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**MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**  
**Thursday, November 9, 2017 - 6:30 PM**  
**Denny's Restaurant (Private Room), 13201 Gladstone Avenue, Sylmar, CA. 91342**

**Committee Chair – Diane Valencia**

**Vice Chair – Tom Weissbarth**

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1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

2. **Housekeeping: Sign-In Sheets, taking of Minutes, etc.**

Ms. Valencia explained these items and will be taking notes.

3. **Roll Call** of Committee

Diane Valencia took roll call. Six Committee members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Bonnie Bernard, Robyn Farrow, Art Rocco

Absent: Sandra Sandoval

4. **Public Comment** on non-agendized matters, within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.

None

5. **Public Official Comments / Presentations, including Q&A**

No Public Officials were present

6. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Minutes were not available for review but will be presented at a future meeting.

7. **Appointment** by Committee Chair of new Committee Member(s)

No action. Ms. Valencia noted that this would be a recurring item on the agenda to provide flexibility with adding members based on the need to do so.

8. **Discussion and possible action** relative to communication protocols for members of the Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Valencia and Mr. Cabrera-Miller briefly discussed that Committee members should not speak as though they represent the Sylmar Neighborhood Council but can represent themselves as members of the Committee.

9. **LAPD Mission Division Report / Updates**, Tom Weissbarth / LAPD

Mr. Weissbarth reported that he is working to obtain reports on a monthly basis from LAPD Mission Division to be similar to what was received in October so that we can compare them, month-over-month. He will follow-up with Captain Marino. The reports can be posted on the SNC's website and sent via social media for community members.

10. **Discussion and possible action** relative to a Public Records Act request for information/stats from LAPD Mission Division. Presented by Tom Weissbarth

Mr. Weissbarth presented the draft communication and answered questions related to what he suggests the Committee asks for. The email/communication will be referred to the SNC Board for approval before sending.

Motion to approve as written by Kathy Grubert, seconded by Tom Weissbarth  
Motion passed: 6/0/0

11. **Discussion and possible action** to form a Sub-Committee to review and identify active Los Angeles City Council files for possible action by the Public Safety Committee.

Ms. Valencia provided a report of Council Files. Committee members and Stakeholders were encouraged to help identify Files relevant to the Committee's work and to propose recommendations, if desired. Ms. Valencia suggested that the Committee considers something like a sub-committee or a working group so that we might better monitor Council Files. There was a general discussion about this but the Committee did not propose any action at this time.

12. **Discussion and possible action** relative to a list of community resources to be added to the Public Safety Committee webpage.

Ms. Valencia indicated that due to the fact that she cannot access or change anything on the SNC's website, she has been following up with the SNC's Vice President of Communications, Maria Silva to obtain assistance with building out the Public Safety Committee's page on the website.

13. **Discussion and possible action** to approve a position letter and/or Community Impact Statement for Council File #17-0246 (Pacoima Wash Vision Plan / Tributaries of the Los Angeles River)

The Committee discussed the draft CIS presented by Ms. Valencia. If approved, the CIS will be sent to the full SNC Board for consideration. The Committee members recommended some wording changes.

Motion to approve as written but with changes as discussed by Committee, by Bonnie Bernard, seconded by Robyn Farrow  
Motion passed: 6/0/0

14. **Discussion and possible action** to approve a position letter and/or Community Impact Statement for Council File #16-1160 (5101 Sepulveda Boulevard / Fire Station 88 / Modular Office Space / Fire Department)

Ms. Valencia presented a draft CIS and the Committee discussed the item.

Motion to approve as written by Bonnie Bernard, seconded by Robyn Farrow  
Motion passed: 6/0/0

15. **Discussion and possible action** relative to a request sent to Council President, Herb Wesson on October 27, 2016 and follow-ups sent to his office and CD7 regarding the addition of protected/permissive left-turn phasing at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Maclay Street.

Ms. Valencia explained the history of this item and that she was suggesting that the SNC write a new letter, reiterating the past problems and that the requests to Council President, Herb Wesson remain outstanding. If approved, the letter will be sent for consideration by the SNC Board.

Motion to approve as written by Bonnie Bernard, seconded by Kathy Grubert  
Motion passed: 6/0/0

16. **Discussion and possible action** relative to obtaining an update on the progress of expansion of LAFD resources in Sylmar, including a discussion of past advocacy by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Due to time constraints, Ms. Valencia was not able to compile information in time for this meeting and asked that the Committee consider this at a future meeting.

17. **Discussion and possible active** relative to identifying and prioritizing a list of identified topics/areas of focus for the Public Safety Committee.

18. **Committee Member Comments** on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction

None

19. **Future Agenda Items:** Email the Committee Chair, Diane Valencia, at [Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org](mailto:Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org)

20. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment**

Ms. Valencia called for adjournment of the meeting at 9:11 PM with no objections.

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