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**MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 14, 2019 - 6:30 PM**

**Oakridge Mobile Home Park - Clubhouse**

**15455 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA. 91342**

**Committee Chair – Diane Valencia**

**Vice Chair – Tom Weissbarth**

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**1. Call to Order**

Diane Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

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

Tom Weissbarth covered housekeeping items and thanked Oakridge for hosting the Committee meeting. Diane indicated Kathy Grubert would be assisting by taking the meeting Minutes.

**3. Roll Call of Committee**

All members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Kathy Grubert, Bonnie Bernard.

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

- John Holmes shared his concern about ensuring public safety / quality of life questions are brought to the meeting of the planned expansion of the Olive View Medical Center, 10a-12p.
- Armando shared a concern about responsiveness of CD7 on solving issues related to homelessness.

**5. Public Official Comments / Presentations, including Q&A, including but not limited to:**

*Captain Natalie Cortez, Area Commanding Officer - LAPD Mission Division* introduced herself and thanked everyone for the invitation to attend our meeting. Referring to the Mission Division as a “community of heart”, Captain Cortez stressed the importance of and recent activities around engagement, involvement, education and enforcement. Upcoming events include the first LGBTQ Mixer on April 4; April 20, Pico Adobe Park Easter Egg Hunt; Golf Tournament (sold out) at Knollwood Golf Course on March 18; 150<sup>th</sup> Year Open House; Car Show September 4 at Grant Park (the proceeds of which will go back to the community. Captain Cortez encouraged everyone to get involved, volunteer (e.g. Citizen’s Patrol, manning the detective desk, various administrative duties at the station, etc.). Contact SLO Crawford or Carter for more information on volunteer opportunities. Captain Cortez shared that crime is down for the year except for grand theft auto. She also spoke about the division’s efforts to address the issue of homelessness, such as giving the H.O.P.E. teams a home in Mission (resulting in improved responsiveness for Mission). Captain Cortez encouraged everyone to use the 311 app and to participate constructively on Facebook, Nextdoor and Twitter. To a stakeholder’s concern about parties/noise issues at Gladstone and Sayre, Captain Cortez emphasized the importance of being a “squeaky wheel” and providing an exact address when calling our SLOs. Captain

Cortez indicated that she has also asked Monica Rodriguez's office for more "teeth" in the enforcement of these issues.

*LAPD SLO Joe Carter* shared crime reports and cautioned to be mindful and take precautions to help prevent auto theft and shared that the Vice unit is getting beefed up. Recent events: revitalization project: meeting with local motels to advise them on improvements they can make to prevent crime; participation in the CERT emergency preparedness event at Oakridge Estates. Officer Carter also answered stakeholder questions.

Juan Solorio, CD7 was not present.

6. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the February 21, 2019 Special Public Safety Committee meeting.

Motion to approve as written but with a small change to item on page 1, #5 made by Bonnie and seconded by Tom.

Motion passed unanimously 4/0/0

7. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the December 13, 2018 Special Public Safety Committee meeting.

Motion to approve as written with one misspelling correction, made by Tom and seconded by Diane.

Motion passed: 3/0/1

8. **LAPD Mission Division Report / Updates** – LAPD / Tom Weissbarth

Tom shared that this month's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting will be next Wednesday, March 20 at the usual location at Mission Area Police Station. The April meeting will be at the Penny Lane location. The May meeting will be attended by Chief Michael Moore (more info on this will be provided next month). Meetings are open to the public.

9. **Discussion / summary** of SNC Board action taken during February, 2019 General Board meeting on items referred from the SNC Public Safety Committee.

Diane reported on SNC Board actions taken during the February, 2019 General Board Meeting: approval of an expenditure not to exceed \$750 to help support Sylmar's LAFD's Fire Service Day event at Fire Station #91; approval of an amount not to exceed \$2500 for "No Trespassing" signs to be posted in the Stetson Ranch area.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to draft a Community Impact Statement and/or a position letter regarding Council File #13-1493 along with related and supplemental files, regarding public safety aspects related to proposed regulations for vending.

Discussion included a review of Tom's summary on the subject that is based upon State requirements, City ordinances and laws recently passed by Beverly Hills. Committee members agreed that Tom should email the relevant information for our review so that we can study it and make more informed decisions on this topic next month.

11. **Discussion / update** on LAMC 85.02 (Vehicle Dwelling Ordinance), specific to public safety.

Diane reported on her recent research comparing the relative numbers of "No Oversize Vehicle Parking" signage that have been requested by City Council representatives and posted in their districts. It is believed that posting these signs are being used to get around LAMC 85.02 (which delineates LA's red, yellow and green vehicle dwelling zones).

12. **Discussion** regarding a request to CD7 from the February, 2019 SNC General Board meeting to provide a list of all Permanent Supportive Housing units and similar locations across CD7.

Diane reported that CD7 has been unable to provide requested information on all Permanent Supportive Housing units across CD7; it is up to us to pull together that information. Diane shared her preliminary research on the subject, which shows, at least initially based on this limited data found, that Sylmar does appear to have more than projects planned than other communities within CD7. However, this information needs more work and will benefit from a visual presentation of the data.

Bonnie moved that our committee send our list to Monica Rodriguez's Planning and Land Use Representative to verify and complete our list of Permanent Housing, Temporary Supportive Housing, Recuperative Housing, Safe Parking Facilities, and similar facilities across CD7. Kathy seconded the motion.

Motion passed: 4/0/0

13. **Discussion and possible action** regarding local LAFD resources in Sylmar. (Follow-up from prior 2018 Committee meetings). Discussion regarding Public Records Act request regarding past payments and contracts between the City of Los Angeles and the City of San Fernando, special taxes levied (Mello-Roos) related to City of Los Angeles Community Facilities District No. 8 (Legends At Cascades), and disposition of land acquired for LAFD Station 31.

Diane reported that we are still working to pull records and related information on this topic.

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

Committee members Diane, Kathy and Bonnie informed stakeholders of the SNC election April 27, shared related activities, and encouraged everyone to study the candidates and vote.

15. **Future Agenda Items: Please e-mail the Committee Chair at [Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org](mailto:Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org)**

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

Diane called for adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 PM without objection.

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