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MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Oakridge Mobile Home Park - Clubhouse

15455 Glenoaks Blvd., Sylmar, CA. 91342

Committee Chair – Diane Valencia

Sylmar Neighborhood Council Meeting Minutes are a summary, not an exact, verbatim, word-for-word transcript of what was said at a Meeting. The only two exceptions are the Motions shown in italics and quotes shown with quotation marks (“ ”) at the beginning and ending of a word or words. The Minutes are not, nor were they ever meant to be, a comprehensive record of what was said about an issue or project.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Diane Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

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

Diane covered general housekeeping items for the meeting and thanked Oakridge for hosting. Darlene Walker of Oakridge welcomed everyone and explained where the restrooms are. She also empathically wished the best for the victims of the Calimesa fire - over 150 mobile homes have been lost. She also announced that a Safety Fair is being held at Oakridge on Oct. 12, from 11am to 2pm.

Bob Oppermann has offered to assist with taking notes / Minutes.

3. Roll Call of Committee

All Committee members were present: Diane Valencia, Bonnie Bernard, David Gonzales, Bob Oppermann, Tom Weissbarth,

19 Stakeholders present

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

Stakeholder question for LAPD regarding a helicopter heard previous night at Roxford/Glenoaks, Possible Domestic Violence, per LAPD

Stakeholder expressed concerns about 2 hit and runs as well as car break-ins and related crimes around Sayre & Garrick. The streets are also very dark. Diane advised that LAPD Valley Traffic would be coming next month as the featured speaker.

Stakeholder expressed concerns again about the lack of visibility along Glenoaks / Bledsoe due to a corner home having a fence/wall not in compliance with building codes. He has visited Code Enforcement in Van Nuys for assistance.

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

SLO Keith Crawford

- “Only 44 Part 1 Crimes...” from 9/08 => 10/05
- “Often in triple digits.”

- YTD, Mission Division is #1 in YOY Crime Reduction
 - SLO Crawford and SLO Carter went into VHFHSZ to advise homeless to leave. Winds were getting bad, and humidity was low. Perfect Red Flag conditions. Two people were removed.
- SLO Joe Carter
- (24) Part 1 Crimes from 9/08 => 10/05
 - All Part 1 crimes are down YTD, except Aggravated Assault (most of these are Domestic Violence)
 - Illegal Marijuana businesses
 - Another bust at Sayre/Glenoaks - multiple Search Warrants
 - Street Vending is allowed by State, but...
 - If property owner haven't granted them permission, then LAPD can issue a parking ticket and/or city for Trespassing
 - What about ADA, if wheelchair can't get by? Challenging situation – must be very clearly documented and the person experiencing the accessibility issue must file a detailed complaint.
 - Prop 47 increased value of Felony crime from \$450, to \$950
 - Stakeholder asked about a recent incident with racist graffiti. If you see “Hate” graffiti, call Graffiti Busters 818-362-8702, “Hate” = Top Priority for removal

6. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the September 12, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Diane advised that the draft Minutes not ready to present – tabled to the next meeting.

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

Tom reminded everyone that the Sylmar Block Captains meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Mission Division Police Station.

8. **Discussion, update and possible action** related to matters which the SNC Board took action on at its September 2019 meeting: 1) A letter of support regarding a stakeholder petition asking for assistance in controlling access and providing a long-term solution for the ditch/tunnel system located roughly between Bledsoe & Polk Streets, and Bradley Ave. & Glenoaks Blvd. and 2) A letter of support for a new traffic signal, with all appropriate signs, crosswalks, and markings at the intersection of Glenoaks Boulevard and Cobalt Street. (I-AMC Sections 80.08, 80.08.2, 80.37 and 80.55) adjacent to PUC Triumph Charter High School.

Diane provided a brief update on actions taken so that meeting attendees were aware of what occurred at the Board meeting.

9. **Discussion, update and possible action** on items previously discussed or taken action on by this Committee, including a review of Community Impact Statements, positions statements, letters and pending projects.

Regarding the \$2,500 for No Trespassing signs that the SNC approved in April, 2019 – there is no longer a need for the signs that were being coordinated through Captain Torres and LAFD, since LA City Council passed an ordinance that allows LAPD to provide verbal notice of Trespassing which will allow removal of trespassers from the VHFHSZ, in times of high fire danger. Committee to discuss at a future meeting what projects, events, etc. they would like to ask the SNC Board to support for the remainder of the fiscal year. Fire Service Day has been an annually sponsored event for the past few years and is held on the 2nd Saturday in May.

Diane has done a Public Records Act (PRA) request to Ron Galperin's office to try to determine if CD7 has requested a \$200k “feasibility study” regarding Fire Station #31 and was referred to multiple other City departments for the possible records. Requests for information from CD7 have been left unanswered for approximately one year. Diane will send another follow-up to CD7.

Diane and Tom are compiling information on FS91 and will present at a future meeting for consideration. Additional fire stations in Sylmar remain the priority of this Committee.

Horse safety reflector project will be worked on in collaboration with the SNC's Equestrian Committee after the upcoming Make Your Horse Count event.

David Gonzales needed to leave the meeting early so a conversation about Communication for this Committee is still unresolved. Diane to ask that he helps with Constant Contact, SNC website, etc. and this can be discussed /updated at a future meeting.

8. **Discussion and possible action** related to Los Angeles City Council file #19-0602-S1, relative to public safety aspects of a proposed amendment of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 41.18 to conform to the 9th Circuit decision in the Martin v. Boise case.

Councilman O'Farrell has moved that the LACC amend the LAMC to conform with the results of Martin v. Boise.

Motion: Bonnie Bernard moved that the Committee draft a Community Impact Statement which in general / in spirit, supports the public safety aspects of the draft ordinance. CIS will include reference to recent LA Times and Daily News articles about the significantly higher percentage of LA's homeless population which seem to be suffering from mental illness and/or drug addiction.

Motion passed: 3/0/1 with Tom Weissbarth abstaining

Bonnie will write the Community Impact Statement

9. **Discussion and possible action** to compile collision data for Sylmar along with a request to have LAPD Valley Traffic attend a future meeting. LAPD Valley Traffic unable to attend in October; will look to have them present in November or December.

LAPD Valley Traffic Division has been confirmed to attend the November 14, 2019 Committee meeting.

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

Tom Weissbarth passed around list, requesting names/email addresses of those that would be interested in joining a volunteer committee to assist with the Angeles National Forest. Four people signed the list. This is not an SNC event but a community volunteer-led effort.

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

Next meeting to be held November 14, 2019, at Oakridge Mobile Home Park.

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

Diane called for adjournment at 8:31 PM, with no objections from the Committee.

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