

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



"Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
Committee on Public Safety
Minutes from Meeting on October 25, 2004
Held at Sherman Oaks Library
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The second meeting of the Committee on Public Safety was called to order at 7:10 pm at the Sherman Oaks Library. The attendance was taken and a quorum was present. Present at the meeting was the Chair, Joe Mosca, Alan Friedenthal, Ron Merkin, Ken Coll, and Alan Scher.

The Chair first welcomed everyone present to the second meeting of the Committee and then took up the second agenda item on the agenda, which was the approval of minutes from the last meeting of the Committee held on September 27, 2004. Alan Scher moved to approve the minutes and Alan Friedenthal seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was unanimously accepted by the Committee.

The third item on the agenda was placed moved to the agenda for November's meeting.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth items on the agenda were taken up together by the Committee. The Committee felt that these agenda items are all related. The Committee continued its discussion on what issues will be taken up in the coming months.

The Committee discussed that it is important that our community have an emergency response plan. The Committee agreed to begin the process of determining whether the City has an overall plan and what that plan is for the community.

The Committee discussed having a plan for our community. The Committee also discussed identifying agencies that would be first responders in our community in the case of an emergency and investigate whether the agencies have a plan in case of an emergency in our community.

The Committee identified several agencies that would be first responders in our community in the

case of an emergency: LAPD, LAFD, LA Public Works, CA National Guard, CHP, DWP, Gas Co., and Telephone Co. The Committee will contact these agencies to begin a conversation with them on their plan for an emergency in our community.

The Committee discussed having the LAPD Senior Lead Officer for our community come to general board meetings to give more information on crime in our community. The Committee agreed to contact the LAPD and make a request for a senior lead to come to our monthly meetings.

The Committee also discussed inviting the new Fire Chief to our meetings for updates on what is going in our community. The Committee will contact the new Chief and open up a dialogue with him about possibly coming to our monthly meetings.

The Committee discussed that the purpose of looking into the emergency response plan and the agencies that are first responders for our community is to educate the community on what residents can do in the case of an emergency, and also to identify areas of our first response that needs to be stronger.

The Committee discussed having a public forum in the future where all of the agencies can come together and talk to the community about what to do in the case of an emergency in our community.

The Committee will find out what other Neighborhood Councils are doing with this issue. The Committee discussed possibly having a combined effort with councils in our area.

All Committee members agreed that it is important that our community gets its fair share of police officers. The Committee agreed to look into this matter with the Capt. of the Van Nuys Division and keep this issue on the agenda. The Committee will review this matter again upon the possible passage of new county sales tax.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the Committee will be held at the Sherman Oaks Library on Monday, November 22, 2004 at 7p to 8 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

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