussion of SONC Elections

SONC 2021 Elections: 28 candidates and 14 open seats. Each Friday night (4/16/21 through 5/7/21) there will be Candidate forums for each SONC Area. Online Voter Ballot Registration is open through May 4th at <https://clerk.lacity.org/elections/neighborhood-council-elections/vote-> Election Day is May 11th.

9. COVID 19 Update by Jesse Smith

Los Angeles County has moved to Orange tier. Bars, and wineries that don't sell food are open. Indoor dining to 50%. 25% allowed for pools and gyms. 50% for theaters and hair/nail salons. Stores 75%. April 14, anyone 16 and older can get the vaccine. Johnson and Johnson vaccine on hold. *As of April 25, 2021, CDC is allowing J&J vaccine to be in use.

10. Safety Tips

Penny Johnson presents

Blue Tooth Scanners can be purchased to determine what electronic devices are in your vehicle IF these devices are left on. If you leave these items in your car, turn them off.

11. Social Misinformation of the Month

Presented by Barbara McDermott

Neighborhood Watch is NOT a citizen's watch, vigilante group. Neighborhood Watch is education and crime prevention through the Police.

12. CPAB April 8, 2021 Meeting

Basic Car 9A63 SLO Officer Magana for 4 weeks

Basic Car 9A37 SLO Officer Robert Sewell for 12 weeks

Jose and Nithya's Office of City Council dealing with homeless situation at Ventura & Milbank, Ventura & Stern

LAPD Van Nuys Division: Lobby remains closed. Continue reporting crimes online
Crime Data: GTA is up 60%, mostly east of Van Nuys Blvd., Assault on par, Robbery and Gang Activity down.

Recommendation to sign up for CrimeMapping.com, daily police activity in your specific area.

13. Final Announcements

Penny Johnson reports that Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez has proposed a motion regarding fireworks. This would include reporting illegal fireworks and a buy back program of illegal fireworks.

Keep the SLO and Deputy City Attorney Soliman's phone numbers on your phones.

14. Adjourn 7:46pm