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Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
6:30 pm

Zoom Webinar ID: 842 7040 8817

In conformity with the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020) and due to the concerns over COVID-19, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee meetings will be conducted telephonically until further notice.

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Please note that under the Brown Act, the Committee 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.

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. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order at 6:30pm - Christy Adair, Chair

2. Roll Call – Penny Gilbert, Secretary

Present: Chair; Christy Adair, Secretary; Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano **Absent:** none.

3. Introductions - Committee members, elected officials and staff.

4. HEAT CAN KILL: Heat-Related Illness Signs for Humans and their Fur-Babies

- Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, Heat Stroke
- Signs for Pets heading into a Heat Illness
- Checking Safe Temps for Paws on Pavement

Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpD47dsdxYY&t=37s>

5. “What3Words”: A better (and fun) way to get help in LA – Penny Gilbert

Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/WzCjBt7T3Vc>

6. Evacuation Checklists: Preparation is Key! - PJ Johnson

Make a checklist of what’s important to you to survive for a period of time if you are asked to evacuate. Suggested items include:

1. Important Documents
2. Cash and ATM/bank cards
3. Clothing & Shoes
4. Power cords for charging phones and pads
5. Medication and Medical Devices
6. Personal Hygiene items
7. Pet care items

Full checklist: <https://www.shermanoaksn.org/committees/viewCommitteeFile/263>

7. Covid-19 Crisis Update – Jesse Smith

In L.A. County, last week, our 7-day cumulative case rate decreased 35% from the previous week to 104 new cases per 100,000 residents, making it the third week in a row of decreases in the County’s case rate. Overall, the County has seen a 50% decrease from the peak of 204 cases per 100,000 on August 19. And, while case rates rose among children in all age groups between mid-July and mid-August, over the past 2 weeks, cases have declined in all age groups by about 30%. These declines in case rates may be evidence that the masking requirements we put in place early in the surge and the small increases in vaccination rates are helping to slow community transmission. Other parts of the country without these masking requirements and with lower vaccination coverage have not seen significant declines.

8. Social Media Misinformation – Barbara McDermott

Many people think Nextdoor posts are only viewable by a limited number of neighborhoods within a certain area, perhaps several miles, around one's own neighborhood. That was Nextdoor's previous default setting for new posts.

Nextdoor's current default setting for new posts, however, is to make them "Visible to Anyone" which means new posts and all comments to them can be viewed by anyone, anywhere, on or off Nextdoor, unless the audience for the post is limited when it's created.

Posts created as "Visible to Anyone" and all comments to it can also be shared by Nextdoor members to anyone on or off Nextdoor via email, text, Twitter, or any social media platform.

Please be very careful about the information you post on Nextdoor, review your privacy settings, and understand the different options available when creating a post.

9. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee's jurisdiction.

10. Committee Response to Public Comment

11. Administrative Motions - Action Item; Vote Required.

- Motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.

Approved: Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano **Opposed:** None. **Abstained:** None.

12. Final Business and Announcements

a. Committee Business

- i. NTP's CERT-Lite – sponsor series of 4 or 6 classes. Once a month on Sunday 1-3pm Disaster Preparedness – Medical Ops – Search & Rescue - Radio 101 – Bonus 2 Classes: Neighborhood Watch – RYLAN
- ii. Consider adding better resources to the bottom of the Agendas (see last page for language example).

b. Themes for final 2021 PSC Meetings

- i. October, November, December + January 2022
October – LADWP
November – LAPD Communications Division
December – Dark?

13. Adjourn at 7:38pm

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Possible Additions to end of Meeting Agendas

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES

- For **Emergency Preparedness** or **CERT** information, contact Sally at LafdCertBatt10@gmail.com
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at join.ntp-la.org
- For LAFD CERT information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com
- To **SUBSCRIBE** to receive monthly meeting announcements and agendas, contact: SoncPScommittee@gmail.com

REGULAR ONGOING MEETINGS

FRS/GMRS/Walkie-Talkie Check-In: Every Sunday at 10:00 to 10:15am, Channel 15 or Channel 17 if 15 is busy. Around the Valley, we check-in to see how far our individual transmissions can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home (inside and out) until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster (power outage, evacuation, brush fire, earthquake). The PSC suggests you pull out a walkie, put in fresh batteries and listen to next Sunday's net to see if you can hear anyone.

Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: Every Sunday at 9:00am to 10:00am on Simplex 145.570. This is a weekly simplex net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.