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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
(includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS)
MINUTES for: Monday, April 9, 2007
10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200

1. Meeting Opening/Call to Order:

Start time: 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: Jay Goldberg (Chair), John Adair, Michael Weisler, Wendy Mogul & Sol Ajalat

Excused: Steven Tatgenhorst and Craig Strong

Guests: Steve Armpar, Beverlee Nelson, Bonnie Holcomb, Hugo Valencia, Nevin Harrison,
Betsy Mogul, Brian Gallagher, Alice Roth, Richard Bogy & Terry Davis

Motion March minutes as presented at the March monthly meeting moved and seconded.

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

- **Local Crime**–Senior Lead Officer Senior Lead Officer Rob Benavidez on vacation, no new updates.
 - Steve Armpar reported on several burglaries on **Valley Spring** including his home. They have since formed a Neighborhood Watch w/ Janice Eton - area runs on Valley Spring from Cahuenga to the end of the street. Successful meeting. (Burglary of his home occurred middle of day through 2nd story window w/ use of ladder)
- **Ledge and Camarillo**
 - Would recommend eliminating crosswalk per Brian Gallegher.
 - Beautification project/Clean-Up Alice Roth is waiting for response from Street Services regarding Traffic and Street studies.
 - Nevin brought issue forward; not sure who owns dirt covered shoulder of road. Did not have plat maps w/ him. Hugo said if dirt part was reclaimed, footing in wall would be exposed. Betsy suggested we use “restore” rather than “repave”. Homeowner does not want to be billed per Nevin. Betsy: “Can’t make homeowner do beautification” Brian said a White Line delineating street from walking area would work w/ stated goal: To improve safety for pedestrians, and then beautify if possible.
 - Hugo & Brian to report back w/ possible options.
- **Neighborhood Watch**
- **Public Works Improvements Survey** Distribution
- **Alley ways on the North and South side of Riverside** Split with the Businesses/Residences against and for instituting one-ways.
 - Richard said of those who responded, 82% favored one-way alley proposal. One resident claims to have 49 signatures opposing. No one has seen the signatures; Jay to contact her so we can hear all sides.

Motion – “Based on the City’s recommendation w/ regard to traffic safety, motion to approve the proposed plan of one-way alleys that are parallel to Riverside Dr. so that the North alley directs traffic East and the South alley directs traffic West between Clybourn & Sancola”.

Motion passed. 1 Abstention, 1 Opposed, 7 in favor.

2.2 Work In-Progress Status, Brian Gallagher, LA City and Alice Roth, CD-4 Field Deputy

- **MTA Grant Money for Cahuenga Blvd. Street Improvements** are about two years away. Does GTLNC have a role in the planning and implementation of the proposed street improvements?
- **Trader Joe’s Corner** possibility of a petition to override the 300-foot minimum distance between that corner and Forman.
 - No accident pattern to determine that new light is needed per Brian.
 - Discussion went on about how dangerous crosswalk is. He will report next month on alternate strategies.

- **Signage requests**
 - **Toluca Terrace** request for “Do Not Enter” signage on the Northern section of the N/S alley) is still in process.
- **Strohm (South of Riverside) requests**– Tabled ‘till further information received.
 - Public Safety Committee would like to hear from the City (Traffic Department) what solution they think is best.
 - Poor visibility. Phase One 50-foot red curb as a remedy.
 - Will look at stop sign or traffic signal. Will do traffic volume count and if there are more than 10,000 per day they may recommend a traffic signal.
 - Can speed bumps be placed on Strohm between Riverside and Moorpark Way?
 - The Public Safety Committee suggests 3-options:
 1. install a 4-way stop;
 2. route traffic one-way northbound on Strohm; and,
 3. install 2 stop signs on Strohm.
- **Camarillo between Lankershim/Tujunga** – City is analyzing data. No further discussion.
- **Chandler-Biloxi Bike Path Issues** – Bonnie requested that the landscape project at the Chandler//Biloxi/Bike path access way (also a walkway) remain open to pedestrians but cautioned there should be safety features in place to stop cars from passing through. Brian suggested a triangular sign w/ yellow reflectors. Alice Roth offered to meet Bonnie at the Chandler-Biloxi access point to assess the situation.
- **Town Hall Meeting/CERT**

It was decided to cancel the Town Hall meeting this year because of time constraints. It was mentioned that since we have all of the contact info from the 35 volunteers who had passed the CERT training last year, we can contact those people and others for advanced emergency first aid training *if* and *when* we put that program together. Public Safety Committee had hosted Town Hall meetings in both '05 and '06.

Also discussed: GTLNC to possibly foot part if not all of bill for First Aid Training courses

3. New Business Public Input limited to 3-minutes

- **Presentation/Homeowners Association** Neighborhood Safety, Clayton Cook
- **Forman Avenue** Address down-zoning from secondary highway status.
- **Valley Spring Lane Issues**-(between Lakeside and Cahuenga)
 - Street Resurfacing-is in the works
 - No street light from Cahuenga to Ledge; speeding drivers & parking violations; homeless issues-contact Rob Benavidez
- **Clybourn and Camarillo Stop Sign**
 - High traffic volume and poor visibility because of curve.
 - Request a traffic light (historical information: this intersection is on the border between Burbank and LA and the City of Burbank would not agree to a traffic signal unless LA ceded a piece of the border to Burbank.
- **Ledge between Riverside Dr. and Kling Street**
 - April 2007
- **Lakeside**-Alice Roth
- **San Fernando Gang Activity** – Jay opened up discussion; he’s been involved w/ San Fernando Coalition of Gangs. Much discussion followed w/ Terry, Sol, and Michael. In Canoga Park, a lot of racially motivated “Brown on Black” violence. Jay invited Sol and others to attend their meeting where everyone becomes part of the solution and they get things done.

4. Projects Completed

5. Meeting Close at 9:45 p.m.

Meeting Dates for 2007: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) May 7; June 4; July 2 or 9; August 6; September 10; October 1; November 5; December 3.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200