

[Christy Adair] 18:46:32

Yeah, start now.

[Susan Collins] 18:46:50

So thank you for that. Let's see.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:04

Um, introductions and city updates from the committee, city officials and staff.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 18:47:11

We're a small board. I'm sorry, sorry, I can't remember. Everybody's listed as Christy, and so I don't remember, um...

[Christy Adair] 18:47:19

I think if you can go in and change, if you go to the three dots.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:24

or let's see, go to participants. and then where it says panelist, and then there's 3 dots.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:32

You can change. Everyone can change their own name.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:32

Yeah? Oh, rename.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:38

Do I need to change them or everyone else can.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:38

Yeah. you, every person can change their own.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:42

Oh, okay.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:45

I've no idea why it says Christy Adair. Oh, you know what? Maybe that was Jeffrey sent me my link.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:48

Because... Yeah, exactly.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:51

But you all should be getting the links, too. That's what I don't understand.

[Susan Collins] 18:47:57

Um. Okay.

[Christy Adair] 18:47:57

I was just me.

[Susan Collins] 18:48:02

Um, does anybody have any? updates or... There's no city.

[Susan Collins] 18:48:09

officials here? No. We are on agenda item number 3, Committee.

[Christy Adair] 18:48:09

Sorry, what what agenda item are we on? Do we miss? Oh, yeah, 3. Okay, introduction. I think we haven't done introductions in a while, and since we have a few new people, maybe we should do that.

[Susan Collins] 18:48:24

Okay. Um, did you want to start or you want me to start?

[Christy Adair] 18:48:30

Go ahead, Susan.

[Susan Collins] 18:48:31

Okay. Hi, I'm Susan Collins. I co-chair the committee with Christy. I was previously on the board. I'm no longer on the board, but I've been active with Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council, uh, and in the community for the last, oh, probably 10, 12 years.

[Christy Adair] 18:48:50

I remember you coming to song meetings back when Ron Ziff was still.

[Christy Adair] 18:48:56

involved. So you've been around for a long time. I'll go next, Christy Adair. I.

[Christy Adair] 18:49:04

been with LAFD cert for a very long time, so I help usher in the cert classes in the Valley. I'm also with Red Cross, and I do a lot of volunteering with them as an EMT.

[Christy Adair] 18:49:17

and I've been on the board for sunk for I don't know how many years, but I really enjoy it, and I love. I've learned so much being on the board about the way the city works and doesn't work.

[Christy Adair] 18:49:29

And even though the meeting last night went really long, the speaker we had was a former city control, and I really enjoyed what he had to say. So even though it was a very long meeting, I did enjoy that content.

[Christy Adair] 18:49:43

But I enjoy the Public Safety Committee because Susan is more crime and safety, whereas I'm more emergency preparedness and disaster preparedness. So hence public safety committee. We're going to keep you safe somehow.

[Christy Adair] 18:49:56

That's me. Barbara Penny?

[Susan Collins] 18:50:01

Penny. Oh.

[Christy Adair] 18:50:03

Like, Penny doesn't... Penny's not muted, but Barbara is, so Penny.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 18:50:07

Okay.

[Penny Johnson] 18:50:08

Okay, hi. I'm Penny Johnson, and I have been on this, the public safety committee for several years. I also am a co-sponsor runner of a large neighborhood watch.

[Penny Johnson] 18:50:24

In Sherman Oaks in the area of Ernie's Walk. And that's pretty much it.

[Christy Adair] 18:50:35

Okay.

[Barbara McDermott] 18:50:35

I'm Barbara McDermott. I've been on the Public Safety Committee for a long time. I don't remember forever.

[Christy Adair] 18:50:40

ever. It's inception, I think.

[Christy Adair] 18:50:44

Barbara predates me.

[Barbara McDermott] 18:50:47

I'm a long time neighborhood watch block captain and police community representative in the area. I was a.

[Barbara McDermott] 18:50:55

responder with the Mayor's crisis response team for several years, and then I also worked at LAPD as a police service representative for, um, for a time.

[Barbara McDermott] 18:51:06

Um, that is the official title of dispatcher 911 operator, police dispatcher.

[Barbara McDermott] 18:51:13

All that kind of stuff

[Sybil Azur] 18:51:18

My turn. Where's Ernie's walk? That's my first question.

[Penny Johnson] 18:51:26

Bernie's walk is bordered by Van Nuys Boulevard on the east and Kester on the west, and then Magnolia on the north and the river on the south.

[Penny Johnson] 18:51:41

And I think Barbara, isn't there a little bit of earnings walk that I don't know why they call it that on the other side of Kester?

[Barbara McDermott] 18:51:48

No, that's a completely different neighborhood watch group on the south side of the of the river, and my group is on the north side of the river between Sepulvana and Kester and the river in Magnolia.

[Penny Johnson] 18:51:52

Okay.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:00

Okay. Yeah, my kids went to Kester, so I know the area pretty well, even though I don't live right over there. Um, okay, thank you. Hello, I'm Sybil Azer, newly appointed board member, apparently.

[Christy Adair] 18:52:14

I have pictures to prove it.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:16

You do have pictures. Um, thank you for that. Uh, let's see, I'm living in Sherman Oaks for since 2007, been in LA since 1986. Good Lord. Lots of things I've done over the years, but what's relevant to this group is that I'm also a current block captain.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:37

for our neighborhood watch seems to be a recurring theme. Um, I did the CERT training in 2023.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:44

and I'm always on perp patrol, so this is.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:48

Kind of right up my alley, and safety patrols and emergency stuff, so... and I worked on a fire show for two years, so... as a researcher, so, you know, it's... this is all.

[Sybil Azur] 18:52:59

This is all my my sweet spot. So I'm happy to be here.

[Christy Adair] 18:53:04

What area of Sherman Oaks are you in?

[Susan Collins] 18:53:05

Great, you're in the right spot.

[Sybil Azur] 18:53:08

Uh, I'm in Valley Heart Glen, so I'm between Fulton and Woodman, between Moorpark and Riverside. It's like between the freeway and the wash.

[Christy Adair] 18:53:17

Is that Area 5? Okay. I used to rep. I used to represent Area 5.

[Sybil Azur] 18:53:18

Yes, it's area 5. Yeah.

[Sybil Azur] 18:53:23

Okay. Did you? You obviously lived over there?

[Christy Adair] 18:53:27

No, I used to do national night out with the police at that location, and that's just what I used.

[Christy Adair] 18:53:34

as a community interest. receptive.

[Sybil Azur] 18:53:36

Okay, yeah, yeah, according to the map, the last one that I've looked at a bunch of times.

[Sybil Azur] 18:53:44

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 18:53:47

And then we also have board member Kira. on the call. Carrie, would you like to introduce yourself? Do you want to be elevated as a panelist?

[Christy Adair] 18:54:01

Is Kira still on? Oh, Kira's not on anymore.

[Susan Collins] 18:54:04

There she is. I'm here.

[Christy Adair] 18:54:05

Oh, I'm looking at the wrong.

[Susan Collins] 18:54:08

Promote to panelists. There you go.

[Christy Adair] 18:54:10

I was looking at panelists. Oh, she's got her hand up. Okay? And Pam. Ham has her hand up.

[Susan Collins] 18:54:16

Oh. Oh, okay.

[Penny Johnson] 18:54:16

Yeah.

[Susan Collins] 18:54:20

One second, uh... is.

[Christy Adair] 18:54:22

I did have that?

[Susan Collins] 18:54:26

Kira, are you there?

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 18:54:27

Yes, I just wanted to say welcome, Sybil, and I love this committee, so I hope you will too.

[Sybil Azur] 18:54:35

Okay. Thanks, Kira. I'm sad to take a picture with you last night.

[Penny Johnson] 18:54:37

Pay her.

[Sybil Azur] 18:54:40

Sorry.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 18:54:42

Yeah, from 9 o'clock, and we hadn't even started board business yet. Sorry

[Christy Adair] 18:54:47

We weren't even halfway through the agenda. at that time. Okay.

[Christy Adair] 18:54:52

Thank you. I appreciate knowing a little bit about everybody.

[Christy Adair] 18:54:57

reminded how civic, civically minded we all are.

[Susan Collins] 18:55:05

Um, okay. I don't see any other.

[Susan Collins] 18:55:10

City officials because they don't come. So we will move on to, oh, the Sherman Oaks crime data update.

I did not have this was this was also down until, like, you know, 10 minutes ago. Um, so all I'm going to be going through it with you.

As, you know, I'm going to be learning about it as I read it off to you guys as well. So, um... As most of you probably know, we do this once a month, and the crime data is relevant from last month to...

[Christy Adair] 18:55:57

Is it for the month of February? Is that how they do it like February one, the first to the end?

[Susan Collins] 18:56:00

So it's... so we're going to be comparing these statistics from January 11th of 2026.

(Susan Collins] 18:56:08

Um, so the... for the month of January 11th.

[Susan Collins 18:56:13

to February 7th, that month of statistics. to February 8th. through March 7th, so those two months. So between those two months, we had... now... Also, I mean, I want to preface again, when I talk about changes in numbers, sometimes like on homicide, it says there was 100% reduction.

But... which is fantastic. Um, but keep in mind, there was one homicide, thank God, there was only one homicide, um, from January to February, and then there were zero from February to March.

[Christy Adair] 18:56:54

I think that's what's important. That's what's important.

[Susan Collins] 18:56:56

So I don't want you to think, like, oh my God, there was, like, 15 one month, and now there's, you know, none this month.

and vice versa. So, um, right now, as a matter of fact, on rape. So, from January to February, uh, uh, there was one rape, and that went to two this month, so we had an increase of 100%.

On robberies, we had a decrease of 35.3%, and that number went from 17 to 11.
aggravated... I'm sorry?

[Barbara McDermott] 18:57:35

Susan? That was me. Sorry, this is for the Van Nuys division, correct?

[Barbara McDermott] 18:57:41

Okay, which goes from if anybody isn't familiar with it. It goes from Raymar at the north north end down to Mulholland, and from the 405 over or cold water. Maybe it's cold water. Sorry, cold water.

(Susan Collins] 18:58:30

Thank you. So on robbery, I can't remember if I said this on robberies, we had a decrease in our area.

Of 35.3%, I just say this, that went from 17 in the prior month to 11 this past month.

Aggravated assaults. Unfortunately, we had an increase of 17.6%. That went from 34 incidents to 40 incidents.

The total person crimes, the average of all of those, it basically stayed the same. So when we add up all those, um, we had 53 one month, and we had 53 the next month.

On property crimes in that same period and. For the Van Nuys Division um on burglary and breaking and entering, we had an increase of 22.5%. We went from 40 incidents to 49.

Motor vehicle theft. We had a decrease of 18.4%. We went from 49 incidents to 40 incidents.

Theft from motor vehicles. We had a decrease of 34.1%. We went from 85 to 56.

Larceny, theft offenses. We had a decrease of 26.5%. We went from 113 incidents to 83.

Property crimes, we had a decrease of 20.6%. Going from 287 incidents to 228. And on the combined total between the persons and property crimes, we're showing a decrease of 17.4%, going from 340 incidents to 281.

So that is the crime report on that. Last month, we spoke about this little disclaimer at the bottom, which has really been, like, a pebble in my shoe because I know, Sybil, you weren't here last month, & I don't know if the other people were, but you know, these statistics, people keep talking about them, saying crime's down but the general public, generally speaking, does not feel that.

Law enforcement, who I want to preface this, everybody here knows, Sybil, you don't know me yet, I am very pro-law enforcement. I'm with CPAB. It's not anything against them. But I

feel like they have a line that's repeated frequently, which is, if the perception of crime isn't down, then that's what we need to work on.

So it's kind of like, don't believe your lying eyes. This frustrates me. And so when I read. This disclaimer at the bottom, and again, I apologize, I put this crime data up very, very late, because our page, for some reason, has been down all week.

It's very vague on how they measure crimes, right?

The reason that they have been saying that this isn't up is because they are transitioning to a new system.

I've done entirely too much research. I feel like a geek if I told you how many hours I have spent researching this.

If everything was perfect, then the new system would be more accurate. However, a lot of the larger urban cities, Los Angeles and New York being the two biggies, have not been entering this data at all. So. There isn't really an accurate database. That is the reality. So I'm not quite sure why when people or when elected officials tell us crime is down. I don't know where they're getting that information from.

Even on this, it says that they are using a hybrid of what used to be the SRS system and is now they're switching over to this NIBRS, which is the national... what is it? The National Incident-Based Reporting System.

I don't want to go into the weeds of it, but using a hybrid system of those two would still not give us an accurate count on crime.

And because they're not reporting it at all. It makes it disingenuous, I think, when elected officials say our crimes are down, because they don't they don't really know.

So, that's it for that. That's it on the crime report.

General or public comment: does anybody have comments on the crime data?

Pamela? Oh, Kira.

[Susan Collins] 19:04:38

Can you unmute? Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 19:04:39

It's like audio is off. Kira has her hand up.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:04:43

Uh, yeah, I'd really like to know where those statistics come from, too. I'm definitely going on Thursday. Thank you, Susan, for sending that information over. I found Kristen to be very approachable, so... I could ask her if that's okay. I don't want to be competition in any way.

But yeah, where do those statistics come from? Also, I just want to mention, like, from my perspective as a homeless person, um... What I really... I think it's really important what you just said about, like, the perception of crime, because I see crime all day, every day.

And nobody does anything about it. So I think that's why the perception of crime is much higher. If arrests or whatever, tickets are not being given out, I guess that would be... crime is down, but... I think that could be, like, a whole other conversation, so I'm just gonna... Dip it in there and leave it.

Barbara might have something to add on that. I don't know. Like, when I drive by and I see people on the sidewalk shooting up, I think, oh.

That's a crime, because I was born in 1975, so people used to hide doing drugs now. It's just out there. Is it not a crime anymore? I don't know.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:05:56

Thank you for allowing me to speak

[Susan Collins] 19:06:00

Thank you, Kira.

[Christy Adair] 19:06:02

Something that Ron Galprin mentioned last night, which, technically is a crime that isn't being ticketed. Our parking citations. He said that the city is not spending money on.

Meter readers to go out and issue tickets. He said that used to be a revenue source for the city, and now it's become a loss leader because they've been sent to do other work and not issue tickets. I know they still do some. I had this conversation earlier with somebody who said, yeah, they... when they do street sweeping, someone will come behind the street sweeper and issue tickets if someone hasn't moved their car.

So it's still happening somewhere, but it just made me think, well, if there's fewer officers, somebody has realized that maybe.

Parking meter, giving parking tickets isn't important. So maybe they're saying, shooting up on the street isn't as important as maybe some other crime. So, because we don't have as many officers as we should. I think we're down a car in our division.

But anyway, so Susan sits on the CPAB

All right. Anyway, I digress. But Susan is in a wonderful position to be able to go in and listen to the officers monthly on some of these issues. So thank you. Thank you for doing that.

[Susan Collins] 19:07:47

Oh, thank you. Can I make a quick comment about what you said about the drug? So, quite a while ago, when there was an unofficial decision made to not prosecute misdemeanors.

Most open drug use is considered misdemeanors, drug possession is considered a misdemeanor. And so it's not that it's not illegal, it's just that it's essentially a citation that won't amount to anything. So even if somebody were to get several citations, most of our judges now are extremely lenient about it, and we also don't have any place to send people, which, if we had funded Prop 36, would have been a huge help. It's not just about, getting drug addicts, out of our vision, it would have, given people the nudge they needed to get the help they need, and it could have been a wonderful thing. But right now, there's not the political will.

[Christy Adair] 19:09:20

Well, it's probably an administrative burden, you know, because it's an administrative burden that if you're handing someone on the street a citation and then a second citation.

That's an administrative burden that's probably never going to pay off because they're not going to pay it, they're not going to show up that wastes the court's time.

[Susan Collins] 19:09:32

Exactly.

[Susan Collins] 19:09:40

So that's why we're seeing the increase. We have a raised hand. Let me just hang on a second.

[Christy Adair] 19:09:47

Oh, good eye.

[Susan Collins] 19:09:50

Now, for some reason, Pam, I see your hand. I'm just trying to, my screen isn't... One second. I'm clicking.

[Christy Adair] 19:10:06

If she unmutes, she can ask her question.

[Susan Collins] 19:10:09

Aha! Here we go. Got it.

[Susan Collins] 19:10:14

Can you unmute? Oh, there you go. Sorry about that.

[Pam Bingham] 19:10:16

Oh, goody. Can you hear me? There I am!

[Christy Adair] 19:10:18

There you are.

[Pam Bingham] 19:10:21

Hi there. Thank you so much for taking my question. I'm actually, can you hear me?

[Pam Bingham] 19:10:27

Okay, I am the Vice President of Van Nuys Neighborhood Council.

[Pam Bingham] 19:10:34

In addition to being on the budget advocate. And I do chair our safety committee, which is kind of encompassed with homelessness and animal safety. So I was... I had joined your meeting because I wanted to kind of understand how you work. But I have a comment on the issue of not issuing citations for those who are using drugs on the street. And I wonder, and it's absolutely a comment and an opinion. I wonder, since we are going to be in such a high alert time during the Olympics. So this is like, you know, a couple couple years coming up. I wonder if there's going to be a solve for that. Because my guess is the city is not going to want to have those types of situations happening while we have all these people here for the Olympics. And I wonder if there is... and I don't know if this is something that can be discussed now with elected officials, or even the...the LAPD, but my guess is that that may change. Hopefully, that change won't be temporary, but there's going to have to be some type of action taken. That's my comment.

[Susan Collins] 19:12:09

Thank you, Pam. I agree with what you said. You know, it's kind of like I'm sure you remember when Newsom cleaned up San Francisco for the Chinese ambassadors when they were coming. And everyone was like, well, wait a minute, how come you could clean it up? For them, and then very shortly after they left, it went back to how it was. So, my guess is that you're right, there will be... a push on enforcement around, you know, the World Cup and, um, the Olympics, and, you know, all we can do is hope that they make that more permanent.

Because no one is benefiting from the way things are now. So, um, I hope, I hope, I hope you're right, and I hope it sticks.

Thank you for commenting.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:12:58

Can I make a comment on that? Just and even getting to before the non-enforceable and all that kind of stuff. It is illegal and people can.

All non-emergency dispatch, if they'd like to report it. And they will come out. I mean, if they have. It may take a while because it's going to be non-emergency unless somebody's shooting up and they're falling over and need, you know, paramedics or something like that. But, I mean, that can be done, and I do think... Oh, there's your doc.

And so there is, as far as crime, a very, you know, small component, I don't know how much, but, of people that don't call in and report things because they don't think there's going to be a response or anything will be done.

So that may, on some level, whether it's small or minuscule or whatever, also be impacting it, but I, you know, what Susan said is true also. I can't find the data.

For these numbers, so...

[Susan Collins] 19:14:02

And as an example of what you're saying, and the frustration around this issue is when you look at what the people at Ventura and Stern have been experiencing. Pam and Sybil I don't know if you know, but, they have been on Ventura and Stern. It's been a very problematic corner for several years, really, since just before the pandemic, and it has continued. There are people there that have restraining orders against them that are not supposed to be there.

And yet the members of that community have really done a phenomenal job. They're admirable in what they've done. They've really come together. They formed the Ventura Stern Coalition, they have video, they have recordings, they have, I mean, everything's so well documented.

I will say LAPD and Captain Zine have been really great because they've seen the partnership that the community has tried to sync with law enforcement, and even with that, this has been a five, six-year struggle.

With the same people coming, same people, um, turning up and selling drugs, doing drugs, terrorizing the merchants, terrorizing the residents, and they do report it, and they do document it. Law enforcement is just as frustrated. You know, Captain Zine personally drives by that area several times a day just to try to keep things in check. I've been driving by, they've had Senior Lead Officers from other areas - Captain Zine has asked them to go

by it. It has gotten better. But we're talking about 6 years of just hard, hard, hard work and it shouldn't be that hard.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:16:00

Green.

[Susan Collins] 19:16:02

I just want to make sure I'm not missing anybody. Do I have any, anybody else have any comments on the crime data?

[Susan Collins] 19:16:12

Then seeing none, we'll close that out. Thank you. That was a great conversation. Thank you, everybody, for your input. And now we have social media safety.

[Susan Collins] 19:16:20

Barbara, it's our new, it's our new agenda item. I'm so excited to hear this..

[Barbara McDermott] 19:16:27

Okay, all right. I have to figure out how to share my screen, because I actually put together a little very simple basic.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:23:03

How many of how many here are on next door? Just curious.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:24:40

This is Social Media Safe.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:24:46

There's some scams to recognize, and what we can do to protect ourselves, and how we can protect our neighbors in our neighborhood as well. Next slide, please.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:25:07

So, as we all know. Well, I have a love-hate relationship with social media and neighborhood social media groups is great because we can share information locally, although it goes beyond locally, which I'll talk about later.

They can collect a lot of information and run a lot of frauds and scams on these platforms. And one of the reasons that it's so easy for them and it's so attractive to them is that neighborhood groups create a false sense of security and the illusion of trust, because users believe they're interacting with just the people nearby. So they're more likely to let their guard down, share information.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:25:58

Next slide.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:26:10

There are actually a lot of scams on neighborhood social media groups. But most of them, or a good number of them center around service provider recommendations or rental listings or other types of listings, job opportunities, sales, or just posts that are posted to try to get people to make friends. So those are the long-term ones for financial and romance scams, sort of the grooming posts.

The service provider ones, a lot of them are garage door repair people, appliance repairs, roofers.

It used to be more prevalent that they would use photos from other businesses, legit photos from other businesses to pass them off as their own companies work. These other businesses would be, maybe across the country, or photos that were taken 5 years ago, or something like that.

These scammers sort of have changed. They evolve and change what they do as people start to catch on.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:27:31

Also sometimes the fake profiles. You'll have a fake profile that's posting a recommendation for a service, and then you have other fake profiles that respond to that or comment on it or react to it. It's a whole network of these things that we've been tracing. I had a spreadsheet of about 300 different interconnected fake accounts from a few years ago.

And some of those accounts we're still trying to post things. Job opportunities.

Those might be for looking for an assistant or something, or secret shoppers which stores do not have.

And a lot of the job opportunities are tied to further scams, which could be... bringing people in. They're different layers, bringing people in for a job, and the job is doing something fraudulent, and the person that applies for the job.

They don't realize it's fraud, and so they're just doing what they're hired to do, and it just perpetuates it.

[Susan Collins] 19:28:36

Excuse me Barbara. Could you give an example like on that? Because I'm not really familiar with that.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:28:43

The job opportunities, the fraud: There's one, and there's some examples that I'll show in the slides. But one that's been very popular, and they're kind of changing their tack now is that they'll say, I'm looking for a personal assistant. No training necessary. You can earn.

\$500 a week, it's work from home, flexible hours, and I just need help with... organization things, or I just need help with a business. They won't say what the business is, but a lot of these has been for posting fraudulent rental ads on these platforms. And then people apply for this, you know, rental, and they send in the money. There is no rental, or it's... renting at a much higher cost.

There's actually been some cases in LA where homeowners have had a knock on their door and somebody shows up, and they say "What are you doing here?" "I'm here, I'm renting the place, I sent in my deposit", and these homeowners have no idea. They're like, I live here, it's not for rent, it's not for sale.

So that's actually happened.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:30:04

There's also things where, and I'm not quite sure how this works, where people are listing ads saying, I'm looking for a cleaning crew. And so these... and some of these cleaning crews have posted as a warning, and they say, I'm looking for a cleaning crew.

They give some things that they want. So the person... the provider contacts them and then the person who posted the job says, oh yeah, I'm out of town, but I'm going to send you a check for this or I'm going to send you the money for this, but just show up on this day or whatever. And that's where the fraud happens. Somehow, they're sending checks that aren't real, or they're using Zelle to send money.

[Barbara McDermott]

And then people are getting a message saying, oh, your Zelle account doesn't accept business payments, so you have to log into this thing. And so the login that they're providing... is actually fraudulent, so they're getting their information that way. It's... a lot of it's really convoluted, and I'm, you know, it's pretty amazing what they think up. And then... Sales posts. I'll show you some of those.

For a while, there was a lot of cars being advertised, saying. This car is for sale. It's at this price, and I'm selling it for my aunt. She's not on next door, so email this address. Don't contact me, and it's a phony thing, and they're, you know, they're posting the same car all over, and I've seen it nationwide, these same ads, just different people posting different fake accounts posting.

There's a lot of fake accounts. I don't know how they're doing it, but some of these scammers, they'll create you know, dozens of fake accounts, and then start posting things, and if they get caught, and the account gets closed, it doesn't matter, because they've got a bunch more, and they just keep creating them.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:32:06

Next slide.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:32:21

So a lot of the common red flags, new or barely active accounts.

You can go in and check the profile, click on the profile picture or the name.

And just scroll through and see what type of activity that account has had.

A lot of these new accounts, they'll have barely anything or they'll have, you know, a picture of a pet or something or something that says, "Hey, I just moved to the neighborhood. Where's the best cat toy shop?" I've actually seen that or fish shop or something like that. Or, "I moved in and I'm just here to make friends, so, you know, if you see me around.."

[Barbara McDermott] 19:33:03

There was... there was one post, there was 3 different... three different accounts, fake accounts that posted the same day in three different areas, saying"

"Oh, I just moved in, if you see me around with my white chihuahua, say hi". And each one had the same thing, you know, white Chihuahua, small chihuahua, whatever. And they're doing that to appear legitimate, and then they post a fake recommendation, maybe a week later or something like that. So some of these accounts, I've seen them wait months before they start.

They're frauds. They'll just post something.

Also on their profile page. You can click on "See Activity" and see how much activity they had. A lot of these new accounts, as soon as they join, they'll start liking a bunch of accounts, liking a bunch of other posts, real posts.

And then they're quiet for a while, and then a week or two later, or the next day, they'll start posting their own fraudulent content.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:34:08

Another thing is phone numbers written strangely. You see that a lot on Craigslist, where people will spell out the phone number, or use a lot of spaces, or things like that, and that's to bypass, I guess, things that can flag these accounts.

Or they'll say, hey, you know, Harry came out and fixed my washer. He's so great, if you need him, just DM me for his number, and then you say, post it publicly. Oh, no, well, or, you know, a handyman post it publicly. Well, he's doing a lot of work for me right now, so I don't want to give his number out publicly.

But if you send me a DM, I'll send it to you. And that's a red flag. Um... It's California law that contractors in advertising must post their license number, and you don't see that a lot on Nextdoor, or these platforms, or people will...Recommend somebody, and if you go to look up their license, you can't find it.

There's also people that... They'll post for a relative's company, which is fine, but they don't disclose the relationship. Somebody was posting for a roofer, it was her sister's roofing company, and she had 3 different accounts throughout the city, and she was posting this recommendation for this roofing company and never once mentioned that it was her sisters and said, "Oh, we just found this one", or, you know, last year she said, "Oh, we just found this one". And most people aren't going to see that because a lot of people aren't viewing distant neighborhood posts, but it's happening.

Prices below market value, like the cars or the rental properties, if it just seems too good to be true, really do due diligence and investigate it. Also, in the "For sale or free section", people will say, "I really want that desk, but I'm out of town right now, my brother's gonna come pick it up, so let me just pay you ahead of time."

Don't do that. That's a big fraud that's going around.

Emotional stories are vague and generic personal posts.

I've got some examples of those, and those are created to either create sympathy or a shared response from people.

Some of the generic posts are... Teenager jerk was on the freeway going, whatever, whatever, and with some investigation, it was a nonsense story, just meant to elicit people to respond, saying, yeah those types of drivers are jerks and all that kind of stuff. Sometimes they give it away because they accidentally write a street or a highway number that's in a different state, so you know it's fake. They kind of mess up. Or even service providers, I've seen this more than once for a repair person or an appliance recommendation. They were saying this guy fixed their washer, but they posted a picture of an air conditioning unit outside.

And then a lot of times they'll, say: "DM me to discuss this further", or, send me your text number, or let's go to WhatsApp or some other platform to continue their conversations. Also, some of these fake accounts are starting to disable or close the comments quickly, so

if anybody wants to respond, they have to DM them. I mean, that doesn't necessarily mean it's fraud, but that's a good red flag. Next slide.

[Susan Collins] 19:38:00

Christy, did you have a question about this?

[Christy Adair] 19:38:01

I had a question about the fake accounts you're talking about.

I had heard a rumor that Nextdoor was posting random questions and requests for recommendations to generate this kind of response like it was the next door marketing promotional. Employ to get people using Nextdoor and talking about their communities and their neighborhoods. And so part of me is like, well, is that a next door or is that someone scamming? I would think if it was a false account that they didn't create for this kind of conversation that they would be shutting those down, because it just makes them look bad.

Like, people have a very negative opinion of Nextdoor because of everything you're mentioning, these terrible scams.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:38:47

Yeah, they've... they next door is aware of these scams, and I and I know some other people. We've even just sent them long emails and screenshots and explained why these are fraud. And, you know, they have to be aware of it. Usually, those kinds of posts generated by Nextdoor, I've seen some of them.

I haven't seen as many for a while there. I know there was... they would say next-door team member or something for their name, so you could tell it wasn't, like, an account of a... it wasn't a normal account. It looked different.

And then they post on some of the... like, they'll post links to news stories, you know, KTLA has a story about this, and then they'll pose a question after it, and it'll have the little... looks like the Gemini icon or something.

So you can tell that's not... a regular next-door member account asking the question.

I think what they're doing is not meant to look like a regular user. They have said that it would be obvious that it was.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:40:02

Them. next slide.

Here are some examples. These are all fakes.

All of these were posted in the same day or withing 24 hours

[Christy Adair] 19:40:25

A lot of cat stuff.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:40:30

And all of these accounts were created February 18th or 19th, and they didn't post anything until about, I think it was 3 days ago or something. And you can see it's North Hollywood, Reseda, Northridge, Sherman Oaks. They all post some generic, you know, some nights my cat sits by the window, you know.

And look at the one on the bottom left, it got 127 reactions.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:40:57

And... you know, and even though they're reported.

[Christy Adair] 19:41:04

That's why I thought it was next door, because it was generating responses.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:41:09

No. These are... fake. These are fakes. These are not next door trying to appear legit. This is just fake.

And on the right, you'll see that gentleman. It's a fake photo also. So... He posted, my cat acts like she owns the house. And then gearing up to,"Hey handyman Henry exceeded my expectations".

You know, it's a crock of... it's... it's all BS. It's a fake recommendation, it's a phony review.

A lot of these phone numbers that are in these recommendations, they go to a voice over IP call centers. Their voice over IP number that goes to call centers. And if you search on Nextdoor, you can find.

Like somebody in San Diego posted the same number for a painter. And, you know, here it's being used for an appliance repair. So a lot of times these recommendations.

They're kind of over the top, you know? There was one about... This woman... account posted saying she forgot about the appointment, and she had to go do this, and then she got a call that he was at her house, and so she told him how to get in, and she was late, and he was cool, and he even walked their dog, and how wonderful... It just went on and on and on. So, you know...

[Barbara McDermott] 19:42:42

Next slide. Here's some for tickets sales. This was very popular when Lakers were playing. So the 1st one, they're selling their tickets because her dad's having surgery.

There were multiple identical posts, not from different accounts in different areas that were just like this. This is just a sampling.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:43:08

The next one... having brain surgery next week.

The next one, she wants to give a MacBook away because she bought it for her son and he died of cancer a week ago.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:43:26

God, and then the next one is, yeah, my son got... my son was killed by a speeding car, so I'm giving away this laptop. I've seen other things where they say, my brother died, and I'm really lonely, or, my dog died, something like that. And a lot of... they used to post a lot of...

animal photos and plants and food pictures. And then they would have some comment. But you could go and do a reverse image search and see it been all over Reddit.

And so that was about two years ago, and they've kind of stopped doing that for the most part. And like I said, they just keep evolving with what they're doing. Next slide.

There is one. That's an example looking for a hardworking assistant. My current assistant just had a baby last week. Okay, that same exact text was posted over a half a dozen to a dozen times by different accounts, all saying the resident had a baby. There were a lot of babies being born.

And then the bottom one, the bottom one was just yesterday, I believe and it was a phony rental thing, and the number that they gave was not the landlord or anybody else, and the real landlord was contacted, and they're like, no, we're not, this is not real. And then today, somebody posted and said: "Hey, does anybody know where that post went about the woman renting an apartment in Van Nuys?" And I said, yeah, that was a scam. And then he said, oh man, he goes, and I just learned the hard way, too, so apparently he'd responded to something else, and it was a scam.

So, the one on the top left, I've seen that one... The exact same script, with the only thing different being the age.

By posting by multiple accounts all over the city.

In the bottom left, you know, that, for some reason, they like golf, a lot of these fake accounts like golf.

I don't know why, so one with the, "I'm struggling", "I'm reaching retirement age, and I'm struggling", and, you know, "what have you guys done?"

I kind of have a feeling they're on the verge of rolling out their new approach, because we see these things in waves happens, and then they get called out, and they kind of slow down, and then.

[Christy Adair] 19:46:03

I've seen in a lot of those.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:46:24

a new batch of scams.

[Christy Adair] 19:46:26

But is anybody monitoring this? Because it just seems like if they, like you're saying, they're coming out in waves with different ploys, it just seems like there is some kind of a crime being committed, but... Maybe not. Presently, but after the relationship develops and they get to know their marks, it just seems like somebody should be monitoring the original IP.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:46:37

There is.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:46:47

I know several people, some moderators, some not, that just kind of you know, scroll through and look. And report all these things, and we report the profile and the posts.

And we even we even send long... you know, emails to next door about it, so I think Nextdoor is aware, but I don't know. Oh, Kira.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:47:16

Thank you, Barbara. I mean, I asked you to do like a cheat sheet and you've done like a forum.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:47:22

I'm a cheat sheet at the end!

[Christy Adair] 19:47:24

Only Susan can open it though.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:47:27

Well, Susan has her magic ways. Thank you for...

[Barbara McDermott] 19:47:34

She can post it, there is a cheat sheet with all of this at the very end that she can post if she wants to on our, um... Page on the song page.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:47:43

Well, I just want to ask, since Christy brought it up, like how is Nextdoor policed?

[Barbara McDermott] 19:47:48

I don't know.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:47:48

I mean, if anyone else is following the Roblox lawsuit, or the Instagram lawsuits, it's kind of

[Barbara McDermott] 19:47:55

Oh, I'll have to look into that. Yeah, I don't know. I don't know. It's... it's... There should, um... There should. And sometimes.

[Christy Adair] 19:48:01

There should be accountability somewhere.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:48:11

Yeah, there should. Next door is kind of getting better at deactivating accounts that are reported, but for a while there, you know, you can report a post which goes to the moderators. You can report a profile which bypasses the moderators and goes straight to next door.

So... Next door is getting better about taking action against profiles that are reported, but a lot of times, it's really obvious that these are scams in the waiting, and Next door will say, "oh, we didn't find that this broke community guidelines".

So, I don't know, you know, I think it's just raising awareness.

[Christy Adair] 19:49:04

Well, people are getting smarter, because you'll see on some posts that are like the ones that you're showing and several down, someone will say, oh, this one's a scam, just look, go to the profile, or look, the author hasn't responded to any of these offers to help her move her stuff. Like, people are getting smarter and saying, oh, wait, hold on, this is... this is AI. You know, if you get through a few of the comments. The first few are like, oh my god, let us help, and... but then it gets to, oh, there's 50 responses, and the author's never come back in and said anything.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:49:37

Right? And on the service recommendation ones, too, you'll see that they'll post. They'll post something and they'll get a lot of replies suddenly from people and maybe a few real accounts will reply. The profile will only respond to the fake account questions.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:49:58

They'll say, "thank you for posting this. I've been looking for this type of provider". "Oh, did they clean up after themselves?" "Do they also do this?"

[Barbara McDermott] 19:50:06

Yeah, and then if you look where these people are from, or go to those commenters' profile page, you'll see all the red flags.

And you can see, like, who will react to it. Like, sometimes there'll be a post, and people that are reacting are in Ohio, or San Diego, and it'll be a lot within the hour, and you're like, really? That was curious and I used to comment on some of these, and then some of these accounts tried to get me banned from Nextdoor.

[Christy Adair] 19:50:39

Oh, I got you're parsing their buzz.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:50:39

So I got booted off Next door for a couple times.

[Susan Collins] 19:50:46

You did?

[Barbara McDermott] 19:50:47

I did. So, I stopped...

[Christy Adair] 19:50:50

Who hasn't?

[Susan Collins] 19:50:53

I've been booted off more times than I can remember.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:50:54

So I stopped and I just do things behind the scenes now.

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:50:54

Like a badge of honor. Um, but Christy... Christy brought up a great point last month that I have found to be true, not that I don't assume that Christy is true, but.

[Christy Adair] 19:50:56

I know, right?

[Kira - Sherman Oaks] 19:51:10

You used to have to verify who you were and your address and all that stuff for Nextdoor, and... They just want the traffic now.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:51:16

That was a... Yeah, that was ages ago, and they still, I think they still ask for your address and stuff, but I guess we're not checking them, because some of these... I don't know if they're bots or whatever, you know, they'll create, if you go back and look when they join next door, you can see like that first example slide, all of those, and there was more that I didn't include in that slide. You know, they created their accounts February 18th and 19th.

[Christy Adair] 19:51:44

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:51:44

And I waited a week and a half and started posting.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:51:48

And sometimes they'll create an account, and they'll start posting 3 months later, or I've even seen some wait a year, or if you go to their activity, there might be some stuff, there might be little activity, but that's because all their posts.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:52:02

We managed to get reported and removed. Or some of them now, if the posts are reported, they delete their own posts.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:52:14

Next slide.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:52:22

Please. This is just a palate cleanser. But this.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:52:33

Apparently, she forgot that she posted the exact same thing.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:52:39

Two different posts. I've seen that before, where they'll post about a service provider, and they'll say. I've seen this with garage doors a lot. They'll say, oh, use Harry's garage door, and then you look in their activity, and two months ago, they were recommending Priscilla's garage door, or I've seen it with roofers, and they, you know, and sometimes you'll comment on it, or you'll see somebody comment, well, wait.

So, which roofer do you like? What happened to the roof? Did it fall apart in the last month? So you needed this new roofer?

[Christy Adair] 19:53:09

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:53:12

It's just a mess. This person did the exact same post forgetting that they posted the exact same post.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:53:22

Even with typos. next slide.

So, general things... Don't post in real time or your apps, that goes for any... social media.

One thing with next door, it's not just going to local neighbors. Anybody can see your posts nationwide, on or off next door, if you don't post to just your neighborhood.

Outside of your neighborhood. or your nearby neighborhoods, which is a really big area, they will just post your initials so somebody can't see your name. But people are always posting their phone numbers, their email addresses, their schedules, and...

And the default for new posts are that it's visible to anyone.

[Christy Adair] 19:54:10

Yes, I've seen that.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:54:12

Which means that post and all the replies are visible to anyone on or off Nextdoor. You can share it to other platforms. So just be careful. Someone else's information without their permission. If you're going to post, you know, somebody's name and phone number, make sure you just have their permission to post it publicly.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:54:33

Details exposing home or security. I don't know if it bothers people, but when they post on Ring or other places their security camera footage. It reveals where their cameras are. It also reveals what their cameras see and what their cameras don't see.

[Christy Adair] 19:54:59

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:54:59

Um, so just be aware of that, because also, as we know, we don't know who's on next door. We don't know where it's being shared and who can see it. Or highly personal situations that can make you vulnerable. I've seen posts where it says, "I'm a senior citizen, and my husband is recovering from a fall, and I'm alone, and I can't... I have back injuries, and can you help me?" Or... "My recently widowed, elderly neighbor who lives alone".

[Christy Adair] 19:55:32

Yeah, right. Thanks. Thanks.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:55:39

Or even with the neighborhood posting about a vacant house in your neighborhood. And, saying where it is, or showing a picture, and that attracts people... there really is a, you know, vacant house, bad guy hotline, you know, you can come back here.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:55:58

So that kind of thing, be careful of. Um... Next slide.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:56:09

Pause, try to verify things.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:56:14

Check the profile or account activity. the details, think about it. Is this... does this make sense? Is this... is this getting me to react? But, oh, wait a minute, it's just saying my cat lays in the sunshine, you know?

If there's urgency, or, you know, the emotional pressure, um, always, always, always verify contractors. Uh, contractors, state license board. You can check their licenses there. And also, when you check your licenses, their licenses, I would check to see if they have insurance. A lot of these companies, they say, we don't have enough employees, so we don't need workers' comp. and I was looking for somebody to do earthquake brace and bolt on my house recently or last year. And this one. I like them, I like the price, but they didn't have workers comp. When I read the contract, which I ultimately did not sign, and I didn't use them. It said that I had to provide an insurance policy for their workers.

I even called the contractors workers comp board or something, and talk to them. And anyway, just really do your due diligence and verify contractors.

[Christy Adair] 19:57:30

Oh.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:57:30

And look at rentals, you can do a reverse image search, see where the property is, and Google that address, look on Zillow or other real estate sites.

The freeway sign test. I like that one. So if you're about to post something would you want to see it flashing on a sign on the freeway during rush hour anywhere in the city or the State? Or would you want to take that information and hand it to a criminal?

You know, whether it's here, let me give my phone number and this picture of my house to a burglar or a predator or something.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:58:13

So. That's a good test. If you wouldn't want to see it on a freeway sign either modify what you post or just, you know, make it more generic.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:58:25

And you can also ask for advice without revealing details that might make you vulnerable.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:58:35

And then report suspicious posts and accounts and fraud. You know, you can report it to the moderators. You can report their profiles to.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:58:44

The platform or local law enforcement, if that's appropriate, or report fraud to report fraud Ftc to the FTC.

I think there's just one more slide, which is that big one sheet. Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:59:04

Is that what you were looking for, Kira? Is she still here?

[Christy Adair] 19:59:07

Oh, that's nice.

[Christy Adair] 19:59:21

No, we've lost Kira.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:59:26

Yeah. Yeah. So that basically has everything that I covered.

[Christy Adair] 19:59:28

We can send it to her.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:59:33

Like I said, these scams are always evolving, so... Just, I think just positive something just seems...

[Susan Collins] 19:59:44

Hey, Barbara, could you email this to me?

[Susan Collins] 19:59:48

Um, and I'll just I'm going to add it to the supporting documents for the meeting tonight so that way people will always, they can just refer back and get get it.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:59:49

Absolutely. Okay.

[Barbara McDermott] 19:59:56

Absolutely. You know, one thing... I worked on a film, years ago was Deep Impact. I don't know if anybody saw that was like 25 years ago. So maybe not. But I'm not giving anything away, I don't think. But in the first 10 minutes, there was this giant accident and these secret files that we're going to give everything away got destroyed, but as the movie went on, it didn't matter. It was just nothing. It was just a big explosion to get everybody's attention and think, "cool movie".

It meant nothing. So, I often think of that when I see these social media posts where you're going, oh, wow, and then you start looking at it, and it's like, "This is fluff".

Thank you.

[Susan Collins] 20:00:52

Thank you, that was great.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:00:53

Thank you.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:01:08

And I'm back. Look at me, I did it!

[Christy Adair] 20:01:12

Good job.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:01:14

Thank you. I feel like I deserve that. Thank you, Barbara. That was a great, that was a great presentation.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:01:18

Thank you, Susan.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:01:25

Um, is there any member in the public or on the... Uh... I guess there's... are there any board... are there any committee members that have questions or comments for Barbara?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:01:41

Seeing none, any members of the public that would like to ask Barbara or make a comment?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:01:50

Seeing none, we'll go ahead and close out. Item number 5, and go to... Uh, item number six, which is general public comment on non-agenda items. If there is any member of the public that would like to make a comment on an agenda items, please raise your hand now.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:02:11

Nobody? Okay.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:02:17

triple checking? Okay, no public comments. So we'll close that out.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:02:22

and go to number 7, which is committee response to general public comment. There was none, so... Anybody have any comments?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:02:32

Barbara, you're muted. I don't know if you meant to be.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:02:35

No, I was just going to say that that public comment was great.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:02:42

Um, okay, so seeing none, we'll close out number seven and go to number eight, community alerts review current advisories and alerts. Christy, did you want to talk about that? You were the one that brought this to our attention.

[Christy Adair] 20:02:56

Yeah, I'm trying to find a thing. I am going to... Move it over here so I can share my screen.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:06

I think I'm going to share... Okay, so I can't I speak of next door. I found this on next door, and it's a police.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:16

bulletin. It's the first one from the police, so it's like 26-001. I tried to find the original bulletin.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:25

I can't find it anywhere, so I asked Susan to find it. We couldn't find the original boat. So I only have this screenshot.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:31

Let me make it down a little bit. It's about the First Amendment auditors and how to stay safe when you encounter one. And so I thought, since we're Public Safety Committee, that we would share this.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:44

information, but Susan thought maybe we shouldn't, so we were... Anyway, it was just where they're usually.

[Christy Adair] 20:03:51

parking themselves and how to respond. If you see one. So it was prepared by.

[Christy Adair] 20:04:02

Laurel Friedlander in his bulletin, you know, the 1st bulletin of the year.

[Christy Adair] 20:04:07

February 3, 2026. So Van Nuys put this out, but it was just basically.

[Christy Adair] 20:04:15

saying, you know, don't confront them. So I thought it was great that the police did this. But again, I can't find this anywhere to see if it is a legitimate bulletin.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:04:24

It... yeah, I would... yeah, it'd be nice to verify. It seems legit.

[Christy Adair] 20:04:30

Yeah, it does, but it's just... it's a weird thing that I couldn't find, and I thought it was... a good idea just to say, you know, just be careful out there with them. We see a lot of

information on next door about where they are, and to, you know, hey, they're at the the Trader Joe's, they're at the...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:04:35

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:04:42

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:04:47

They're at the post office a lot. And what to do around them, what not to do. There's nothing really insightful in this. But I was impressed that the police department did put this out if they did. I just can't verify that it's a real.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:02

I don't know if I want to post this because I can't verify it.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:05:03

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:07

online in any way. But I looked for police bulletins.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:12

I figured they had a library somewhere. Anyways, I couldn't find it.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:05:17

I wonder if there's a delay in getting it up to wherever they might.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:21

February 3rd, and I don't know who they initially issued it to, so I didn't know if the Cpab meeting we could ask. But an interesting thing. I was impressed that they would do something like this because people are on edge when we come up on them.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:05:29

I'll ask them.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:37

And some people who aren't aware of them don't really know what to do, so I just thought this was a nice.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:05:37

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:05:41

community bulletin to say, hey, if you're not aware of this, this is who they are. So I'm not sure.

[Penny Johnson] 20:05:46

Well, who is Laurel Friedlander listed at the bottom as having a project?

[Christy Adair] 20:05:50

beats me. I tried Googling her. I didn't do a lot of work Googling her, but... anyway. So that was something that.

[Penny Johnson] 20:05:57

Okay.

[Christy Adair] 20:06:01

It was kind of late to the party when we're putting the agenda together.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:06:01

Where did you? And where did you find that on next?

[Christy Adair] 20:06:07

It was on next door. Somebody posted just a picture. So all I have. It was a screen grab. And so I did the screen grab. I thought, Oh, I'll find the bulletin, and I I couldn't find the bulletin.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:06:15

Alright, yeah. Let's see.

[Christy Adair] 20:06:16

So I don't know if it's legitimate or legitimate or not.

[Christy Adair] 20:06:22

So I wasn't comfortable. I like the information, but I just didn't feel comfortable posting it on our our website in case it wasn't legitimate.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:06:29

Yeah. I would agree with that. Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:06:32

And by the way, the, um...

[Penny Johnson] 20:06:33

Do you... do you think that Officer Romo could help you possibly find out if Flora is a real person or if that's... I bet she'd be open to helping you.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:06:44

You know what? You could, um, or community relations.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:06:48

LAPD at the Van Nuys station, the community.

[Christy Adair] 20:06:50

I just I'm not police, so I don't have any connections with any of the police. I'm fire. You need a fire bulletin. I can find it.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:06:54

I will...

[Christy Adair] 20:06:59

But the police, it's just I just don't have those connections. So what I could do is send it to y'all, and.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:05

I have CPAP this Thursday. I'm going to CPAP on Thursday, so I'll... Awesome.

[Christy Adair] 20:07:05

If you can find it.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:07:06

Okay. Okay.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:07:10

That would be good. That's probably the best place, yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:07:12

Yeah. So anyway, that we that was.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:13

Um, and just the reason that I did not list it as the First Amendment bulletin was because I.

[Christy Adair] 20:07:18

is what it was.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:23

assumed that, you know, like I do on certain issues that are hot button topics to me, I'll set a Google alert so that if it's mentioned someplace.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:31

I'll get an alert. And, um, these people are everything they do is legal, but their intent is to.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:41

push it to the absolute limit and irritate you to a point where you react, so that they can then take legal action against you.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:07:47

Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:07:50

Um, and they're very good at it. So, in an effort to just sort of keep things on track, I didn't want to put that out into the online.

[Christy Adair] 20:08:00

for them to respond to.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:08:02

atmosphere, and I don't want, you know, I don't want to keep this a safe place, but be able to convey this message, so that's why I didn't put the name of the alert on there.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:08:11

But I'm sure we've all seen them and they are incredibly irritating.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:08:16

Fortunately, knock on wood, I have not yet, and I hope to never find to them.

[Christy Adair] 20:08:19

Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:08:19

You have not seen them? So they do stuff like, um, you know, they'll, you know, stand outside of a school and start filming people's... in fact, it happened to a friend of mine, they went up and started filming, like, all the tags on the car, you know, like, when you buy a new car.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:08:21

No. Knock on wood. My friend has, yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:08:36

children. They get into the spaces.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:08:37

Oh yeah, no, that would... that would... I could...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:08:39

And they were doing it outside of a Jewish elementary school, like preschool, and so, of course, that... made them like, what are you doing? Well, the minute you... if you even say, what are you doing?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:08:53

It's on. They are going to get this close to you, they are going to do everything, they know the law better than probably law enforcement, and they will do everything to get you to... if you even brush your shoulder up against them.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:08:54

And they're yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:06

It's an assault. So... That's why I thought, actually, this bulletin that you had, Christy, was a great... it was really timely.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:17

But I will ask about it.

[Christy Adair] 20:09:21

Okay. Thank you. All right. That's it for me for number 7.

[Christy Adair] 20:09:26

If anybody has a question in the. Audience?

[Christy Adair] 20:09:33

I don't know how this works. I've got too many things up. Oh, there it is. One over there.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:34

I don't see any. Sure. Let me make sure.

[Christy Adair] 20:09:39

Okay, I don't see any hands up.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:40

No? Okay.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:46

Oh wait, Pam, we have we have a question.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:09:51

Pam, can you, yeah, you're just unmute yourself.

[Pam Bingham] 20:09:57

Oh, there I am. Okay. So now I was looking online to see if I can find anything from LA. And so I see a lot of.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:06

Other areas giving guidance on how to handle those situations.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:13

But I don't see anything in like Los Angeles specifically. Like, there's a training bulletin for Ventura, California. So I would imagine that Los Angeles has something.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:25

I couldn't imagine any other city doing this and not LA. So I think it would be probably wise, as you mentioned, to ask so that I mean, but it's a great.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:39

you know. Even if that wasn't exactly accurate, it's great information to give.

[Christy Adair] 20:10:43

It is good information. Hamlette, do you have our email? Because I can send you the image.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:46

Right.

[Christy Adair] 20:10:51

If you want, it's send it. Do you see my name? It's Christy.adair.sonk, S-O-N-C.

[Pam Bingham] 20:10:59

Yeah, well, I don't see it here, but I I have the email agenda. So I can. I can an email.

[Christy Adair] 20:11:01

Oh, okay. Yes. Christy.adair.sonk at gmail.com. That's the and if you send me an email, then I can send you back.

[Pam Bingham] 20:11:12

Okay.

[Christy Adair] 20:11:12

the bulletin image, and I just sent it to Barbara and Penny. I've already sent it to Susan. But it's interesting. I just can't find. I only found it in Nextdoor, and I, as Barbara just illustrated, we can't always trust what we find.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:11:17

Thank you.

[Pam Bingham] 20:11:27

Right.

[Christy Adair] 20:11:27

It's a neck door, so... Anyway, seasonal, seasonal.

[Christy Adair] 20:11:32

have an answer soon. Thank you.

[Pam Bingham] 20:11:34

Okay.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:11:44

brother. Questions, or...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:11:50

Seeing none, we will close out. Number eight.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:11:58

Um, number nine um we were supposed to discuss it and talk about perhaps formulating a CIS to submit, but because of the confusion on the link.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:10

I don't think it's appropriate to do that tonight, so, um, I'd like to, um... Move forward a motion to table this until next month.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:21

Um, so we... I'm sorry, you second?

[Christy Adair] 20:12:21

I'll second.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:25

Great. Okay, so I moved Christy second. All in favor of tabling this to next month say aye.

[Christy Adair] 20:12:35

Aye.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:12:35

Bye.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:36

All opposed say nay. Um, any abstentions, just say present.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:44

Okay, the eyes have it. Thank you so much.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:53

#m. Now we have the.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:12:59

CERT report.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:00

Okay, I have a couple of things. I'm going to give you all some dates and descriptions. So, for people who are.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:11

CERT trained chief. Oh, she uses it now? Chief.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:17

Aldana. So. The Valley is very large and has five different battalions. So the Chief Aldon is over the whole valley. So all of the battalion chiefs report up to Aldona, so he's kind of like the big guy. So the big guy is paying.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:34

for all the overtime for the firefighter instructors to.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:38

to give us a refresher. So refresher is where we go, and if you're cert graduate, you can go and practice with the firefighters and stations. And then what we're doing this time is going to be different is we're going to have a disaster drill.

[Christy Adair] 20:13:54

So after we have our like hour of reminder training, then we are going to join the medical team, the search and rescue team, or the command post, and you're going to have a role, and then we have victims, and we're gonna have a disaster drill.

[Christy Adair] 20:14:10

As if you're going and doing a search and rescue in a room, or in a parking lot, wherever the victims are. And then you're going to take them to the treatment area and then treat them. So you might want to be on the medical team, you might want to be on the search team, whatever you do. Then we're going to do that for an hour, and then stop.

[Christy Adair] 20:14:27

debrief, and then do it again. So it's going to be a lot of fun, it's going to be a different one. Um, the date is April 26th. It's going to be at the Sherman Oaks Station 88.

[Christy Adair] 20:14:38

So if you've taken cert and you'd like to come in a very fun environment, and there'll be people helping people who don't remember things. It's open to anyone. Highly encourage it. We only get this.

[Christy Adair] 20:14:54

When there's money and there's no money. But Chief Aldana has said, look, let me cover the overtime for the firefighters to come in on a Sunday and do this training for anyone who has taken CERT.

[Christy Adair] 20:15:06

And so we're going to limit it to 100 people. And it's just going to be a fun day and relaxed and not too hot because we're doing it in April. So it should be before the heat, although who knows these days. It'll be like 8 to 12, but there is an Eventbrite.

[Christy Adair] 20:15:24

So if you do LAFD cert. on Eventbrite, you're going to see classes and meetings that pop up, but look for the April 26th refresher.

[Christy Adair] 20:15:33

And it's just a lot of fun. So I highly recommend that. March 28th.

[Christy Adair] 20:15:40

I mentioned this last night at the board meeting. We're going to have a neighborhood pop up drill with the cache of disaster supplies that the neighborhood Council purchased.

[Christy Adair] 20:15:52

Poor Sherman Oaks in its area. It's an area, too, but it's like right on the border of one and two, and it's this one's at a person's house.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:01

And so we've already had one drill at her house with all of the neighbors, and we're gonna do another one on March 28th.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:08

and it's called a pop-up drill in Sherman Oaks, and it'll be it's on event right now.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:17

But we have to keep it private because it is someone's house. A lot of these caches around the city are either at someone's home or they're at a business. And so we couldn't find a business in Sherman Oak, so we put it in someone's house who's opened up part of her yard for her.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:33

whole neighborhood. So the cash should serve about 20 homes.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:38

Anyway, so that's March 28th. If you're interested, I will send you the Eventbrite link.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:44

for either one of these, or you could just go on to Eventbrite and and find it. Neither one of them are private, but you kind of have to go looking for them.

[Christy Adair] 20:16:53

Also, I just wanted to announce that. Cert is in four magnet schools, and we just had a graduation in North Hills, just north of us, kind of Granada Hills, North Hills area at Monroe High School. And so I watched 60 CERT graduates who were teens.

[Christy Adair] 20:17:13

graduate and then the next 2 days we went to the high school and we did disaster drills.

[Christy Adair] 20:17:19

And it was so much fun. There's another school in Sun Valley called Polytech High, and they have a club that they meet monthly.

[Christy Adair] 20:17:28

And a junior named John Franco is in charge of this cert club. It's an it's an accredited club at the high school, and they meet monthly and they do cert drill and cert training. But the cool thing is they also.

[Christy Adair] 20:17:43

do medical first aid for all of the sporting events at the school. So if there's a soccer game or volleyball game, these kids have medical training and will.

[Christy Adair] 20:17:54

be there for their fellow students. So it's actually, it's a really pretty cool club.

[Christy Adair] 20:18:00

May 6th, Wednesday, May 6th is going to be.

[Christy Adair] 20:18:04

The Sherman Oaks cert class at the Galleria. and it's on Wednesday night because of Penny Johnson's wife, who wanted to take this class, and that was the only night she had. So it's going to be every Wednesday starting May 6th at the Galleria. You can also find that on Eventbrite Lafd cert. And Susan, that's something.

[Penny Johnson] 20:18:22

We both registered. We did register both of us.

[Christy Adair] 20:18:24

Oh, good. Great, Susan, we should probably put that highlight that somewhere. You know what? Let me create a flyer, and then we'll put that on our website.

[Christy Adair] 20:18:34

for the class.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:18:35

Thank you.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:18:37

Can I just say that is phenomenal that those high schools are doing that. What a great idea. Get them early, and.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:18:44

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:18:45

It was it was like gave me chills, and they were so excited to learn that kind of a thing. It was... It was beautiful. And so the Polytech high is going to do another drill in a couple of months. And so I'm going to go and support them.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:18:59

Excuse me.

[Christy Adair] 20:19:00

And that's it for the cert report.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:04

Thank you. Um, does anyone on the committee have questions or comments on.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:17

Anyone from the public?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:21

Okay, closing it out. Seeing none, we'll close it out.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:27

Number 10 is upcoming events. Woohoo! This is Mighty!

[Christy Adair] 20:19:34

All right.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:34

We have a ton of opportunities to meet your senior lead officers. I did want to note that on the newsletter that went out, there was a flyer for a March 14th.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:49

Coffee with a cop. That date has been postponed, so that's no longer happening.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:19:55

Um, well that.

[Christy Adair] 20:19:57

But but but March 14th is our tree giveaway. So that's good, because we're doing our tree giveaway at that event. So it was it was conflicting.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:03

Oh, good, I'm glad you met it, because I was focused on the... that, so... Remind me again, or do you want to talk about the tree giveaway now?

[Christy Adair] 20:20:13

the street giveaway March 14th.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:15

Okay. Okay, at Sherman Oaks Van Nuys Park.

[Christy Adair] 20:20:19

Yeah, I'm off of Houston Street. I feel like I sent everybody on the committee the sign up sheet. Did I do that, or did I dream that?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:22

off of Houston. And what time, what are the hours for that? Is it 8 to...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:20:31

I think he dreamt it.

[Christy Adair] 20:20:33

Okay, I need to send you the sign up in case you want to come. We're gonna have. I thought I did, because we're gonna have a public safety committee table at the at the tree giveaway.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:34

Um...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:43

Um, you did, I just, I forgot to put it on here, um... And I think it was from... I think it's from 10 to 2?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:20:51

Yeah, something like that. But it is on the website.

[Christy Adair] 20:20:51

You? There's only 100 trees. There's half the number of trees this year, so they're probably going to finish before 2. But the the event that we're the bigger event that is happening at the park goes until 2 o'clock.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:21:06

What's the bigger event?

[Christy Adair] 20:21:07

It's what we... it's what they did last year. It's some kind of.

[Christy Adair] 20:21:13

Fair Sherman. I don't know what the the larger event is, but it's some kind of a Sherman Oaks Parks and Rec.

[Christy Adair] 20:21:20

fair with a lot of other vendors. So we're... we decided to do the tree giveaway again this year as part of their big event.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:21:22

That's right.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:21:27

Well, that's a great idea. Okay.

[Christy Adair] 20:21:29

Yeah, we had a ton of people milling around. It was great. And there's also gonna be Harold Shapiro and Cheryl Shapiro are bringing a bunch of cactus and other plants to give away as well.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:21:32

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:21:41

Nice.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:21:46

Um, so the, um, if you think of it, make a note, the March 14th date has, uh, with the copy of coffee with a cop is no more. However.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:21:57

There is, um, a new one that is going to be crackers and cheese with a cup, and that is scheduled for March 12th.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:22:07

from 2pm until 4pm, and that is... I didn't... I didn't make it on the, um, on this agenda, uh, because I got the notification, I think, yesterday. Um, however, there is a flyer for it in the supporting documents on.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:22:23

line for this meeting, so it's on there. Uh, and that is going to be at Whole Foods.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:22:29

on Riverside and that's gonna be Kristen DeLatori um that's her area, and so she's gonna be hosting that over there. Um, then also on Saturday, April 4th.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:22:42

There is going to be a Coffee with a cop at Ace Hardware located at 56... I'm sorry, 5960 Sepulveda, and that's, um, again, that's Saturday, April 4th, from 10 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:22:56

And um oh and then this is always a fun one. There is the LAPD Tippecop event. If you haven't been, it's kind of cool, especially if you're, like, a cop nerd like me and you know all the officers, it's a lot of fun.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:23:13

Um, because they, um, take over and they become the wait staff at Maria's Italian Kitchen on, um, Ventura Boulevard. So, on... and they'll... you order with them, they bring your meal, um, and then... Um, the... I believe your tips go towards LAPD. And that is going to be on Wednesday, March 25th, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. At Maria's Italian Kitchen at 13353 Venture Boulevard.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:23:44

And that there is a... there's a flyer for each of these, actually, um, on the supporting documents. So you'll see those on there.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:23:54

Let's see, um... I think that's everything that I have.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:24:03

Does anybody have any additions or comments or questions?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:24:12

Seeing none, what about... Pam, I think you're the last member of the public. If you have any questions or comments, let me know.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:24:24

Um, okay, seeing none, we'll move on. We'll close out that.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:24:29

Oh, oops, Christy, I have you on a cert report for twice on here. We'll skip number 12. It was an error.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:24:39

We'll go to number 13 which is final committee business and announcements emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda. Anybody have anything urgent that they needed to... Christy.

[Christy Adair] 20:24:52

I have two things. Last night at the board meeting, Pamela Harris, who is a co-chair of the Human Services Committee, mentioned that ICE was now back at the federal building and they're establishing a detention center in Van Nuys.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:25:10

Oh.

[Christy Adair] 20:25:10

So she says they're coming back in force in our backyard.

[Christy Adair] 20:25:15

So she was just saying everybody should be alert that we probably are going to start seeing and hearing, uh.

[Christy Adair] 20:25:24

their activities again. in our backyard.

[Christy Adair] 20:25:28

Another thing that I've seen, and I can't remember where I've seen it, if it was next door or somewhere else. But I'm reading that those jewelry switchers. I can't remember what the police called them. It wasn't gypsies. It was.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:25:44

I, um... They had another...

[Christy Adair] 20:25:45

Roman Roman, the Roman. travelers. There was there was a word for them. It's like the Roman travelers, Romana travelers.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:25:54

Yeah.

[Christy Adair] 20:25:54

It was the people who are doing. Oh, you're so pretty. Let me give you a hug, and they take your jewelry, or oh, here, let me give you this bracelet, and they take your watch. Apparently, they are back in Los Angeles. They... The police were watching them probably about six months ago, moving up the coast, and they they moved north towards San Francisco, and then they didn't know where they were going to go next. But apparently they're back in the Los Angeles area.

[Christy Adair] 20:26:20

So that's something that we should again be on alert for.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:26:26

Okay. Thank you.

[Christy Adair] 20:26:26

And that's it for me.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:26:30

Um, I have one thing to add into this as well, but, um, Pam has her hand up, so Pam, go ahead.

[Pam Bingham] 20:26:38

Oh, I just wanted to add on about ice being in the federal buildings. There's nothing we can do about that. But last weekend during the mayor's meeting with the neighborhood councils, I don't know if anyone.

[Pam Bingham] 20:26:53

Attended that. She said she did that she is not allowing them to enter any of the city buildings. There's an executive action.

[Christy Adair] 20:27:03

be why they're at the Federal.

[Pam Bingham] 20:27:05

to... that she's, you know. So that.

[Pam Bingham] 20:27:10

could be helpful obviously being able to just go into the federal buildings and.

[Pam Bingham] 20:27:18

set up shop. That's problematic. But I know that at least Los Angeles is trying to.

[Christy Adair] 20:27:25

Yeah. Take a stance.

[Pam Bingham] 20:27:25

keep us covered. you know.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:27:27

Okay. Thank you.

[Pam Bingham] 20:27:30

That's it.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:27:34

Um, the... that I wanted to bring up is, and actually, Barbara, maybe you can help me with this. Somebody brought to my attention, um.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:27:46

Most of you probably remember, um, there's a... a person that kind of keeps coming around, he gets snatched up, he's severely, severely schizophrenic. His name is... I mean, it's no secret, it's all over the internet. His name is Jonathan Akemon.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:28:01

So you're familiar with them. And Pam, I don't know if you are, but he's a gentleman who is very, very schizophrenic. He's very, very violent. So much so that ordinarily what happens is that when he comes back around, he'll get arrested for something and he goes away for a little while.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:28:19

And when he comes back around. the next door lights up. Jonathan was here, Jonathan was here, Jonathan's here, and it's kind of like this instant warning siren goes out. Well, the warning siren must not have gone out because, um, uh, last week, he, um, ended up assaulting, um, six people. He ended up, I think, stabbing.

[Pam Bingham] 20:28:25

Oh my.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:28:38

a couple of people, he had a hair pick, he stabbed, I think, 2 or 3 people, um, and assaulted, um, I think, like, another... I'm, I'm maybe off on my numbers. I remember there was a total of 6 people, but he did stab a couple of them, and then assaulted with a bat or something or an object.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:28:53

some other people. And. It went sort of unaddressed for a while. Somebody from CVS had to come down, and they sprayed pepper spray on him to get him, um, and then it took the LAPD several days to, um, locate him, because it took them so long to get there, that by the time, I mean, it was like hours, by the time they got there.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:29:15

He was long gone. Um, he's since been relocated. Um, but what was concerning to me was that I was trying to tell, I think it was Christy, I was trying to tell, was it you that I was trying to tell about this? And, um, she was not familiar with Jonathan, and so I said, well, just go to... next door and look him up, and you'll see, and there's pictures of him, and um...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:29:36

he always goes back to roughly the same places. Everything about him is gone.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:29:42

from next door. There is no record of him on Nextdoor at all, which... You know, look, I'm not trying to, you know, shame anybody. I mean, there was a reason. I mean, he has, um... There's a long list. I mean, he has a long arrest record, he has a long list.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:30:02

And so there's a reason that people need to know, and there's a reason that people, um, put out that cry, like, he's back.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:30:10

Um, because he has assaulted so many people that he is terrorized, and people do need to know. So my question to you, Barbara, is, um, how do we... what's up with him being removed? And how do we get that, I mean, out there again? Because I noticed that even.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:30:28

with the knowledge that... so it... even on citizen.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:30:33

um, somebody contacted me and said, it's even been taken off of Citizen. I mean, it's like, whoosh! So, I ended up... somebody got a screenshot of it, and they sent it to me, but he's no longer on, um, on Nextdoor, there's no record of it, and... I don't believe you can even find it on Citizen, so I don't know what the deal is with that, but people need to know. So how do we... what's going on with that, and how do we interact... how do we deal with that, Barbara?

[Christy Adair] 20:30:37

Let's have an attorney.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:30:38

Just.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:30:55

I, yeah. Don't know why it was removed. I will tell you that if you post something like that.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:31:04

keep it very factual. And then a lot of people will say.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:31:10

Don't remove this post. It's been removed before, and who removes these things? Don't preface it with that, because that also there's other things that that's.

[Christy Adair] 20:31:19

flags.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:31:21

for that, because now you're bitching about next door moderation or something, whereas if you just... found another way to post it. It would stay up, or if you just say, this is important, if there's any.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:31:33

And I wonder if there's any news articles that you can find about him, because...

[Christy Adair] 20:31:35

How do you spell his last name? Yeah. What's his last? How do you spell that name?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:31:41

It's A-K-E-M-O-N. Here a Jonathan's J-O-N-T-H-A-N and I mean I research I mean I I have probably like 10 pages of his history and that's just a part of it.

[Christy Adair] 20:31:45

And O.N. Jonathan.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:32:02

And I understand what you're saying, Barbara, but, you know.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:32:06

My recollection with most of the stuff on Nextdoor was, I mean, and I had posted it too, because I got out of the car, used to hang out a lot behind Coffee Bean, and there was a pet food store called Just Food for Pets. No, not just food for it was, um... whatever that pet food store was that was right there by, you know, um, and, um...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:32:23

Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:32:27

I mean, he chased me. I mean, I had a run-in, and when the girl... when I got in there, the girl's like, oh my god, that guy's crazy, like, he terrifies. I mean, he... he chased her down the street, and so people would say stuff like, oh, yeah, you know, um, be really careful, that guy, they posted pictures of him, you know, this is what he looks like.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:32:42

Um, because, you know, he chased one family into the street with a stroller in an oncoming truck, because they had to get... he had a back, and he was chasing after them. Um, so these are... I mean, it's... this is a legitimate, um... a legitimate danger that people need to know about. And then there's, you know, I think the reason it's important that you get this

history of, you know, the 500 posts that say, because there's always somebody that says, oh, come on.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:32:49

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:32:55

Yeah, I.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:33:10

It's not that bad. And, you know, then when you hear, you know, 200 people that go, well, no, he chased me with a hatchet. No, he chased me with a bat. No, I had to take refuge here or there. It's important.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:33:26

that that context matters. Please stop.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:33:30

I've seen... I've seen those posts about them, and I thought... I didn't think I didn't realize that they were gone, so I don't... I don't know. But I would say.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:33:40

Um...

[Christy Adair] 20:33:43

Yeah, I can't find anything on him.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:33:45

I would say posting about them. If it's more apt. If somebody is reporting them, or if it's being removed, it's more apt to stay up.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:33:54

If there's, if it's presented as factual and there is a long history between this man and the police, and if you can find reports and stay away from... Um... you know, calling him a name like this psychotic whatever you know or or you know just...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:34:15

you know, you could say, if you wanted to say something about mental illness, you know, there appears to be a mental illness involved, or something like that. But you know, get away from this is a sewer rat and the cockroach on society, or any of that kind of stuff.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:34:29

And I do, from what I recall, most of it was people saying, you know, he's severely, severely schizophrenic, but he's phenomenally dangerous. And I will tell you how those next-door.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:34:31

Hmm. Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:34:41

um, posts or helpful actually even to him, was because the last time he was around, he was really terrorizing people, and our council office member did not want to do anything about removing him.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:34:54

And, um, I reached out, and I know several other people did, I asked them to because he was creating... I mean, he had chased after this mother and her child in a stroller, um, and he had terrorized enough people with children that it was starting to get tribal.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:35:12

Right? And people were starting to say things like, it's him or us.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:35:19

And, um. Now, the reason that I think that was important to stay up.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:35:24

Mm-hmm.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:35:24

is because I think, you know, because I reported that to the council office, I reported it to LAPD, and it's understandable that when your families and multiple families like that are terrorized for long enough, I think it's going to be human nature that people do turn tribal.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:35:41

It's how we protect our young, right? I mean, it's what we're supposed to be doing. And so I think he did have some outstanding felony warrants that weren't being acted on, but when it started to turn tribal like that.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:35:54

Um, I think they then... so next door, you know, you could say, well, people are blowing it, whatever, but it did serve a purpose, because it allowed people to realize, like, this is getting... for everybody. Everybody concerned needs... he needs to be...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:36:07

Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:36:12

taken in.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:36:12

I agree. Those are helpful. And and what I was saying, that's just throwing out possibilities of maybe life. I know why some.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:36:18

Right. Well, I know I understand.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:36:20

Lesser ones can sometimes be removed. So I don't know what the case was because I think that was because it was so documented.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:36:28

And there had been, you know, so much police involvement also that, um... I agree. I would say, and I don't know if contacting next door directly.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:36:41

might help? I don't know. Or how do we put warnings out? I don't know, and I don't... I don't think the police would put a warning out, but, um...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:36:44

Yeah. Okay. Well, thank you.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:36:54

Yeah, I mean, and like I said last time.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:36:57

um, it became as much his safety. He had become such a threat to public safety, um.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:02

Yeah.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:37:07

a legitimate, you know, um... people were terrified, and it was... you know, it was getting unsafe for him as well.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:14

Another possible. Another possibility is if somebody I'm like, I said, I'm just trying to think of anything that.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:37:22

Right.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:24

if there was, you know, sticking to the facts type of a post as a warning without.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:31

you know, and in his case, you don't need to add hysterics, because it's already serious enough, you know. But that kind of stuff without the.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:40

I bet this is going to get taken down again without that, and just that, and if you can find news articles, and then close the comments, just, you know, be aware this man is out again. He's in the area. There's been a list of whatever.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:37:57

And then that that would be one thing we're maybe closing the comments can.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:38:02

can help. I don't know. I don't know. I didn't know that they've been taking...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:38:08

Well, and the tough thing about that is the whole point of posting about that situation on Nextdoor is people would say, hey, by the way, I was just at pavilions, you know, down by Laura Canyon, and I saw him in the parking lot.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:38:24

And then, you know, I would say I just saw him at, you know, Coffee Bean. He's back there. He's down by the wash. So, these were all ways for people to kind of avoid those areas, um, to avoid him. And that was...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:38:24

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:38:30

Yeah.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:38:34

Yeah, I think that's good, too. And and then and then I think also, if if you know there's there's somebody who.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:38:43

has done this over the years. He'll come on and talk about killing homeless people or killing something. Well, let's just go burn him or light him on fire, or something like that. I think those comments need to be flagged and removed immediately, so that it stays.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:39:02

So that you're not getting vigilantes posting what they're gonna go do.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:39:08

Um, but I don't... I've seen those posts before about him, and I've always thought they've been very helpful, so I don't know. I didn't realize that they... they were all completely gone, and that they'd been taken away.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:39:18

I didn't notice either until somebody, you know, said, hey, did you hear about this? I mean, he stabbed people and assaulted all these other ones.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:39:30

So, I was trying to...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:39:31

Yeah, that's a concern. That's a concern, because that would be a good use to warn people.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:39:36

Yeah. So, I mean, hopefully, I mean, he's... I mean, he has been picked up on those.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:39:42

I don't know how long he'll be held, but, um... When he's out.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:39:47

I think the community does need to know. It's never... you know, I've run into him... when he's newly out, and he's still on the medication that they gave him from there, and he's quiet and fine, but you just never know, like...

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:40:05

Did he get out? Two days ago? Did he get out last week? You don't know, and it's scary.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:40:14

And maybe it's just a matter of also people just going ahead and posting it, and if it gets flagged and removed for some reason, they can appeal to... next door, which they used to respond next door itself used to respond if you wrote them and say, Hey, can I...

[Barbara McDermott] 20:40:33

whatever, whatever. They used to respond. Moderators, you can appeal to also. Um, I don't know how well that does, but that might just be a thing of people just need to post, and if it gets removed, okay, post again, but without the... you know tirade against the.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:40:51

moderators or or other people are next door, and just, you know.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:40:55

Keep it. This is, this is important.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:41:01

He's back. Um, interesting.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:41:05

crap.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:41:06

Well, thank you. Thank you, I appreciate that. Um, okay. Does anybody else have any?

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:41:14

Emergency. Seeing none, we will go ahead and adjourn at 8.41 p.m. Thank you guys, I think tonight was a great meeting, thank you so much.

[Barbara McDermott] 20:41:26

Yeah, alright, and I'll send you that thing. All right. Bye.

[Jeffrey Hartsough] 20:41:28

Yeah, please do. Thank you. Thank you, thank you