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Susan Collins – Chair
Christy Adair
Penny Johnson
Barbara McDermott
Thelma Mericle
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Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 @ 6:30pm
VIRTUAL ONLY

Minutes

1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair –
Meeting Called to order at 6:36pm

2. Roll Call:

Susan Collins – Present, Christy Adair – Present, Penny Johnson – Present, Barbara McDermott - Present
Thelma Mericle – Present, Jesse Smith – Absent

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July15, 2024 Meeting / Event, No Minutes from July meeting (No quorum): 2nd by Barbara McDermott, Approved unanimously

4. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee’s jurisdiction :

Alan Scher: Requested that Captain Zine attend the SONC Board Meeting and asked for us to request a meeting like the one held for Encino & Tarzana regarding increased crime.
Alan also requested that I review with the committee what was discussed during the CPAB meeting.

5. Discussion and possible vote:

Motion to request action from Council member Nithya Raman’s Office regarding the hiring of a new field representative. Sherman Oaks has been understaffed for the past 6 months. Also, she needs to address the Sherman Oaks Community regarding the sharp increase of crime, in particular home invasion / burglaries. – **Prior to the meeting CD 4 announced the hire of Taleen Keuroghlian as a new field representative for our area. Since this issue had been resolved by the time of this meeting. Motion to remove this item was made by Susan Collins, 2nd by Barbara McDermott – Motion to remove this item passed unanimously**

6. Discuss upcoming Public Safety Committee Event for Sept. (Discussion to change next event to Oct.)

a.) Date and location - Decided on Sat. Oct. 5th, from 10:00am – 12:00 at the Adult Center back patio

b.) Topics –

b.) Speakers

c.) Participation designation

* Combined responses to above topics:

911 – LAPD Communications Division / Mayor's Crisis Response Team (Barbara will provide contact info)

Mini-Therapy Horses (we will skip these for Oct but will revisit another time – Barbara has contact info)

Dannah Eve – Public Safety Expert from Instagram (contact her)

Killer_Bee_Tactical – Also Public Safety Expert from Instagram

Urban Alchemy

Contact Home Boy Industries regarding having a reformed burglar speak.

Penny says she can bring a Mic and PA System – requested that I confirm the availability of electrical outlets.

7. LAFD / CERT Updates: Presented by Christy Adair :

Working on securing new dates for C.E.R.T. classes to hopefully start in Jan. 2025

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

Christy Adair: Reminds us of the upcoming Sherman Oaks Street Fair being held on Ventura Blvd. on Oct.

20th. Committee members are encouraged to volunteer.

Christy also reminded us of the Movie in the park scheduled for Sat. Aug. 17, 2024 and noted the movie had

been changed to Minions the Rise of Gru.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- 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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