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- **Public Safety Committee**
- **WEDNESDAY March 29, 2023 at 6:30pm**

### **Meeting MINUTES**

In conformity with the 9/16/21 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee meetings will be conducted entirely with a Call-In option or Internet-Based Service at this time.

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*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.*

**1. Welcome and Call to Order at 6:40pm**

**2. Roll Call:** Penny Gilbert, Secretary **Present:** Susan Collins, Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

**3. General Public Comments by Community Stakeholders: None**

**4. Special Executive Committee Items:**

- a. Discussion and possible vote on change of day and time for committee meetings once we return to in person meetings which is scheduled to begin April 1, 2023:**

**The committee decided to email Susan with available / unavailable dates so she could schedule a date when it will be possible to have a quorum.**

- b. Presentation by Penny Gilbert regarding outreach program to increase attendance of PSC meetings by the public. Committee discussion and possible vote on approval of outreach program. –**

**Due to the upcoming uncertainty in scheduling the Public Safety Committee Meetings, the committee decided to post-pone this presentation so that if approved, it could be implemented.**

**5. Adjournment: 7:30pm**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the [www.CERT-LA.com](http://www.CERT-LA.com) website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at [join.ntp-la.org](http://join.ntp-la.org)
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at [Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com)
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at [Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com)
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- 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](mailto: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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