

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 3, 2008 6:30PM

Present : Zach Behrens, Anthony St. John, Janet Richmond and Norm Beale
Absent : Max Calne, Alan Taylor, Eric Martin and Jeff Ebenstein

Discussion about the upcoming „Great California Shake Out, event in November and how the SONC and the Public Safety Comm. could become involved. It was noted that the Encino Neighborhood Council was planning some events and it was determined that we would contact them for possible co-ordination of efforts.

Alan Taylor, Janet Richmond and Jeff Berk have been working on a disaster plan for their NHW for over a year and it was determined it may be ready to present to the Board at the next meeting or in November to co-ordinate with this event. We also plan to do the SONC Public Safety information tables at Vons and Gelson,s markets as we have in the past. There was discussion of other events that could be planned, possibly in the VNSO Park in the month of Nov. It was determined that a separate meeting between Jeff Berk, Alan Taylor, Anthony St. John, Zach Behrens and Janet Richmond should be arranged prior to any presentation to the Board or the City.

Possible SONC endorsement of the Studio Oaks Park was discussed as a possible Agenda item in Oct.

Lexi Richards of Councilmember Wendy Gruel,s office informed the Committee that the Q Star Cameras we co-funded are „in process, at the City and she will keep us informed so that SONC can plan some kind of positive PR event when they become operational.

We were informed that there is a new Neighborhood Watch formed for the area between

Woodman & Fulton, Valley Vista and the 101 with approx. 40 members, primarily to counter car break-ins. We were also informed that there is a crew of „fake „ DWP workers seen with a truck with a sign „Dept. of Water possibly casing the area.

Car break-ins were also reported along Ethel. SLO Justin Bergman has been informed and we suggested to the area residents that they set up a meeting with the SLO and present him with logs of suspicious vehicles in the area so that patrols can be utilized at the right times. Zach Behrens supplied the Committee with a non-emergency number to call for Van Nuys Dispatch to report this kind of activity: (818) 734-2223. Also a number for DOT to report illegally parked cars, defective traffic signals: Valley DOT
(188) 752-5100.

Discussion of the Encino Neighborhood Council „s efforts to stop Clear Channel from installing electronic video billboards along Ventura Blvd. and their possible safety hazard for traffic along Ventura. Jack Weiss „s office increase in fines for violations and if Clear Channel would soon target Sherman Oaks.

Block party for the Margate Neighborhood Watch, Ethel and Longridge Sept. 14th.

Adjournment 8PM

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