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Public Safety Committee

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SHERMAN OAKS
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Public Safety Committee Meeting
MINUTES

DATE: July 20, 2026
TIME: 6:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer: 6:38pm
2. Roll Call: Susan Collins, Christy Adair, Penny Johnson, Barbara McDermott, Kira Durbin – PRESENT
Thelma Mericle - ABSENT

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:

- **Minutes approved** unanimously with correction: bill designation changed to AB.
- **CERT motion passed** unanimously: Sherman Oaks NC supports the Jurado/Rodriguez motion requesting an LAFD report on what it would take to support an effort for the majority of Neighborhood Council board members to complete CERT training.
- **SLO/Talene invitations** to be reinstated as standing practice for future committee meetings.
- **INTRODUCTIONS & CITY UPDATES:** Committee, City Officials & Staff

3. SHERMAN OAKS CRIME DATA FROM June 7 – July 4:

- **Decreases:** Homicide -100% (1→0); Aggravated assault -8.8% (34→31); Larceny/theft -17.6% (102→84); Total property crimes -2.7% (221→215)
- **Increases:** Rape +66.7% (3→5); Robbery +42.9% (7→10); Burglary +11.1% (18→20); Motor vehicle theft +10.3% (39→43)
- **Net:** Total incidents down 1.9% (266→261)

VAN NUYS & UPCOMING LAPD / LAFD EVENTS:

- **Coffee with a Cop** – Wed, July 22, 11 AM, Steve's Coffee Roaster, 13567 Ventura Blvd

- Special * Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda – July 20, 2026 at 6:30pm – Virtual Meeting via Zoom
 - **Coffee with a Cop** – July 30, Sepulveda location
 - **LAFD Firefighter Breakfast** (2nd Annual) – Sat, Aug 2, 9–11:30 AM; sponsors still sought
 - **National Night Out** (Van Nuys Division) – Tue, Aug 4, near LAPD Sylmar office; CERT booth planned
 - **Cops & Cowboys** – Sat, Sept 19, 5 PM, Leodonus Adobe Museum; LAPD fundraiser, Gold Star Awards
 - **Movie in the Park** – This Saturday (Big); next month: National Treasure
 - **Board Retreat** – Aug 15, 9 AM–3 PM, Galleria community room; open public meeting

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Public Comment Highlights (Lionel Morris)

- LA County Governance Reform Task Force seeking applicants for Independent Ethics Commission; Deadline July 26; info at measureg.lacounty.gov.
- Second Valley community meeting on county charter reform: Wednesday, San Fernando Aquatics Recreation Center, 6 PM.
- LA City Council under Mayor Bass pressure punted meaningful charter reforms to 2028, including direct council oversight of LAPD.
- Concern raised that City Council ballot measure would reduce required weekly meetings from 3 to 1, limiting public participation.
Six proposals on the November 6th general election ballot, including a Capital Infrastructure Program Plan

5. COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

6. C.E.R.T. REPORT - Christy Adair

- **Unanimously Approved CIS regarding CF: [26-0906-S4](#)** (see supporting documents for the approved statement to be submitted to the executive committee and board for approval)
- **Penny Johnson** completed CERT training; featured in Sherman Oaks NC newsletter and on Channels 4, 5, and KTLA for neighborhood watch camera footage of a fire incident.
- Next CERT class targeting **August–October** at the Galleria (two classes per year).
Hybrid/Zoom delivery discussed as a way to increase participation; feasibility dependent on instructor availability.

7. Final Committee Business and Announcements - Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda

- la28.com — Olympics volunteer sign-up mentioned; Kira also has a special volunteer link.
- **Susan:** Add Talene and SLOs to standing meeting invite list; follow up with Mike at next CPAB meeting (resumes August)
- **Kira:** Email Mehmet re: Tyrone & Magnolia crosswalk timeline; copy Christy
- **Penny:** Confirm Jay Anderson's contact info from Talene; share with Kira
- **All members:** Share event flyers (National Night Out, LAFD Breakfast, Cops & Cowboys) on Nextdoor

8. ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM