

Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council



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SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING ON MAY 5, 2010 6:30PM

VIVA GALLERY MOORPARK & FULTON

**Present: Anthony St. John, Max Calne, Janet Richmond, Carolyn Uhri, Pat
Davenport CD2**

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Update on the Nixle service from LAPD. This service provides real time alerts from the dispatch desk of LAPD. Areas of alerts may be customized to fit your needs. From Westside to all Valley areas. Alerts appear on your cell phone and computer at the same time. This has proven to be useful by LAPD in notifying residents and Watch Captains of crime events in your specific area. Anthony attended the Senior Lead Officer Summit at Van Nuys station on Monday night and the SLO's have found this to be a useful tool in the rapid apprehension of criminals in our area. It uses the eyes and ears of the community to capture and alert. It is a free service. Nixle.com

Tamar Galatzan of the LA City Attorney's office and our Neighborhood

Prosecutor has noted a slight uptick in the number of squatters in foreclosed properties. This had been a problem in the past in some houses on Dixie Canyon and Woodman. As it can take a long time to get all the legal options in place, the earlier the police or Tamar are notified of a suspicious situation, the better. Look for For Sale signs coming down, repairs being made by non pros, excessive cars parked and the story of "we are renting and trading out work for rent".

Discussion of Earthquake Prep tables. Agreed to do before or during Sept. Emergency Prep month and to coincide with "Shake-Out" again.

Anthony read a copy of the official SONC letter sent to DOT regarding or criteria for the raising of the speed limits along Moorpark, Riverside Dr. and Valley Vista from 35 to 40 to allow for legal radar enforcement. A copy was also sent to the Mayor. Pat Davenport reported on the success of holding the speed limit down on Kester near the school.

Report from CD12 regarding the proposed cut backs of the Basic Life Support Ambulance service from LAFD. Max believes that since so many calls send an excessive amount of equipment and personnel that a cutback could be justified. Janet's view was that the crews never know until they arrive on the scene of an accident or fire what will be needed and that it is often impossible to tell from the original 911 call just how bad a situation is until some LAFD personnel arrive on the scene. But it is acknowledged that there is sometimes 911 call abuse by people in need of free medical care.

Anthony reported on a call he received from Council member Paul Koretz for an update on the camera systems the SONC helped fund. After attending the SLO Summit Anthony reports that the Q Star cameras have been a success in reducing graffiti and prostitution in the areas originally installed. Officer Cubonuc reports that before they can move the dummy cameras in place and re-position the "live" cameras to new locations, that the Council offices must approve. Pat agreed to educate the new Council members on this procedure. Anthony also observed the manned surveillance cameras in Van Nuys Station that cover Ventura Blvd. and Van Nuys Blvd. 2 of the 6 cameras were down due to need of repair. SLO Agulliar reported that the service contract had been allowed to expire. He also reported that they are only manned sporadically and often Detectives will rewind the video to gather more information after the fact. In light of the NYC Times Square bombing attempt it was seen how helpful this

type of insdtallation can be but the privacy issues are to be monitored. Anthony will send a report to Koretz.