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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Monday, August 27, 2018

6:30pm

**Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd- lobby
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403**

1. Call to Order by Melissa Menard, Co-Chair: 6:30pm
2. Roll Call- Melissa Menard, Kristin Sales, Meghan Horan, Brandon Bender, Loren Naiman, Ron Ziff- SONC Board President
3. Approve minutes from May 21st, 2018
 - a. **Minutes approved unanimously; Kristin and Loren not yet present**
4. Introduction of committee members, LAPD, elected officials and staff
 - a. Crime Stats, Questions and Answers specifically directed to them
 - i. Loren Naiman- Crime Report
 1. Most crimes are down in the Van Nuys Division including burglary and theft.
 2. Assault is up 18%, aggravated assault is up 45% for the month
5. Public Forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
 - a. Susan Collins, Sherman Oaks resident:
 - i. Seeks more information on the proposed permanent supportive housing and emergency temporary housing homeless shelters in Sherman Oaks
 - ii. Mentions it is a topic of discussion on Next Door
 - iii. Expresses concern with LAPD's inability to respond to calls unless violence occurs
 - iv. Ron Ziff, SONC President in response:
 1. SONC does not make final decisions, advises LA City Council
 2. LA City Council makes final decision
 3. Council District 4 Councilman David Ryu is hosting an informational meeting September 20th at the Notre Dame High School and encourages people to attend and share their concerns
 - v. Kristin Sales, SONC Board Member and Public Safety Chair in response:

1. Topic is in jurisdiction of the SONC land use and homelessness committees and not in the jurisdiction of the SONC public safety committee
- b. Tom, Sherman Oaks resident:
 - i. Discusses how he feels unsafe in his neighborhood with the rise of people on the streets and increase in drug use
 1. Inquires how this is affecting LAPD resources
 2. A Bridge Housing handout stated that the city would bring additional sanitation and enforcement services to ensure streets are safe and he wants to learn more about what that means
 - a. Kristin Sales, SONC Board Member and Public Safety Committee co-chair:
 - i. Discusses Senior Lead Officer (SLO) locations and that LAPD will place officers where they know there is trouble
 - ii. Report suspicious activity to 877-ASK-LAPD and call 911 for active crimes
 - b. Loren Naiman, SONC Public Safety Committee member and Community-Police Advisory Board (C-PAB) representative
 - i. Recommends residents attend the C-PAB meetings which are open to the public
 - ii. Question on cleaning sidewalks due to homeless activity
 1. Kristin Sales, SONC Board Member and Public Safety Committee co-chair
 - a. Refers to LA Sanitation and police community representatives for quality of life issues as well as resident Neighborhood Watches
 - iii. Concerns about RVs in the city
 - c. Melissa Menard, SONC Board Member and SONC Public Safety Committee Co-chair:
 - i. Reads the Public Safety Committee mission statement
 - d. Sherman Oaks resident:
 - i. Walkway near the Sherman Oaks Galleria is very dirty with dog feces, people are not picking up after their dogs
 1. Melissa Menard, SONC Board Member and SONC Public Safety Committee co-chair
 - a. Report using My311 app
 2. Kristin Sales, SONC Board Member and SONC Public Safety Committee co-chair
 - a. Create flyers and distribute to area/community
 - b. Contact David Ryu's Office and ask for signs with LAPD Ordinance and doggie bags with trashcan attached. There may be funds in their discretionary account
 - e. Sherman Oaks resident:

- i. Concerned about homelessness, cars with no plates, fires due to homelessness camps
 - ii. Homeless individuals taking items from stores
 - iii. Secret meetings in regards to the proposed permanent supportive housing and emergency temporary housing homeless shelters
 - 1. Members of SONC public safety committee and SONC Board President ensure that public meetings were and are being held and that there have been no secret meetings
- 6. Guest Speaker: Ifunanya Gwacham, Victim Service Coordinator, Victim Assistance Program, Office of the City Attorney, Van Nuys Area LAPD
 - a. Ifunanya.Gwacham@lacity.org; 818-374-0032; www.helpcrimevictims.org
 - b. Victim Assistance app in the Google Play Store: App allows victims to request services from LA Attorney's office
 - c. Assists victims of all violent crimes with crisis intervention, filing for the State of California Victim Compensation Application
 - d. Works directly with the state
 - e. Advocate at every LAPD station
 - f. Full language service on website, more coming to the app
- 7. ACTION ITEM: Outline and vote on objectives for fiscal year 2018-19
 - a. Chair's Report first
 - b. Objectives for fiscal year 2018-19 include emergency preparedness, community emergency response team (CERT) training, and neighborhood watch (NW)
 - i. **MOTION:** The SONC public safety committee will hold up to 3 emergency preparedness workshops with funding up to \$1000 total; hold 2 CERT classes with up to \$1000 funding total; hold 3 NW forums with \$1000 funding total
 - 1. **Motion approved unanimously**
- 8. Chair's Report
 - a. Update on the Public Safety Survey for Stakeholders of Sherman Oaks
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Put back on calendar for next month
 - 1. Loren Naiman provides brief overview of the survey
 - b. Update on the Public Safety Motion presented to the SONC Board Meeting on May 14th
RE: The Resolution of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018
 - i. Not able to get a recommendation from the SONC Board; recommended to bring the motion back to the Board and repackage information
 - ii. Loren Naiman provides overview of the Act as well as background information
 - c. Update on the May 21st Neighborhood Watch Forum Meeting
 - i. Attended by 32 people at the Sherman Oaks Galleria
- 9. Announcements from the Committee on subject matters within SONC's jurisdiction
 - a. **SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday, September 29th 2018 from 9:30a to 1:30p is the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair. See flier for specific details
 - i. Sign up online at Valleydisasterfair.com

- b. Next SONC Board Meeting; Monday, September 17th, 2018 at the Sherman Oaks Elementary Auditorium
 - i. Not on September 10th
 - c. Next Public Safety Meeting: Monday, September 24th, 2018, at the East Valley Adult Center
10. Adjourned at 8:14pm