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Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda (Virtual)

MINUTES

Tuesday, MAY 11, 2021

6:30 pm

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 (MARCH 17, 2020) AND DUE TO CONCERNS OVER COVID-19, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY.

Every person wishing to address the Committee must dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter 842 7040 8817 and then press # to join the meeting. The meeting can also be joined from the Zoom “Join Meeting” screen using Webinar ID: **842 7040 8817**. Instructions on how to sign-up for Public Comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT AT SONC PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

If the public wishes to address the Committee on any agenda item before the Committee takes an action on an item, the Public will wait to be addressed by the presiding officer before commenting. If accessing the meeting by telephone, the public is requested to press *9. If accessing the meeting by computer, the public is requested to click on the “raise hand” button.

Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period.

Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that the public brings to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become an item on a future committee meeting agenda. Public Comment is limited to two minutes per speaker unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Christy Adair, Co-Chair at 6:34pm

2. Roll Call by Penny Gilbert, Secretary

Christy Adair, Cissy Altamirano, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Penny Gilbert were Present. Jenna Lewis, Jesse Smith were Absent. Quorum met.

3 Review and approval of April 13, 2021 meetings minutes.

Penny Gilbert asked for roll call approval of April 13, 2021 minutes. In favor of approving minutes of April 13, 2021 Christy Adair, Cissy Altamirano, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott and Penny Gilbert. Absent were Jenna Lewis and Jesse Smith.

4. Introduction of committee members, elected officials and staff.

Chair Christy Adair, Secretary Penny Gilbert, Barbara McDermott, Cissy Altamirano, Penny Johnson.

5. Special Guest Speaker: Anais Medina Diaz the Public Information Officer, Los Angeles County Vector Control District.

Mosquito and black fly control and the diseases they bring, surveillance and educating the public. Removal and trapping mosquitos to determine what kind, age and if they are carrying disease. Between dusk and dawn mosquitos are most active and residents should use repellants and cover their arms and legs. Hot days, mosquitos will come into homes. They carry a wide variety of diseases for both humans and animals. West Nile Virus is an issue. If you are suffering from symptoms after being bitten, contact your health provider. Check for standing water, breeding ground for mosquitos. Mosquitos eggs are viable for years.

Resources and checklist for keeping home and neighborhood safe from mosquitos are listed on Public Safety Committee site.

- Christy Adair asked about Vector Control giving mosquito fish. Yes, Vector Control does still provide them after an inspection.
- Theresa Kilcourse asked about buckets/traps for mosquito controls. The County does not provide them. There are consumer Mosquito Dunks available at home improvement centers.
- Richard Shamban asked if our dry winter will reduce mosquito population this year? Not necessarily because we all have sprinklers and other sources which will provide mosquito habitat.
- Tammy Scher asked if a pest control company is worth paying to reduce mosquito population? Only if pest control company uses chemicals that are approved and suitable for mosquito reduction. Vector Control will come out and offer suggestions.
- Barbara McDermott asked about community traps and how and when are they placed. Vector places traps from March through the summer. These are stationary, but random traps are set from time to time to collect data.

6. **COVID 19 Update** – No update given.

7. **Helpful Safety Tips**

Presented by Penny Johnson--Cycling Safety.

Bike riders need to obey same street safety laws as car drivers.

Ride during the day, and if riding at night wear reflective clothing. At all times, riders should wear a helmet.

Christy Adair asked if helmets are the law. PJ says helmets are the law for children under the age of 17

8. **Social Media Misinformation of the Month**

Presented by Barbara McDermott

There are multiple instances where people on social media write that police will not respond unless there is an actual crime involved. Not true. If there is something suspicious, call the police so there is a record.

9. **Public Comments** — None

10. **Committee Response** — None

11. **Final Announcements**

A. Cissy Altamirano wants kids involved in future meetings. Students earn points and badges for participation in community activities.

B. Brian Patton asks for mental health discussions

Christy Adair pointed out that this subject should have been raised during Agenda Item #9, Public Comments

C. Homework - No assignments given.

12 **Adjourn 7:43 pm**