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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)

MINUTES for: Monday, February 4, 2007 7:00 PM
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order:

Start time: 7:06 PM

Absent (excused): Betsy Mogul, Julie Yanow, Alice Roth, Craig Strong

Members Present: Jay Goldberg (president), Jon Adair, Frank Banyai, Sol Ajalat, Wendy Mogul, Steve Hampar, Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez

Other Guests: Rich deMichele, Marie Andros, Richard Bogy, Valentina Montenegro

Motion to Approve January Minutes. Motion passed unanimously

1.1 Priority Item(s)

LA City Transportation Strategic Plan GTLNC update and action for GTLNC Board regarding Wendy Gruel, Chair of LA City Transportation Committee proposed LA City Transportation Strategic Plan.

Jay reviewed major points and goals of Wendy Gruel's plan, which has a 20-year timeline. Richard Bogy noted that Mayor Villaraigosa has also proposed a plan. Richard suggests that the Committee send a letter of support to Wendy Gruel.

2.1 On-Going Business –Public Input limited to 3-minutes

Evaluation of Town Hall Meeting: Making the Internet a Safer Place for Children:

Jay led the discussion regarding very low attendance (34, including speakers). We do not believe that the Outreach Committee placed a notice in the Toluca Times or did an email blast, but flyers were spottily distributed in the neighborhood. We discussed whether or not this topic is one that the parents of Toluca Lake Elementary school children feel is an issue for them.

Local Crime: Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez reported that reported crime stats for January are up, particularly in the last week of January, when a number of cars were burglarized. He stressed that areas with neighborhood watch programs always result in low crime statistics. Sol Ajalat related an incident at his house where a neighbor investigated a possible break-in (turned out to be a telephone problem) and asked Officer Benavidez what LAPD phone number to call if one is outside of L.A. County but needs LAPD response. He was given the North Hollywood station desk number.

Officer Benavidez also said that gang graffiti appeared at the end of the Denny Street cul-de-sac (north of Camarillo). It is from the Clanton gang, whose area is near the dog park. LAPD is investigating why they have marked "outside of their area."

He also reported neighbor complains about the club, Blue Moon Nights, on Lankershim. They have received accelerated permits but vice is working on the violations.

The funds for the LAPD interrogation room have been approved by the Neighborhood Council.

Neighborhood Watch –Update, Steve Hampar

Steve has heard from another neighbor who wants to organize a Neighborhood Watch program. Steve will coordinate to set it up.

2.2 Work In-Progress Status –Public Input limited to 3-minutes

Certified Emergency Response Training (C.E.R.T.) Proposed Town Hall meeting for C.E.R.T. in March 2008.

John Adair reported on meeting held on Saturday, January 5th:

- Date will be confirmed this month
- United Methodist to host training
- Betsy to confirm when CERT personnel will be available
- Wendy to design flyer; send out emails and flyer in Toluca Times

John reported that we will print about 2,000 flyers and we will ask each Neighborhood Council member to distribute flyers to the neighbors on their street. We will also distribute flyers through the Toluca Lake Elementary School, Rio Vista Elementary School, Crossroads School and St. Charles Borromeo School.

2.3 Continuing Issues

Cahuenga Blvd. Secondary Highway designation and downgrading–Update, Glenda Baskin

Glenda not present; discussion tabled

Marie Andros reported that after she reported at committee that cars are parking on the southeast corner of Cahuenga and Camarillo and are a visibility problem, the curb has been painted red by the city.

Universal Development Plans

- the Universal/MTA Community Working Group plans to have a Town Hall meeting for the community on the progress of discussions with Universal. Visit their website for information: www.universalworkinggroupnews.org
- GTLNC Planning & Land Use Committee is taking the lead on this joint meeting.

Richard Bogy reported that on February 28 at the Beverly Garland Hotel, there will be an IMPORTANT town hall meeting regarding development in the east valley. It will consolidate all proposed developments, which are massive in our area. We will be able to see what is proposed for surrounding areas as well as ours. NBC-Universal developer Thomas Company has indicated it will not participate in answering the community's questions, so an empty chair with the company's name will be on the dais.

Cahuenga Blvd. Improvements: Update on Project Schedule. ALICE ROTH ABSENT; DISCUSSION TABLED.

3. New Business Public Input limited to 3-minutes

Jay reported that on **March 6**, at the Toluca Lake Elementary School, the Bureau of Sanitation will hold a town hall meeting on the importance of recycling. We discussed how to get the community interested and how to reach people who would be interested in this specific event. If we do a mass distribution of flyers, we would need to write a personal message to our neighbors. Richard Bogy suggested that we leave flyers with Ed Begley, Jr. at the Studio City Farmers' Market. Jay will ask Terry Davis to redo the flyer.

Richard Bogy has offered to match a \$500 contribution for materials and equipment to support the **LAPD in the Baker to Vegas 120-Mile run**. The run is an annual event that promotes communication among police departments worldwide.

MOTION: The Public Safety Committee recommends to the Neighborhood Council that the Council allocate \$500 from its general funds for the purchase of materials and/or equipment to support the Baker to Vegas Relay Run, in which the North Hollywood Police Department is competing with police departments around the world as an informal network, and Richard Bogy will match that amount. Sol Ajalat moved, Frank Banyai seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Close and Wrap-Up

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Meeting Dates for 2008: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) March 3; April 7; May 5; June 2; July 1; August 4; September 8; October 6; November 3; and December 1.

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