

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Oct. 5th, 2011 6:30PM

Westfield Mall Community Room

Present: Anthony St. John, Jay Beeber, Janet Richmond

Absent: Max Calne, Nikki Ezhari, Alan Taylor

Discussion about the Agenda of the upcoming Oct. 10th Board meeting Guest Capt. Snell from LAPD Van Nuys Division. Problems with the SONC e-mail blast were discussed. Anthony agreed that he will send out an e-mail notification of the meeting to the Neighborhood Watch Groups to help boost attendance.

Library Square Neighborhood Watch organization was discussed. Informed Committee that Emily Rose, area Watch Capt. had asked SONC for funding for NW signs to be posted in Library Square area.

Anthony said he had contacted CD2 about asking DOT to waive requirement of dedicated poles set in cement for the signs and allow them to piggy-back on existing poles to save NW money. We encourage her to continue her NW fund raising activities.

Janet mentioned that her Watch group has complained about the slow response on 311 calls. Anthony gave her phone numbers for Van Nuys Dispatch direct as well as the Senior lead Officer Office that is always manned.

Janet mentioned that she will be moving out of the area in the future. She mentioned that she may have a NW Capt. Candidate to replace her. We will all miss her and cannot thank her enough for her contributions to her Community.

Jay presented his research on Pedestrian Safety with radar enforcement vs improved signs and engineering solutions. He feels traffic tickets are not educational or a deterrent to speeders. He also cited the vagueness of the Vehicle Code wording in regard to pedestrians. And that every motor cop has a different interpretation of the Code.

Anthony presented his statistics about Pedestrian vs Cars in the immediate area of Sherman Oaks. With a disproportionate number of schools and elder care facilities in Sherman Oaks, the casual gathering of

statistics reflect that most accidents have involved young or elderly pedestrians being struck in crosswalks, compared to the findings about LA as a whole.

Janet said education should be preferred to enforcement and questioned whether pedestrian sting operations are effective.

Jay and Anthony discussed the Medical Marijuana Clinics in Sherman Oaks and how LAPD can enforce closure of the illegal ones in the face of pending Court challenges as well as if crime is indeed increased around these Clinics in general. Anthony gave Jay an update on the SONC Board meeting held 2 years ago with the LA District Attorney's Office.

Adjournment 8:15PM