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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Meeting

MINUTES

MONDAY, October 15th, 2018

6:30pm

**Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center
5056 Van Nuys Blvd – lobby
Sherman Oaks, CA 91403**

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Melissa Menard, Co – Chair 6:31pm
2. Roll Call – Melissa Menard, Kristin Sales, Meghan Horan
3. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 24th, 2018
 - a. **Minutes passed unanimously.**
4. Introduction of Committee Members, LAPD, elected officials and staff
 - a. Crime Stats, Questions and Answers specifically directed to them
 - i. Committee Introductions- Melissa, Kristin, Meghan
5. Public Forum: comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Committee's jurisdiction
 - a. Robin from Sherman Oaks: Concerned with electric scooters in the community.
 - i. Attended last Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council (SONC) meeting
 - ii. Who is liable should someone be injured- homeowners or car insurance?
 - iii. Someone in Florida was killed on the scooter.
 - iv. Should not be in streets with vehicles.
 - v. If something does happen, it is a huge liability for the city.
6. Response(s) to public comments by Committee Members
 - a. Kristin Sales:
 - i. It was discussed at the last SONC meeting that Councilmember David Ryu is aware of concerns around electric scooters.
 - ii. Electric scooter companies had approached Ryu that they were bringing bikes and scooters to the area.
 - iii. He would like to schedule public forum with transportation committee.

- iv. Kristin suggests that Robin bring recommendations / concerns to the SONC Transportation Committee as it is in their focus and Ryu's office.
 - b. Melissa Menard:
 - i. We need to have more regulations when it comes to this type of equipment.
 - ii. Santa Monica now allows them again.
 - iii. Question for Avo Babiyan, chair of Transportation Committee.
 - 1. is it coming to Sherman Oaks?
 - 2. Issues and resolutions in Santa Monica- are you following suit?
 - c. Discussion informing Robin how items go through a committee to the SONC board then to City Council
 - d. Robin brings up liability of Councilmen and committee volunteers
- 7. Chair's Report
 - a. Valley Disaster Fair Update
 - i. September 29th- great turnout with people from Sherman Oaks
 - ii. Bill Hopkins will have exact number of who registered from Sherman Oaks
- 8. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. New Business
 - i. Confirming CERT1 training class with LAFD trainer Mitch McKnight Jan 9th – Feb 20th 2019-
 - 1. Need to confirm dates and location
 - 2. Table to next month
 - ii. Transition of Committee members as we head into 2019 Neighborhood Council Elections
 - 1. Melissa represents Area 6. Seat is up for reelection in 2019.
 - 2. Table to next month
 - b. Old Business
 - i. Update and next steps on the Public Safety Survey for Stakeholders of Sherman Oaks (Loren)
 - 1. Table to next month
 - ii. Update on the Public Safety Motion presented to the SONC Board Meeting on May 14th RE: The Resolution of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018
 - 1. Table to next month
- 9. City Council's Public Safety Committee Report (Meghan)
 - a. Matters concerning various committees, including Sherman Oaks
 - b. Items pertaining to Sherman Oaks and possible action items
 - i. [Council Item # 09-1977-S2](#)- Restriction of Use of Certain Metal Cutting Blades (Brush Clearance)
 - 1. Background: Substantial public safety concerns are posed by the use of metal cutting blades to clear grass or brush located in the City of Los Angeles; several fires have ignited through the use of such blades; regulation of use of metal cutting blades, and the establishment of appropriate safety measures is necessary to mitigate the occurrence of such fires
 - 2. Overview: Use of metal cutting blades for grass or brush clearance shall be limited to those which are non-ferrous/non-sparking; penalties are established for violations; additional brush clearance requirements are added for engaging in brush clearance activities in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ)
 - 3. City Council Adopted Item on 10/10/18
- 10. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Report & Crime Map review (Loren)
 - a. Table to next month
- 11. Announcements from the Committee on subject matters within SONC's jurisdiction
 - a. Next SONC Board Meeting; Monday, November 5th 2018 at the Sherman Oaks Elementary School - Auditorium
 - i. Different date than normal

- b. Next Public Safety Meeting; Tuesday, November 27th, 2018 Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center – lobby
 - i. Different date than normal
 - c. No public safety committee meeting in December
12. Adjourn – 7:32pm