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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Sylmar Neighborhood Council Office

13521 Hubbard Street Sylmar, CA. 91342

(Corner of Hubbard & Gladstone next to Flowers 4-U flower shop)

Committee Chair – Diane Valencia

Vice Chair – Tom Weissbarth

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1. Call to Order

Ms. Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. Housekeeping: Sign-In Sheets, taking of Minutes, etc.

Diane Valencia reviewed housekeeping, sign-in sheets, taking of minutes, and welcome to the new SNC office.

3. Roll Call of Committee

Diane Valencia took roll call. Six Committee members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Kathy Grubert, Bonnie Bernard, Robyn Farrow, Art Rocco

Absent: Kurt Cabrera Miller (arrived at 6:39 PM)

4. Public Comment on non-agendized matters, within the Committee’s subject matter jurisdiction.

Penelope McMillan gave an update about the green zone on San Fernando Road. Residents of RVs have moved into tents. Franklin Ochoa advised that Councilwoman Rodriguez is in receipt of the community petition with 200+ signatures.

Community members raised the issue of dumping on Foothill Blvd. between Roxford and Yarnell. Has been reported to 311; the Bikepath on Foothill Blvd is very uneven and a safety issue and needs repaving; streetlight exiting Oakridge Mobile Home Community has a timing issue with causes extremely long delays.

Marty Marshall reported on the new street pattern on Hubbard

5. Public Official Comments / Presentations, including Q&A

No Public Officials were present

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Due to the unavailability of copies and in the interest of time, Ms. Valencia suggested that items #6-8 be tabled to the next regular meeting to allow time to discuss the core items on the evening's agenda. No objections.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

See note under item #6

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

See note under item #6

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the December 19, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

Motion to approve as written by Diane Valencia, seconded by Robyn Farrow.
Motion passed: 7/0/0

10. **Appointment and/or removal by Committee Chair of Committee Member(s)**

No action. Ms. Valencia noted that this would be a recurring item on the agenda to provide flexibility with adding or removing members based on the need to do so.

11. **LAPD Mission Division Report / Updates, Tom Weissbarth / LAPD**

Tom Weissbarth reported that he is trying to obtain reports on a monthly basis from LAPD Mission Division so that we can compare them, month-over-month. He will follow-up with Captain Marino. LAPD Senior Lead Officers are being encouraged to attend our Committee meetings.

12. **Discussion, updates and possible action regarding open / action items of the Public Safety Committee.**

Diane reviewed the attached handout on SNC Public Safety Committee – Open/Pending Items

With respect to our LAPD Public Records Act Request: Bonnie Bernard suggested that if our request is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the City by next month's meeting, we ask CD7 for their assistance. Bonnie suggested further that we might inquire of the City Attorney's office if there are confidentiality issues that might be holding up our request.

Tom suggested we ask the LAPD for a report on citations issued on street/sidewalk vending.

13. **Discussion and possible action relative to drafting and approving a position letter regarding public safety aspects of the Street Dwelling Ordinance (LAMC 85.02).**

Kathy Grubert moved and Bonnie Bernard seconded a motion to approve the letter as written, with the changes suggested by Kathy Grubert. After discussion, Kathy amended her motion and Bonnie Bernard seconded her amended motion to add Mayor Eric Garcetti and the LA Department of Sanitation/Public Works to those copied on the letter, and to add that we don't want our request for street sweeping to hold up our request for changes from Green to Red zones. After further discussion, Kathy amended her motion to add "and Yellow" in the 3rd paragraph, and Bonnie Bernard seconded the motion.

Bonnie Bernard called for the vote

Motion passed 6/0/0 by those present (Kurt Cabrera-Miller absent, having excused himself from the meeting earlier).

14. **Discussion and possible action relative to drafting and approving a position letter regarding public safety aspects related to Homeless Encampments.**

Diane Valencia moved and Kathy Grubert seconded a motion to approve the letter as written.

After discussion, Diane amended her original motion to include a number of revisions after discussion with Committee members and Stakeholders. Kathy Grubert seconded the amended motion.

Motion passed 6/0/0 by those present (Kurt Cabrera-Miller absent)

15. Discussion and possible action related to Los Angeles City Council files for possible action by the Public Safety Committee.

Diane Valencia provided a report of Council Files. Committee members and Stakeholders encouraged to help identify Files relevant to the Committee's work and to propose recommendations, if desired.

16. Discussion and possible action related to sending out a survey and holding a Special Public Safety Committee meeting / Community Forum related to solicit input/feedback from community members regarding the Creek Fire.

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Discussion led to agreement to go forward with the survey and, based upon the results, act appropriately (possibly scheduling a community meeting). The survey should include an invitation to come to our Public Safety Committee meetings.

17. Discussion and possible action relative to obtaining an update on the progress of expansion of LAFD resources in Sylmar, including a discussion of past advocacy by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Due to time constraints, Diane Valencia suggested tabling this item to the next meeting. No objections by the Committee.

18. Committee Member Comments on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction

None

19. Future Agenda Items: Email the Committee Chair, Diane Valencia, at Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org

20. Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment

Diane Valencia called for adjournment of the meeting at 8:28 PM with no objections.
