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MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 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 6:37 PM

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

Diane covered housekeeping items and thanked Oakridge for hosting the Committee meeting. Diane indicated Kathy Grubert would be assisting by taking the meeting Minutes and was expected to arrive soon.

3. Roll Call of Committee

Members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Bonnie Bernard present. Kathy Grubert arrived at 6:38.

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

None

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

LAPD SLO Joe Carter and SLO Keith Crawford:

SLO Carter was present and gave an update on current overall crime statistics. There has been a rise in grand theft autos, particularly older vehicles. SLO Carter shared that they have been focusing on known problem locations of auto theft. He also spoke about recent arrests and answered committee member and stakeholders’ questions such as illegal gambling, homeless encampments, status of closing off Silver Oaks Drive, and illegal sidewalk/street vending.

SLO Keith Crawford and Juan Solorio, CD7 were not present.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the March 14, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Motion to approve the March 14, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes made by Tom and seconded by Bonnie.

Motion passed: 4/0/0

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

Tom encouraged everyone to attend the next Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting at Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm at a Penny Lane permanent supportive housing location in North Hills, 15317 Rayen. Issues to be discussed will be permanent supportive housing planned for the location next to Jack in the Box restaurant. Tom also shared that new bylaws are being worked on for all Los Angeles CPABs, which will also be discussed at that meeting.

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

Diane shared that we are still awaiting responses from CD7 re position letters on changes to very high fire hazard severity zone, sidewalk and crosswalk status in front of PUC School on Glenoaks, and road conditions on Maclay, from Fenton to Foothill. Diane also gave updates on other unresolved issues, such as the Stetson Ranch no trespassing signage project, along with potential closure of Silver Oaks Drive. On the Stetson Ranch signage issues, there were suggestions regarding how to get the signage ordered. Diane will follow up with the people in Palisades who have already purchased and posted no trespassing signs in their community. Diane shared that there are still rumors of a bond measure on the 2020 ballot that will include funding for a new fire station in Sylmar.

9. **Discussion and possible action** regarding Council File #19-0050 (Issuance of Personal Notice / Individuals within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Amendment).
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0050_mot_01-15-2019.pdf

Diane shared that there has been no further action by the City Council on the Community Impact Statement we wrote and submitted in support of Council File #19-0050 (Issuance of Personal Notice / Individuals within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Amendment. SLO Carter offered to bring up the issue in his meeting with Councilwoman Rodriguez next week.

10. **Discussion and possible action** to draft a Community Impact Statement and/or a position letter regarding Council File #19-0307 (Pacoima Wash / Trespassing Laws / Fencing and Other Wash Infrastructure).
http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0307_mot_03-29-2019.pdf

Diane gave background on this CIS, which the City Council has not yet addressed, and that continues to pose safety problems. The Committee had previously weighed in on another Council File in early 2017 and no additional safety measures appear to have been implemented since then.

Motion made by Tom Weissbarth and seconded by Bonnie Bernard to draft a Community Impact Statement for inclusion on the next SNC agenda in support of Council File #19-0307 (Pacoima Wash / Trespassing Laws / Fencing and Other Wash Infrastructure).

Motion passed: 4/0/0

11. **Discussion and possible action** to draft a Community Impact Statement and/or a position letter regarding Council File #19-0002-S50 (AB 516 (Chiu) / Vehicle Removal and Impoundment / New Restrictions / Local Jurisdictions).

http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2019/19-0002-S50_reso_03-27-2019.pdf

http://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billVersionsCompareClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB516

Tom and Diane gave background on and why the Committee may want to consider Council File #19-0002-S50, which opposes Assembly Bill 516, which looks to strip away local authority to remove, impound or cite unregistered vehicles. SLO Carter was not aware of this Assembly Bill; Diane said she would send him the details.

Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Diane to draft a Community Impact Statement and/or a position letter in support of Council File #19-0002-S50 regarding Vehicle Removal and Impoundment / New Restrictions / Local Jurisdictions).

Motion passed: 4/0/0

Diane and Kathy will prepare the CIS for presentation at the next SNC general board meeting.

12. **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 of the proposed regulations for vending.

Motion made by Tom Weissbarth and seconded by Kathy Grubert to draft a Community Impact Statement stating a “neutral” position and with an attached list of suggestions regarding Council File #13-1493, which proposed regulations for vending.

Motion passed: 4/0/0

Tom Weissbarth provided background on the need for additional requirements related to Council File #13-1493. Suggested additions would address currently unmet safety issues related to children, traffic, ADA and other safety concerns.

13. **Discussion and possible action** 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 shared her past efforts and requests to Councilwoman Rodriguez’s office to gather information on Permanent Support Housing units and similar locations in Sylmar vs. other communities within CD7. Diane continues to compile her list and visual map of said locations as well as to follow up with CD7 for their assistance. From Diane’s preliminary research, it does appear that Sylmar has more than its share of PSH and similar locations. The Committee is seeking transparency with the data so that Stakeholders can be informed and will only look at public safety aspects of these types of projects.

14. **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.

Discussion included:

- Diane indicated she is looking forward to learning what happens with the bond measure referred to in item #8 on possible funding for another fire station in Sylmar. She and Tom are still working on:
- Our Public Records Act request regarding past payments and contracts between the City of Los Angeles and the City of San Fernando.
- History of Special taxes levied (Mello-Roos) related to City of Los Angeles Community Facilities District No. 8 (Legends At Cascades): Diane has gotten quite a lot of information from residents in the Legends area.

15. Committee Member Comments on subject matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction

Bonnie spoke about the upcoming Sylmar Neighborhood Council election and the need for public safety issues to be brought up by stakeholders with the newly elected board – so that these issues continue to be acted upon.

16. Future Agenda Items: Please e-mail the Committee Chair, Diane Valencia, at Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org

A stakeholder asked if Mayor Garcetti could be a guest at a future meeting.

17. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment

Tom Weissbarth moved to adjourn at 8:31pm, without objection.

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