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**SHERMAN OAKS**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting**

**DATE: Tuesday May 12, 2026**

**MINUTES**

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:37pm**

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer
2. Roll Call:
  - Susan Collins – Present
  - Christy Adair – Present
  - Penny Johnson – Present
  - Barbara McDermott – Present
  - Thelma Mericle- Present

### **2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS: Minutes from April meeting approved**

### **3. INTRODUCTIONS & CITY UPDATES: Committee, City Officials & Staff – Taleen Keuroghlian gave updates**

### **4. SHERMAN OAKS CRIME DATA UPDATE - Susan Collins – Reviewed data from current COMPSTAT report. Report shows 4 rapes in the Van Nuys area, however the exact location is not known and the details such as if they're connected and if the assailant has been arrested are also unknown. Susan Collins will follow up try to obtain greater detail. Please refer to "Supporting Documents" on the calendar for a copy of the Van Nuys LAPD COMPSTAT.**

### **5. REVIEW COMMUNITY ALERTS & CURRENT SCAMS –**

- **Traffic Ticket Text Scam:**  
Fraudulent texts claiming unpaid parking tickets with QR codes  
Legitimate verification: [www.lacourt.ca.gov](http://www.lacourt.ca.gov) (select traffic citations) or call 213-633-6300 - LAPD never texts about tickets
- **IRS Refund Mail Scam:**  
Official-looking mailings with IRS.gov branding requesting bank account information for "refunds" Scammers claim incorrect direct deposit information and request account details.

**6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** (See notes below)

**7. COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:** (See notes below)

**8. C.E.R.T. REPORT** - Christy Adair - New CERT class started at Galleria with 25-30 participants. Annual CERT drill at Genesta Park (Encino): June 13th - includes search & rescue, field hospital, moulage victims, and Stop the Bleed training Fire Service Day completed at Station 88

**9. Final Committee Business and Announcements** - Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda

**Secretary for SONC is stepping down, if anyone is interested in assuming that position, please reach out.**

**10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:54pm**

- **Key Notes from May 12, 2026 Public Safety Committee Meeting:**

The committee received updates on residential burglaries (down 36-37% according to LAPD), discussed a concerning spike in violent crime statistics, reviewed two major scam alerts affecting residents and voted to add Kira as an official committee member. Plans were initiated for a community blood drive in September and a visit to the Emergency Centralized Response Center (ECRC).

- **Committee Membership & Structure Decisions:**

Kira officially added to committee (unanimous vote)

New DONE representative: John Darnell (available for Brown Act/compliance questions)

- **Upcoming Community Events:**

**Blood Drive – Planning: Target date: End of September**

**Proposed locations: Westfield Fashion Square community room or Church of the Chimes.**

**Minimum 25 participants needed; Red Cross handles scheduling via QR code appointments.**

**Committee can provide swag from existing public safety supplies**

- **CERT Activities:**

**New CERT class started at Galleria with 25-30 participants.**

**Annual CERT drill at Genesta Park (Encino): June 13th - includes search & rescue, field**

**hospital, moulage victims, and Stop the Bleed training Fire Service Day completed at Station 88**

- **Homelessness Response Reporting Channels Clarified:**

**Primary recommendation: Report directly to Taleen's office for prioritization with Patrick and Ben (homelessness outreach team). 311 option available but not actively monitored by council office**

**LA HOP (lahop.org) appears to be county/LAHSAs-focused system**

**ECRC Facility: Located at Hall of Records downtown. Houses city/county departments working on homelessness issues in one location.**

**New oversight and regular auditing as of January 1, 2025**

**Supervisor Lindsay Horvath indicated tours available**

**Susan Collins and Kira Durbin planning visit; other committee members invited**

- **Parking & Traffic Issues:**

**Fire Station 88 Parking Safety Concern:**

**No parking on west side of Sepulveda (6+ lanes) forces families to cross dangerous traffic during events**

**No parking restriction originally implemented to address RV storage blocking fire station 38**

**Relaxed parking request for Fire Service Day denied by DOT and police.**

**Alternative solutions for next year: Army Corps of Engineers parking or nearby school parking.**

- **Sepulveda Bus Lane Enforcement:**

**Traffic enforcement writes tickets but understaffed for consistent presence**

**Bus drivers report lane hasn't improved service due to cars illegally using it.**

- **RV Parking Violations:**

**Barbara reported resident storing/renting RVs in neighborhood for years**

**DOT tickets issued but owner moves vehicle minimally to reset enforcement cycle**

**Taleen will review with case manager (now back from travel)**

- **Building Code Enforcement:**

**Sepulveda building near off-ramp (graffiti issues) - DBS found no violations; Taleen scheduling follow-up meeting**

- **Action Items:**

**Taleen: To provide official burglary report from Captain Zion; establish monthly burglary reporting**

**Susan Collins: Contact Captain Zion regarding rape incident details (location, arrests, connections)**

**Susan Collins: Coordinate ECRC visit with Kira; open to other committee members**

**Christy: Check with Taleen if she wants to continue on committee (low attendance this year)**

**Christy: Contact Red Cross to organize September blood drive; secure location 46**

**Susan Collins /Christy: Upload Barbara and Penny's photos/bios to committee website**

**Barbara: Consider submitting photo (creative options discussed) and bio for website**

**Barbara: Ask neighbor Jeff Marcheletta if interested in joining SONC board 50**

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