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Public Safety Committee

Saturday – June 15th, 2024 from 10:00am – 12:00pm

MINUTES

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.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2024
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE EVENT

- 1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair:** Meeting called to order at 10:01am
- 2. Roll Call – Vacant, Secretary:** Roll call taken by Susan Collins, Christy Adair, Penny Johnson, Thelma Mericle, Jesse Smith – Present. / Barbara McDermott, Absent
- 3. Approval of Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2023 PSC Meeting:** (minutes from May were not available)
- 4. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff:** None Provided
- 5. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee’s jurisdiction:**
 - Scott Mandel – brought up Measure HLA (the recently adopted ballot initiative that adds dedicated bike lanes to streets by removing parking and traffic lanes) and says one of the first places it will be implemented along Ventura Blvd.
 - It was advised not to use public wi-fi. Information is not always private on public wi-fi so passwords and sensitive information may be picked up by other people

6. Items for discussion:

- A.** Notify Public regarding excessive mail theft – (in particular, from the Post Office on Magnolia and Kester.)
 - Multiple residents requested a crosswalk on Kester / Huston and Camarillo / Magnolia
 - Mail is being stolen with frequency from the post office located on Magnolia /Kester. These thefts are occurring from the mailbox in the parking lot and the boxes inside. The manager has been requested to place a warning sign on the boxes but has refused. There has been an arrest recently made of an employee who works at the post office.
 - People are “whitewashing” checks meaning once they steal your check from the outgoing mail, they remove the payee and amount and replace that information with names they

can use and a dollar amount that is beneficially to them.

7. LAFD / CERT Updates: Presented by Christy Adair: Christy states that we need to submit a request for funding in order to purchase additional C.E.R.T. bags. The next C.E.R.T. classes will begin in mid-September

10. Final Committee Business and Announcements: *Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda.: Penny Johnson asked people how they found out about the meeting. They responded with 1. Next Door 2. Word of Mouth. 3. Email Blasts

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned at 10:23. Presentations started at 10:30am

10:30 AM ** Begin Public Speakers:
(Please visit the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council website and our YouTube Channel to see videos of the speakers from this event

10:30 - 11am - Vector Control: Mosquito Control

11:00 -11:30am - CIRCLE Team: Homeless Response Team

11:30 - 12:00pm – Christy Adair, C.E.R.T. Emergency Response and Basic First Aid

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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