

# Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



## MINUTES

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Public Safety Committee

6:30PM Feb. 3, 2010

VIVA Gallery Moorpark & Fulton

Present: Norm Beale, Anthony St. John, Max Calne

Absent: Janet Richmond, Alan Taylor, Jeff Berk

Guest: Damian Carroll CD2 Deputy to Councilmember Paul Krekorian

Mr. Carroll joined our Committee to introduce himself and be briefed on the work of the Public Safety Committee's projects during the past 3 years. We discussed the Emergency Preparedness Days, the branding of the Neighborhood Watch's as "Neighborhood Responders", the development of the HOME DATA SURVEY SHEET, the partnership with the Red Cross and the designation of VNSO Park and Gym as an approved shelter and the placement of the emergency medical supplies bin at the Park. Also our work with former Deputy Pat Davenport on the easement take backs along Moorpark and Valley Vista as well as the DOT decision to raise speed limits along some area secondary highways and eliminate certain crosswalks.

Mr. Carroll also discussed the City Council pending vote on eliminating a number of Police and Fire personnel due to the City budget crisis and what that could mean in our area.

Possible additional sources of revenue were discussed. Norm suggested stiffer fines on cell phone use while driving. Also more red light cameras at intersections. Anthony also discussed how the City could be more friendly to Film & TV production and ways to curb "runaway" productions from leaving the City.

Krekorian's stance on the proliferation of Medical Marijuana Clinics was discussed. Mr. Carroll indicated that the Councilmember had voted to increase the distance between these clinics to schools and residential areas to 1000 feet.

The condition of our streets and sidewalks was discussed and Mr. Carroll had indicated that Bill Robertson of the Street Dept. had expressed his frustration at not being able to streamline the process of responding to the areas needs.

There was considerable discussion on ways to increase the tax base to prevent further cutbacks to essential City services. As well as what new job creating industries needed to be encouraged to do business in LA.

Mr. Carroll promised to remain in close contact with the Committee as well as the Neighborhood Council Board in the future.

Adjournment 7:45PM