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SHERMAN OAKS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee Meeting

DATE: October 13, 2026

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Meeting Called to order at 6:31pm**
   1a. - Call to Order by Presiding Officer: Susan Collins
   1b. - Roll Call:
   Susan Collins – Present
   Christy Adair – Present
   Penny Johnson – Present
   Barbara McDermott – Absent
   Thelma Mericle – Present
   Kira Durbin – Absent

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS: - N/A**

3. **INTRODUCTIONS & CITY UPDATES:** Committee, City Officials & Staff

4. **PRESENTATION ON MOSQUITO CONTROL FROM L.A. VECTOR CONTROL:**
   Racquel Trinidad with the Los Angeles Vector Control gave a presentation - (waiting for the video to be processed and will upload once it's completed). Notes from her presentation are below:

   Mosquito Control & Vector Management:

- **Aedes Mosquitoes ("Ankle Biters")**: These invasive mosquitoes are aggressive day/night biters that breed in tiny amounts of standing water (e.g., pet bowls) and can transmit Dengue, Zika, and Chikungunya.
- **Culex Mosquitoes**: Native mosquitoes that primarily bite birds and transmit West Nile virus; they breed in larger bodies of water like pools and flood channels.
- **West Nile Virus Metrics**: There are approximately 140 human cases within the Greater LA County Vector Control District and 216 in the broader county.

- **Sterile Insect Technique**: A pilot program in Sunland Tujunga using sterilized male mosquitoes resulted in an 81% reduction in the wild mosquito population.
- **Prevention Tips**:
  - Use repellents with at least 15% active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535.
  - Use fans to deter mosquitoes, as they are poor flyers.
  - "Tip and toss" standing water or use lids on rain barrels.

5. SHERMAN OAKS CRIME DATA UPDATE: Presented by Susan Collins - See Supporting Documents & Zoom Generated Notes.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Resident, David Parke – States: Dixie Canyon Elementary was not provided with crossing guards even though a grandparent was struck by a car last year and there have been numerous close calls this year. Parents have also requested from the city council office, for assistance in having traffic slowing measures such as speed bumps installed. Another issue they have requested assistance with is to change the time of city ordered, street cleaning which conflicts with school drop off time on 2 school days per week.

7. COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident, David Park was asked for greater detail on the needs to improve traffic safety around Dixie Canyon Elementary. He agreed to forward information the parents and school faculty members have gathered which include email correspondence with city representatives on how to remedy these issues.

8. C.E.R.T. REPORT - Christy Adair

Upcoming C.E.R.T. Class will be held at the Sherman Oaks Galleria starting the first week of January on a Wednesday night. The exact start date is to be determined and will be posted.

9. Final Committee Business and Announcements - NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53pm

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