

# NORTH HOLLYWOOD WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, November 29, 2011 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 at 6:40pm
- Members Present: Robin Ibrahim, Vince Stamboni.
- Members Absent: Rose Lewis, Willie Lewis, Dario Svidler
- Guests in attendance: Jim Kompare, NoHoWest NC President (non-voting stakeholder); Camille A. Pili-Jose, from Rep. Fuentes' Office; stakeholders Claudia Nelson, Chuck Loring, Gergard Hilgenfeldt, George & Nancy Characky, Dr. Samson Blankas, Sara Mejia, Daniel & Alma Rivas
- Quorum was NOT seated.

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

A representative from Rep. Fuentes Office was in attendance – Camille A. Pili-Jose introduced herself and commented - they are available to assist us – North Hollywood West NC, just contact the office.

### 3. Chair Comments.

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Lieutenant Troy Boswell of LA Animal Services.

### 4. LAPD Senior Lead Officer reports – Officer Carol Sawamura.

- Senior Lead Officer Sawamura was unable to attend this evening's meeting.
- Senior Lead Officer Perry attended and reported on crime stats for Basic Car area 19A79.....the NoHoWest area between Cantara and Roscoe:
  - Officer Perry advised that everyone should be on holiday crime alert for the coming month or so.
  - A crime map was provided for his area for the period between 10/16/11 and 11/12/11 (attached on page 4). He noted that some Grace Community Church attendees had car break-ins during church service hours. A reminder to all not to leave valuables visible in your car.
  - Reminder - Call 911 if you see a crime in progress or suspicious activity. Communicate with Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, if you know who that is.
  - He provided and Occupy LA update with regard to police assignments and delayed response possibilities. The city is in tactical alert.

#### a. Discuss and prepare response to question presented to NHWNC on web site (1/2011) - curb/house number painting and problem with person soliciting money

Officer Perry answered questions about curb/house number painting and persons soliciting money. Be careful when answering your door if one of these solicitors approaches. You do not need to pay money to that person. A question was asked there is a law requiring house numbers on property and Officer Perry responded that you have to have a number attached to your property, especially for emergency purposes, but it does not have to be on the curb.

**ACTION:** Vince S. took an action to prepare a response to January 2011 question raised on the NoHoWest.org website based on information previously supplied by Officer Sawamura and the CD2 Office and with the information supplied by Officer Perry at this meeting.

**5. Guest Speaker: Lt. Troy Boswell – L.A. Animal Services.**

Lt Boswell gave an introduction to the services, and with 6 animal shelters in the city. There are only 50 animal patrol officers with a lot of territory to cover. Their goal is to respond to emergency calls, with everything else on “as they can get to it” response priority. He addressed and answered questions, some related to:

- Barking dogs, crowing roosters, (noise complaints) - they will participate in mediation and scheduled hearings. There is a new “Barking Dog Ordinance” in effect as of 1/1/2012, with a \$250 fine attached to it, but he hasn’t seen the law yet. There will need to be at least 2 complaints for action. Who do you call to report barking dogs? Do not call the Animal Shelter because they will not go out to the property where the barking dog is.
- Roosters - a person can have one, as long as it is kept 100 feet away from a neighboring dwelling.
- There seems to be a problem with Pit Bulls in this area particularly. It is important to report if you see one walking off leash and unattended.
- Feral cats - feeding, trapping, turnover to L.A. animal services...Animal services will rent traps for \$5 per day. L.A. Animal Services can’t participate in the capturing of a feral cat or neutering. There isn’t a regulation against feeding cats outside. Solution: stop feeding stray cats! There is a law – if can be proven-feeding 30 days in a row, but have to prove a person actually did... video proof is acceptable. Contact Lt. Boswell if this is a nuisance in any area.
- There is low income family help with spay and neuter....contact Animal Shelter
- The Animal Shelter accepts donations of blankets, papers, etc. Tues. – Sat.

**6. Approval of minutes from 9/14/11 and 10/11/11.**

Without a quorum we are unable to approve prior meeting’s minutes.

**7. Review, update and status of prior action items and motions.**

Prior actions list/report created by Vince Stamboni was reviewed briefly and will be discussed in more detail at the 1/2012 meeting.

**8. Discuss - updates on plans for Town Hall meeting at James Madison Middle School to discuss traffic and pedestrian safety.**

Jim Kompare updated that he had spoken with James Madison Middle School Assistant Principal Hedricks – a weeknight is preferred for the Town Hall meeting (in the planning phase), school wants police involvement. The committee will contact Mshak Ghazarian to secure a time for Councilman Krekorian to attend. A target date (TBD) for a meeting in February is desired by the school. The planning is still a work in progress.

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

- Jim, Vince, and Robin discussed setting a deadline date of 1/15 to update blue tri-fold brochure with emergency contact numbers and “Good Neighbor” information for handout
- Jim initiated the topic of surveillance cameras in particular areas – will talk with Mshak at Councilman Krekorian’s office about available cameras for relocation in our area and CD2 camera purchase program they used to have. Officer Sawamura will also be asked about cameras.
- A meeting attendee, Mr. Rivas, resident from the Wixom and Beeman Street area brought up concern about his observation of some residents in a house – with residents changing all the time. He observes same people walking on Bellaire and hanging around on the corner of Lull and Bellaire on a regular basis (male heavy set Latino looking – mid 30 years old, and male-older- perhaps in 50 age group – African American – sometimes 2 males and 2 females). Vince offered to inform Officer Sawamura about this concern after the attendee sends an email to [NoHoWest@gmail.com](mailto:NoHoWest@gmail.com) with details.
- Camille from Councilman Fuentes Office said they can assist with setting up any Neighborhood Watch group – contact Quincy Reid.
- Vince Stamboni – provided a recap of recent “neighborhood concerns” survey results as follows::

**NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS SURVEY RESULTS**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ISSUE/CONCERN</u>	<u>HIGHEST RANK</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>	<u>15A21 Poi!</u>
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Get more community and neighbor involvement in NoHoWest NC	1	102	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Teaming together with other Neighborhood Councils to push a common agenda	1	70	24
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Establishing relationships with members of various county departments	1	68	12
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Increasing relevance of Neighborhood Council Issues	1	68	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Want to be advised/have a say with local (appropriate or inappropriate) businesses	1	62	18
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Working with City Council	1	54	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Get more participation on "MyFamily" web site	1	28	
COMMUNITY RELATIONS CONCERNS	Other:	3	4	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Cars on front lawns	1	64	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Trash divers	1	62	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Vacant lot vendors & traffic	1	54	18
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Unpermitted property fencing and block walls	1	44	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Repeated loud parties at a single home/location	1	42	24
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Barking dogs and other loud animal noises	1	40	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Illegal signage and businesses in residential zones	1	38	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	LAPD informed on what to enforce & what is illegal	1	36	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Illegal swap meets	1	30	12
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Other:	1	28	
MUNICIPAL CODE ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS	Chickens, roosters, and other exotic animals	1	18	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Businesses held responsible to clean up their own properties	1	86	12
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Illegal dumping and clean up	1	86	12
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Graffiti	1	76	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Trash everywhere: residential & commercial areas	1	66	30
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Tree planting in bare areas	1	46	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Dirty and torn tarps on south side of Strathern between Saticoy and Whitsett (to hide junky backyards)	1	32	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Clean up plant viaduct @ Whitsett	1	18	6
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	New field @ Whitsett & Vanowen	1	16	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Spruce up spreading basin	1	14	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Pocket park @ Bellaire & Strathern	2	8	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	DWP water issues	1	6	
NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION CONCERNS	Other:	3	2	
SAFETY CONCERNS	Surveillance cameras/crime prevention	1	102	6
SAFETY CONCERNS	Tree trimming on city trees before limbs are a danger	1	86	18
SAFETY CONCERNS	Junk left in front of homes - items left with "sale" signs	1	78	18
SAFETY CONCERNS	People walking dogs carrying or without a leash	1	42	
SAFETY CONCERNS	Vicious stray dogs and cats	1	42	
SAFETY CONCERNS	'311' system - make it easier	1	40	12
SAFETY CONCERNS	Emergency contacts, networking info relayed	1	40	6
SAFETY CONCERNS	Other:	1	26	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Repair sidewalks (busted sidewalks, etc.)	1	134	36
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Repair streets (potholes, etc.)	1	100	12
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Street cleaning	1	62	6
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Broken curbs	1	34	6
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	"Lake Beeman" @ Wixom	1	24	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Better parking enforcement	1	24	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Debris from private/commercial properties blocking sidewalks	2	22	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Abandoned vehicles	1	22	6
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Speed bumps/humps in high traffic residential areas (streets used as shortcuts)	1	14	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Objects protruding onto sidewalks/walkways (mailboxes, foliage, gates, etc.)	1	10	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Other:	2	6	
STREET & SIDEWALK CONCERNS	Widen Lloyd	2	4	

**10. Adjournment.**

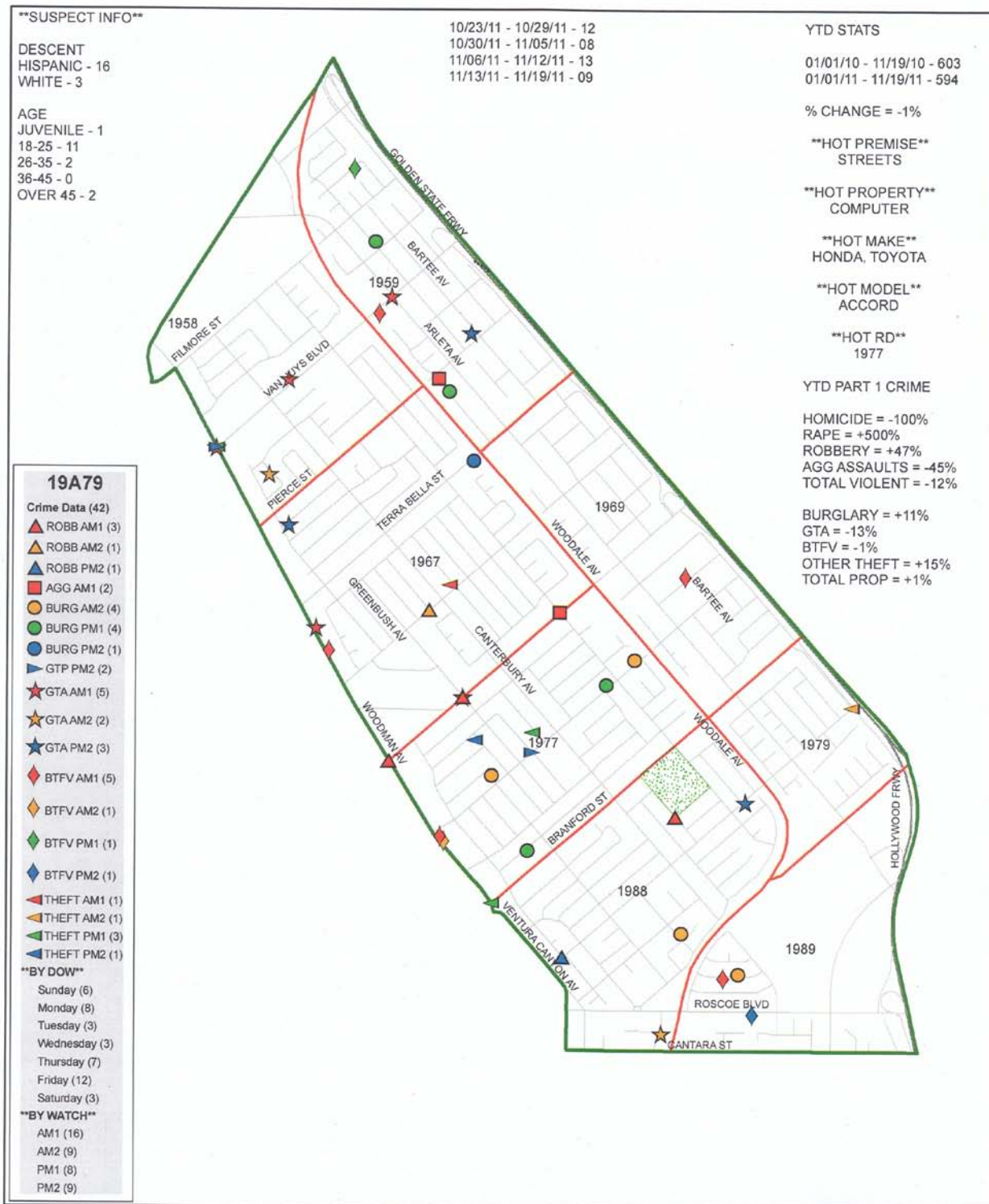
The meeting was adjourned.

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## MISSION AREA - BASIC CAR 19A79 (43) 10/16/11 - 11/12/11



AM1 = 0000 to 0559    AM2 = 0600 to 1159    PM1 = 1200 to 1759    PM2 = 1800 to 2359

Map prepared by Mission Area Crime Analysis Detail. For internal distribution only.