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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:30 p.m.

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

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

- Chair Robin Ibrahim called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Robin Ibrahim, Willie Lewis, Vince Stamboni.
- Members Absent: Dario Svidler
- Quorum is seated.

### 2. General public comment on items not listed on today's agenda (3 minutes per speaker).

- Rose Lewis informed all attendees that the KMart Safety Fair had a good turnout.
- George Characky informed all attendees that Councilman Cardenas of Council District 6 is sponsoring a clean-up and they are looking for volunteers from 8am - noon on 10/22/11. George has facial dust masks, but you should bring your own gloves. Other supplies will be provided. Meet at Perry's on Roscoe.

### 3. Chair Comments.

- Robin informed attendees regarding Leighton Merritt – all prior communication has resulted in no response from Leighton, and a telephone call to the number on file resulted in a response that he has moved to Canyon Country and no longer resides at that residence. He has been dropped from committee membership after absence at all 4 committee meetings and the inability to attend any future meetings.
- Robin thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting. The next Public Safety meeting will take place on 11/29, and President Jim Kompare added that the meeting will be at Saticoy Elementary School. He wants to keep all committee and General Meetings at the same location each month in order to reduce confusion for potential attendees.

### 4. Guest Speaker – LAPD Senior Lead Officer Carol Sawamura.

- a. Officer Sawamura began by mentioning that KMart was thankful we participated in their Safety Weekend event. There will be more outreach, more signage, and earlier communication for next year's event. Carol suggested that NoHoWest NC may want to sponsor a future event using the KMart space as a partner.
- b. Crime statistics and strategies were shared, and Carol showed us a report LAPD uses to identify if crime numbers are reduced and to identify where resources are placed. Our area is not on the top of the list for the week. The Metro Orange Line area has an increase in crime. Overall, compared to other areas, we are doing well.
- c. There was a report of shots fired in the Fulton/Vanowen area, 13100 Vanowen project buildings, but nothing was found upon response by LAPD.

- d. The Coldwater homicide case is still being worked on. A comment was made about some properties in the 8100 block of Coldwater, which Carol responded that LAPD has been watching for a few years.
- e. There was a residential burglary in our area (reference to crime stats) – same area and people hit 2 times. She suggested the Public Safety Committee can work on a way to communicate prevention tips.
- f. An LAPD flyer is in the works to target distraction burglaries. A re-education strategy for people is necessary, and the main point is “Do not open your door”.
- g. Carol provided us with a notice that will be presented to the public during a press conference that will take place tomorrow. The posting says: PLEASE REMOVE OUR HAT, HOODIE, OR HELMET BEFORE ENTERING THESE PREMISES – HATS OFF TO FIGHT CRIME. Patch.com news sent out some information about this as well. We can present the notice to the board for comment.
- h. A question was asked by an attendee, with regards to loud party activity and what do we need to do to complain. Carol said loud amplified music is an ordinance violation. Carol provided this telephone number to call to report such occurrences: 818-734-2223 – LAPD dispatch, North Hollywood Division. It was discussed that if there is a call back-up – calls go to downtown, and 911 can be busy as well.
- i. An attendee asked about a wrought iron fence that was smashed in due to a car accident–private property on Coldwater, not fixed as of yet (a few months have passed already). If anyone wants to report this to Dept. of Building and Safety, they have a 2 month back log on responses time.

**5. Approval of minutes from 9/14/11 meeting.**

Minutes were not provided, so approval will take place at the next meeting.

**6. Discussion and assign tasks– James Madison Middle School pedestrian and traffic safety concerns.**

Conversation was led by Jim Kompare as he had a meeting with the school Assistant Principal:

- a. School class start time is 8:00 a.m.; traffic congestion from 7:45a – 8:15a, and 2:45p – 3:30p – Hart Street. Children exit from 4 different areas at the school
- b. It was suggested we get our Council District 2 Office, Councilman Krekorian, Dept. of Transportation, and LAPD involved. The Safety Committee will assist in coordinating a Town Hall meeting, which was a suggestion presented by Officer Carol, and this will be presented to the Board. We will need to get parents and appropriate agencies involved as attendees to the Town Hall meeting. This needs to be presented to the school as a possible solution.
- c. Out-of-order Speaker Card was presented on this topic – Susan Bok – LADOT. She will assist in any way she can. She lives in the area impacted.
- d. Officer Carol suggested that Officer Graham could perhaps be scheduled to ticket violators.
- e. Another concern presented was First Responder Emergency vehicles gaining access to the street and properties during the times of congestion.

**7. Discuss and identify any other areas with traffic and pedestrian safety concerns.**

- On Sherman Way, people run traffic lights from Fulton to Van Nuys Blvd.
- Sherman Way and Whitsett – turn lane is a problem with people cutting over to turn.

**8. Discuss street lights and identify problem areas.**

- Robin commented about Bellaire and Lorne area.
- A comment was made that DWP information should be obtained about the street light program.

**9. Update on Halloween safety items considered for purchase.**

Vince wanted the SOS Survival link to be emailed to the committee for future reference. Everyone agreed that we may not be able to purchase anything for this Halloween that can be passed out at the Wat Thai Temple event the weekend before Halloween, but we should try to see if reflector wrist bands or something could be purchased. We could get some labels placed on these items. Further research is necessary for agreed upon and reasonable priced items. George showed us a little flashlight he purchased at the Dollar Store.

**10. Distribute updated “Agency Speakers and Topics “ list.**

Robin handed out an updated “Agency and Speaker” topic list that was updated based upon community input, which was a result of Nancy Characky’s email blast for input.

**11. Committee member comments on non-agenda items.**

- a. Rose would like to be a part of the Public Safety Committee and was acknowledged unanimously as a member by the quorum that was seated.
- b. Kent said he would like to be as well, but we were reminded that we have the permitted maximum of 4 board members already on the committee, so Kent could not be a committee member at this time. Vince stated he would drop out, but we convinced him to stay.
- c. Rose volunteered to report about the Public Safety Committee meeting at the next General Board Meeting, as Robin will not be able to attend due to a medical procedure.
- d. Vince presented some stats from the “List of Concerns” poll that he sent out, and the one he created on the Basic Car 15A21 site.
- e. Vince discussed the “Open Task List” he prepared and presented to committee members for input. There are some items in need of work and being closed as current open tasks.

**12. Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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