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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 14, 2011 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Call to order and roll call.

Attending: Robin Ibrahim, Willie Lewis, Vince Stamboni, Dario Svidler
Not Attending: Leighton Merritt
Quorum is seated

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

Discussed future meetings with a handout calendar and plans provided by President Jim Kompare

3. Approve minutes of the August 10, 2011 meeting.

After some discussion regarding content the following motion was made.

MOTION: Dario Svidler moved to approve the meeting minutes for the August 10 meeting.
Willie L seconded and the motion passed: FOR – 4, AGAINST – 0, ABSTAIN – 0

4. Discuss parking and traffic problems at James Madison Middle School during pick up and drop off times.

- Discussed concerns presented to President Jim Kompare by Assistant Principal, William Hendricks, of James Madison Middle School. Concerns are with pedestrian and child safety around the school vicinity, especially Hart and Ethel during peak periods of school start and end – drop off and pick-up. Over last 3 years, 4 children have been hit.
- The Public Safety Committee will explore options that can be presented to the Assistant Principal, such as LAPD presence, Dept. of Transportation assistance, cones, Councilman Krekorian's office (Field Deputy Mshak's assistance) in a solution.
- In addition:** President Jim Kompare discussed the pocket park on Fulton and Vanowen – meeting he attended, and concerns with safety. Possible solution = surveillance cameras, which would need to be explored further.

5. Update on prioritizing "List of Concerns" – distributed at meeting 7/20/11

- Discussed - List of Concerns expressed by NoHoWest NC members – last updated 6/2010: Vince Stamboni has been working on getting this list prioritized by the community, with a few additions. This is still a work in progress.
- Update on list compiled of Guest Speakers and Agencies: Still a work in progress. Outreach to the community sent out by Nancy Characky resulted in this top five on the list:

- i. LAPD – to discuss vacant properties, street vendors, reporting, street racing, burglaries
- ii. Dept. of Animal Services – stray cats and dogs, attacks, dangers, reporting
- iii. Neighborhood Watch
- iv. Dept. of Recreation and Parks – city pools, park safety, lighting, BBQs
- v. Dept. of Metro Transit – train tracks, Metro lines, bus safety

6. Discuss CERT training updates – current number of interested participants.

- a. CERT training update: Robin identified that we still need additional people that are interested (sign up sheet at meeting). We have 10 people so far, but need 15 more to secure a training start date and location.
- b. It's A Disaster Book: Personal purchase by Robin, passed around to attendees of meeting. Possible use as a gift to attendees of the CERT training after the book is labeled with NoHoWest NC information inside the front cover. This book could be used for future outreach events as well. The book and topic will be raised again when we have enough people to establish a training date and location.

7. Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) updates – Willie and Rose Lewis.

- a. Willie and Rose Lewis announced that the 9/15 CPAB meeting was postponed until 9/28/11, with a summit meeting on 10/1. There will be a guest speaker from the FBI to talk about terrorism. Anyone interested in attending meeting should speak with either Willie or Rose.

8. Discuss and identify graffiti problem areas.

- a. One stakeholder brought in a photo of graffiti in her area, which was handed over to Nancy Characky so she can scan and submit to SLO Carol Sawamura. Photos were submitted for the graffiti on Teesdale and Lorne.
- b. Photos help tremendously when reporting, which should be sent to Officer Sawamura, and she forwards to Officer Torres.
- c. Gangs identified in area are MS13, 18th Street, and Valerio Street gang. The Public Safety Committee and Beautification Committee will work jointly on getting the graffiti removed.
- d. Vince Stamboni mentioned there was a graffiti walk a few years ago that proved successful in clean-up.

9. Discuss establishing an advisory committee for procurement and distribution of Halloween related safety items bearing NoHoWest NC logo or name (examples: reflector wrist bands, distribute to schools in area).

- a. Robin brought discussion topic of exploring costs of Halloween safety items that could be handed out after sticking a label on the item to identify NoHoWest NC.
- b. Ideas included; flashlights, light sticks, buttons.
- c. There is an estimate for flashlights from SOS Survival Products that will be presented to the full board.
- d. Everyone agreed we need to identify other items that could work instead of flashlights. It was also agreed that we may not be able to get anything going for this Halloween, but for next year.

10. Committee member comments on non-agenda items

- a. Neighborhood Watch – gathering names to compile a current list of the block captains: Still a work in progress. In addition, we are trying to locate a list of businesses that were visited while the council was forming, in order to compile a list for a Business Watch. Nancy and Jim to try and locate the information.

- b. Discussed allocating a budget item to assist Neighborhood Watch in having meeting, such as for refreshments (example: \$150.00 for each watch group). This topic is in need of further discussion at a later meeting.
- c. Robin informed everyone that NoHoWest NC sponsored Safety Fair: still in progress of gathering details to be presented to the full board for consideration. Some details discussed for consideration as follows:
 - i. Co-sponsor with NoHoEast NC
 - ii. Cost of all equipment needed, outreach costs.
 - iii. Vince Stamboni presented some GVGNC costs from the Safety Fair they host, with estimates of \$18,000 for the 1st fair, to \$12,000 for Safety Fair costs in next year. Those costs included a pancake breakfast for their local Fire Dept. – Station 102.
- d. Discussed possible General Meeting agenda item: Possibility of NoHoWest NC to host a booth at the National Safety Weekend – KMart parking lot on 10/8/11 and 10/9/11. This is pending full board approval.

11. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for 10/11/2011 – location TBD

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