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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 7:00pm

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 7:04pm
- 2. Roll Call** – Penny Gilbert, Secretary
Present: Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Thelma Mericle, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano
Absent: Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith
- 3. Introductions** – Committee, City Officials and Staff
- 4. Presentation and Discussion** – Alternative Response Programs to Better Address Today’s Community Safety Issues by Carolina Goodman and Alejandra Aguierre
 - Community Alternatives to 911-San Fernando Valley (“CAT911-SFV”)
 - Current LA City Programs
 - National Pilot Programs
 - Ready Your L.A. Neighborhood (“RYLAN”)
 - Neighborhood Watch

Carolina and Alejandra’s 14-minute presentation can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtiYGelcX3k>

5. Covid-19 Crisis Update – Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

The LA County Dept. of Public Health latest data on COVID-19:

- **10,430 New COVID-19 Cases** (3,335,973 cases to date)
 - Monday 8/8 – 2,174
 - Sunday 8/7 – 3,416
 - Saturday 8/6 – 4,840
- **30 New Deaths** due to COVID-19 (32,856 deaths to date)
 - Monday 8/8 - 4
 - Sunday 8/7 - 6
 - Saturday 8/6 - 20
- More than 12,375,000 individuals tested; 24% of people tested positive to date.

Back to School Safety Information

The LA County Dept. of Public Health and the LA County Office of Education are hosting a Virtual Town Hall on Back-to-School Safety - August 10th at 5:30pm.

Watch on Twitter, Facebook or YouTube: @lapublichealth

Ask a question: [Tinyurl.com/askLADPH](https://www.tinyurl.com/askLADPH)

Monkey Pox Update

On Monday, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in California to address a rise in monkeypox across the region. LA County is continuing to work to provide the first monkeypox vaccine to as many eligible Angelenos as possible with the current limited national vaccine supply. As soon as federal vaccine supply expands, the Dept. of Public Health will make second doses available to those who received their initial dose.

For more information on how to get tested for monkeypox, who is eligible to receive the monkeypox vaccine, and how to preregister for a vaccine appointment, click [HERE](#).

Eligible groups are also able to receive walk-up vaccinations at active [DPH sites](#).

6. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer Update – Barbara McDermott

N/A - Barbara was absent.

7. Did you hear the one about The Goats in Sherman Oaks? – Penny Johnson

CF22-0600-S20 - Instructs the Fire Department to report to the City Council's Public Safety Committee on potential partnerships with the Conservation Corps for brush clearance efforts (and other outside entities) that use goats to eliminate invasive and overgrown brush.

Sepulveda Basin – The city's Valley testing location

8. Update local CERT Classes and Events – Christy Adair

Update: Sherman Oaks Class Graduated August 2nd

Update: National Night Out with SLO Romo at the SO Galleria, August 2nd

Upcoming: Van Nuys, Graduates August 19th

Review August 21st for CERTs

Link for LA County Vector Control Video: https://youtu.be/OGW9_wB9W9E

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

None.

10. Committee Response to Public Comment

None

11. Administrative Motions - Action Item; Vote Required.

a) Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Public Safety Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes, as presented: Penny Johnson and Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

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

Does Not approve: n/a

Absent: Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith

b) Motion to Record the entire PSC meetings, going forward.

No vote taken; we will move this to next month's agenda when everyone is present.

12. Final Committee Business and Announcements

It is SONC's 20th anniversary! Sherman Oaks was Certified by City on oct 29 2002.

13. Adjourn at 8:26pm

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
- To **SUBSCRIBE** to receive monthly meeting announcements and agendas, contact: SoncPScommittee@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch** info, contact your local Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”). To find your SLO: <https://www.lapdonline.org/> | Your LAPD | Find Your Local Police Station
- 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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