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Public Safety Committee Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at **6:00pm**

Zoom Webinar ID: 842 7040 8817

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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. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order - Christy Adair, Chair at 6:09.

2. Roll Call – Christy Adair, Chair

Present: Christy Adair, Penny Johnson, Thelma Mericle, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

Absent: Penny Gilbert, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith

3. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves.

Visitor: Alexandria Naseef, CD4 has a new role as Community Education Coordinator. She plans to meet with community members by setting-up booths/tables at high traffic points around the district: Library, parks, grocery stores.

4. Covid-19 Crisis Update – Jesse Smith presented by Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

Starting March 12, indoor masking at schools will no longer be required. However, the state and the county are strongly recommending indoor masking for students, teachers, and staff, regardless of vaccination status, until transmission is lower.

School districts in LA County can continue to require masking at schools and during school activities, along with other appropriate safety protections, for their school community. At campuses where masking becomes optional, Public Health encourages that information about the importance of masking is shared with all members of the school community, and that schools support all teachers, staff, and students who want to keep wearing a mask.

Hospitalizations in L.A. County continue to decline, reducing stress on the healthcare system. This progress reflects the lower rate of COVID-19 transmission in the community and is providing much needed relief to healthcare workers who are at elevated risk.

Cases among healthcare workers are also decreasing. Between February 27 and March 5, Public Health reported a total of 80 new positive cases among healthcare workers; this is a decrease of 93% from the week of December 26, when 1,205 positive cases were reported.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) today released the latest data on COVID-19.

- 698 New COVID-19 cases (2,814,409 cases to date)
- 28 New deaths due to COVID-19 (31,343 deaths to date)
- 503 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19
- More than 11,556,000 individuals tested; 22% of people tested positive to date

5. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer Update – Barbara McDermott

Barbara communicated there was no update this month.

6. Planning Ideas / Goals for 2022

- SO CERT Graduation Class December 2019 CERT Bags Giveaway
Co-event with Outreach's **Tree Give Away** April 23rd (10am to 1pm)
PSC will ask grads to rsvp to get the bags so we can gauge #'s.
- CERT Staging Area Kits – possible NPG to support.
Note: Studio City NC voting on 3/6/2022 for 2 Staging Area Kits for their area.
- Presentations / Presenter Ideas Mentioned
 - Cissy: Kristin Sales, Map Your Neighborhood
 - Alex: topics around homelessness, how does law enforcement differentiate between homeless persons & criminals. Tips on how to protect oneself & home. Update on local break-ins, follow-home break-ins.
 - Alex: Asked PSC to continue our segment on “Social Media MisInformation” because she has seen that Nextdoor is not great resource for news on Public Safety.
 - Alex: CPAB meetings are out there.
 - Alex: Lets organize a Public Safety Fair!!!
 - Jeffrey: PSC could set up a table at a school program & offer help on preparedness. Ensure people know what CERT is & what help is out there. Get included in PTA newsletters. Ask schools or Education Committee for help joining. PSC could put together some simple videos to educate on a topic for our website and then distribute to organizations, churches & synagogues.
 - Cissy: We could have kids present on a topic & then video tape them so that the subject is accessible to kids/parents!
- Strengthening Connections to SONC Community
Mikkie Loi: We all need to find new ways to educate community about the Neighborhood Council system!
- Discuss recording each PSC Committee Meeting in full
- Community Outreach Possibilities:
 - Crime & Safety
 - Emergency PreparednessThese items were not discussed. To be included on the April 2020 meeting agenda.

7. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee's jurisdiction.

No public comments raised under this agenda item.

8. Committee Response to Public Comment

No public comments raised under this agenda item.

9. Administrative Motions - Action Item; Vote Required.

- a) Motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.
- c) Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Public Safety Meeting.

Minutes were not voted on due to another committee needing the Zoom link. Minutes will be reviewed and voted on at the April 2020 Meeting.

10. Final Committee Business and Announcements

No additional announcement raised under this agenda item.

11. Adjourn meeting at 6:51pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at join.ntp-la.org
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com
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- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at 38903@lapd.online, or call (818) 374-5420.

ONGOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Weekly Walkie-Talkie Radio Check-In: Every Sunday at 10am: Channel 20 (or Ch 16 if 20 is busy), we check-in around the Valley to see how far our voices can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster. The PSC suggests you pull-out a walkie, put in fresh batteries, and listen to next Sunday’s net to see if you can hear anyone.

Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: Every Sunday at 9am on Simplex 145.570 we have a weekly net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly, net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.

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