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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 14, 2012 6:30 p.m.

James Madison Middle School Faculty Lounge  
13000 Hart Street, North Hollywood, CA 91605

### 1. Call to order and roll call.

- Chair Robin Ibrahim called the meeting to order at 6:45pm
- Members Present: Robin Ibrahim, Vince Stamboni.
- Members Absent: Dario Svidler, Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis
- Guests in attendance: Jim Kompare, NoHoWest NC President (non-voting stakeholder); stakeholder Dr. Samson Blankas; Guest speaker Steven Weinberger, LAFD CERT Battalion 14
- Quorum was not available for this meeting.

### 2. General public comment on non-agenda items.

- Dr. Blankas commented on his concern about the safety of our children in our district schools due to the recent abuse allegations at Miramonte School. His question – How are schools taking steps and what are those steps? The committee will conduct some fact finding in this area.

### 3. Chair Comments.

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 4. LAPD Senior Lead Officer reports – Officer Carol Sawamura – Basic Car 15A21 reports.

- Officer Sawamura was not in attendance – and no report was presented
  - The next Basic Car meeting is planned for 3/3/12

### 5. Guest Speaker – Steven Weinberger – Battalion 14 CERT Coordinator to discuss CERT changes and training.

- Presented a history of the CERT training opportunities.
- LAFD trying a new program at the bigger fire stations with community meeting rooms throughout the city.
- Next training scheduled in our area to start 3/5/12 at 7:00 – 9:30p at Fire Station 89. All of our community members interested in CERT training should show up at the station (ample parking next to the community room). Fire Fighter Mason is the instructor and can be contacted at 818-756-9674 to confirm interest. They would like to have 25 people attending these sessions.
- Fire Station 89 is located at 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd.

### 6. New Committee Members.

- Officer Sawamura has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Public Safety Committee.
- Vince advised that there is currently a comment on our council website questioning whether members of civic organizations could be allowed as members of a neighborhood council board and committees. The question had been forwarded to Lorraine Matza as Chair of the Bylaws Committee, but the committee has not met since the question was forwarded

- Jim Kompare indicated that he will contact DONE to try to obtain their take on the issue.
7. **Approval of minutes from 11/29/11 and distribute DRAFT minutes from the 1/10/12 meeting.**  
Minutes could not be approved because a quorum was not present at the meeting. The action was delayed until the next committee meeting
8. **Neighborhood Watch: discussion and possible motion; request purchase of Neighborhood Watch handbooks for distribution at meetings and safety fairs.**
- Neighborhood Watch handbooks are available at a discount price if purchased before 2/29/12. These books contain start up NW and ideas for participation, and can be purchased in quantities of 30.
  - A request will need to be presented to the General Board for approval for purchase and to place NoHoWest ID stickers on the booklets.
  - Vince mentioned a North Hollywood Patch article about LAPD looking to identify people in our areas with home surveillance cameras. The request is being organized by Officer Jennifer Duvally. Robin informed that she is installing cameras and will check out the article.
9. **Discussion and possible motion: Propose Neighborhood Watch signs and window decals with NoHoWest NC logo.**
- NW signs – we should consider purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs, sold in lots of 100; a design would need to be approved. Greater Valley Glen purchased a lot of 100 for approx. \$2500, need to identify size of signs, and placement of council logo and contact information. Placement of signs (locations, restrictions, and “how-to” to be discussed further at a future meeting)
  - Vince will locate a picture of a sign, would need to identify a vendor to typeset council info. Motion to approve at future meeting after all facts and figures gathered.
  - NW stickers/window decals: should be purchased eventually with council logo and information. There are a variety of choices to pick from
  - NW signs for businesses discussed.
10. **CERT Program: Class starting on 3/5/2012 at FS89 at 7:00 p.m.**
- Fire Station 89 is located at 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd. North Hollywood, CA
  - Robin will contact interested stakeholders on sign up list from prior meetings. Vince will send out email notices about the training, posting the current flyer presented by Steven Weinberger
11. **James Madison Middle School - school traffic and pedestrian problem – updates.**
- Assistant Principal Hedricks was expected to attend the meeting, but did not show.
  - Robin contacted Councilman Krekorian's office (Mshak Ghazarian) for DOT survey update; has not been completed at this time. Mshak will forward contact information to Robin for principal party contacts to schedule meetings before a Town Hall can be scheduled at the school.
  - Discussion regarding other possible entryways to campus, for example the access from the South East, or access from the Community Clinic area.
  - Question for Assistant Principal Hedricks – How open is school administration to practical solutions in the area?
  - Target for Town Hall will be March or April 2012
12. **Bellaire and Strathern intersection – 4 way “Stop” signs.**
- All stop signs are up in appropriate locations.
  - A possible solution ... narrow lanes, plants in curb areas to narrow the street
  - Observed that cars seem to be more careful with current street work taking place
13. **Committee member comments on non-agenda items.**
- Vince brought in “reflector arm bands” that he purchased at 99 Cents Only store for \$1. With two bands inside, a reasonable purchase opportunity for committee at .50 each band. It should not be difficult to place council logo and information stickers on these bands.
  - Discussion started by Jim Kompare and Vince regarding people attending committee meetings and general meetings, particular quorum problem. How do we tackle this problem? To be discussed and explored further.

**14. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Approved 03/13/12