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**Public Safety Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

MINUTES

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair

***Meeting called to order at 6:43pm**

2. Roll Call – Penny Gilbert, Secretary (Absent)

Present: Jessie Smith, Christy Adair, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Thelma Mericle

3. Action Item: Approval of Minutes from Nov. meeting

4. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff

5. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Updates: (reports should be approx. 10 minutes for each officer):

- A. Officer Romo will provide current crime data / trends in her area (see map for coverage area)**
Northern Part of Sherman Oaks Burglary- up 6.90%. Last year we had 145 burglaries, this year we're at 155. Burglaries from Motor Vehicle- down 14.77%. Last year we had 325 BFMV's, this year we are at 277.
- B. Officer Saldana will provide current crime data / trends in his area (see map for coverage area)**
Southern Part of Sherman Oaks Burglary- down 6.87%. Last year we had 233 burglaries, this year we're at 217.
Burglary from Motor Vehicle- up 4.33%. Last year we had 208, this year we're at 217.

C. Safety Suggestions:

- **If you have a camera doorbell, always answer it when someone rings it. They can't tell if you're inside or away, so it's better to answer.**
- **If you're expecting a lot of packages and can't be home to accept them, try having them delivered to your office, an Amazon locker, or P.O. Box instead.**

c. Questions from the public for the SLOs:

Questions from the public are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Please refrain from conversation with the officers during this time. Total time for questions from the public not to exceed 15 minutes, to allow time for additional council business to be conducted and completed.

6. Public Comments:

7. Action Item:

Discussion and committee vote Presented by Susan Collins:

A: Motion to require ongoing participation by committee members: **Motion to table and revue bylaws, made by Christy Adair, 2nd by Jessie Smith – Motion tabled**

8. LAFD / CERT Updates: Presented by Christy Adair

A. Upcoming Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) training course dates and times.

Starting on Jan. 11 at 6:30pm, continuing every Tues. for 7 weeks

C.E.R.T. also teaches the proper way to stack sandbags so they're most effective.

B. Rain will come – Are you prepared? Where and how to get sandbags to protect your home.

Fire Station 88 is giving away 10 premade sandbags and another 10 bag & sand to be assembled. The correct way to assemble them is to fill them approximately 1/3 of the way full and loosely tie them for transporting. When putting them out for use, untie them and layer them.

9. Final Committee Business and Announcements: *Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

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- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at join.ntp-la.org
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com

- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com
- To **SUBSCRIBE** to receive monthly meeting announcements and agendas, contact: SoncPScommittee@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch** info, contact your local Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”). To find your SLO: <https://www.lapdonline.org/> | Your LAPD | Find Your Local Police Station
- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at 38903@lapd.online, or call (818) 374-5420.

ONGOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Weekly Walkie-Talkie Radio Check-In: Every Sunday at 10am: Channel 20 (or Ch 16 if 20 is busy), we check-in around the Valley to see how far our voices can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster. The PSC suggests you pull-out a walkie, put in fresh batteries, and listen to next Sunday’s net to see if you can hear anyone.

Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net: Every Sunday at 9am on Simplex 145.570 we have a weekly net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly, net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.

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