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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 10, 2012 6:30 p.m.

Saticoy Elementary School
7850 Ethel Ave, North Hollywood, CA 91605

1. Call to order and roll call.

- Chair Robin Ibrahim called the meeting to order
- Members Present: Robin Ibrahim, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Vince Stamboni.
- Members Absent: Dario Svidler
- Guests in attendance: Jim Kompare, NoHoWest NC President (non-voting stakeholder); stakeholders George & Nancy Characky, Elvia Pelayo, Felicite' Imam
- Quorum was seated.

2. General public comment on non-agenda items.

- Nancy Characky commented on the dangerous intersection at Bellaire and Strathern – people not stopping at the “Stop sign” – dangerous. What can be done? The Public Safety Committee will explore options and report.
- Jim Kompare mentioned that he had seen additional cones further down the street on Sherman Way from where we had the November tree planting – Vince Stamboni added that there had already been additional trees planted east and west of the November tree planting along the street
- Jim Kompare also mentioned a dangerous area for people walking on Bellaire – house next to pocket park, south of Strathern – tree is hanging over and out in pedestrian walkway – no sidewalk though. (need to define: Public Right of Way)

3. Chair Comments.

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. LAPD Senior Lead Officer reports – Officer Carol Sawamura – Basic Car 15A21- reports and updates.

- Officer Sawamura was not in attendance – she was at the candle light vigil for Danilo Morales, who was fatally shot a short distance from his home near the 8100 block of Coldwater Canyon while coming to the aid of his grandfather who had just been robbed at gunpoint (corner of Willard and Coldwater).
- Those in attendance at the prior Basic Car 15A21 meeting gave a brief recap from that meeting.
 - Merge of Basic Car groups to better service all areas - facilitate cross communication between 15A33 and 15A21.
 - “The Scene” a bar on Saticoy is becoming a problem area
 - 8130 and 8140 Coldwater – Flagged problem houses – keep a watch and report suspicious activity
 - Mention of MS gang tagging (not as bad) and gang activity.
 - There is current renovation taking place for a “Banquet Hall “to open at Bellaire & Saticoy (prior gentlemen’s club space); need to find out more details, same business owner as Limousine business.

- Solvang House – still a halfway house - clarification on guide lines still pending,
- Overcrowding in prisons is an issue – 800 people released in valley areas – most not monitored.
- Overall crime stats reviewed.
- The next Basic Car meeting is planned for 3/3/12

5. Approval of minutes from 9/14, 10/11, and 11/29/11.

Minutes were approved for 9/14 and 10/11, but 11/29 minutes were tabled until next meeting, pending further review.

MOTION: Vince Stamboni moved to approve the meeting minutes for the 9/14/11 and 10/11/11 meetings. Willie Lewis seconded and the motion passed: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

6. Discussion/updates on Town Hall meeting plans- James Madison Middle School, to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety concerns.

- Robin had a discussion with Mshak Ghazarian, Field Deputy with Councilmember Paul Krekorian's office; Council office is aware of this problem, has spoken with Assistant Principal Hedricks, a ride-a-long took place with Officer Sawamura to scope out the problem area. There is a plan already in place for DOT to have an engineer scope area and traffic flow. The traffic flow has to be coordinated through DOT.
- In advance of any Town Hall meeting, a few meetings and discussions need to take place between principal parties involved (LAUSD, DOT, Law Enforcement, School Police)....to decide what can and can't be accomplished. This is still a plan in progress. Councilman Paul Krekorian's office is happy to assist in any way.
- Target for Town Hall will be March or April 2012

7. Discussion, recommend changes, motion to approve Public Safety Committee Mission Statement: "The Public Safety Committee will act as liaison between Stakeholders, Law Enforcement, Fire Dept., and other Public Agencies in order to increase awareness and improve overall safety in our community. The committee will utilize available resources to coordinate training opportunities, and will gather and share information in the event of a disaster."

The original statement was tweaked slightly and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Vince Stamboni moved to modify and accept the Mission Statement for the Committee as: "The Public Safety Committee will work with Stakeholders, Law Enforcement, Fire Dept., and other Public Agencies in order to increase awareness and improve overall safety in our community. The committee will utilize available resources to promote training opportunities, and gather and share information in the event of a disaster." Rose Lewis seconded and the motion passed: 4 FOR – 0 AGAINST – 0 ABSTAINING.

8. Discussion - Identify Public Safety Committee goals for 2012; target dates, and timelines.

Discussion resulted in these goals:

- CERT training group started – still recruiting interested parties, contacted LAFD for dates, will secure a location for training session.
- Good Neighbor pamphlet – in the works – brochure updated with NoHoWest NC info. – need to confirm valid telephone numbers and if additions needed
- Neighborhood Watch groups – networking
- Safety Fair planning – explore possibilities of partner with NoHo North East NC, Kmart, or Saticoy Elementary School. Contacts and further discussions needed.
- Promote Basic Car 15A21 website – My Family website
- James Madison School traffic/pedestrian problem

9. CERT training.

We need more people to schedule training – currently we have 12 stakeholders interested

10. Neighborhood Watch Groups.

NW survey posted on Public Safety Committee page of website – encourage all to participate in the survey in order to coordinate and facilitate Neighborhood Watch groups in our council area.

11. Committee member comments on non-agenda items.

- Discussion on a phone tree: NW groups and community members to spread the word. Robin shared success with phone tree concept while serving in the role of a Battalion 14 CERT Coordinator. We will continue discussion and explore possibilities of organizing an “Alerts and Emergency Information sharing” telephone tree, after results from Neighborhood Watch survey.
- Review: Hand-out from LAFD- - Statistics presented at a Public Safety Press Conference.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Approved 3/13/12