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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (includes TRAFFIC/PUBLIC WORKS) MINUTES for: Monday, November 3, 2008 7:00 PM 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200 Toluca Lake, CA 91602

1. Meeting Opening and Call to Order

Start Time: 7:05 PM

Attendance: Betsy Mogul, Temporary Chair, Craig Strong, Janice Eaton, Jack Thomas, Sol Ajalat, John Adair, Wendy Mogul, Frank Banyai and Steve Hampar

Absent:

Excused: Jay Goldberg

Guests: Rob Benavidez, Christine Farnon, Heidi Dublin, Jerome Magazine, Diane Julin and John Bwarie

Motion: to Approve October 2008 Minutes. Passed.

1.1 Action Item(s) and Resolution

Cahuenga Street Improvement

ACTION ITEM: Item #5. Downgrade segment of Cahuenga: Jack T. drafted a letter regarding the downgrading of Cahuenga and sent to Terry Davis and Terry sent to City staff November 2008.

Response and Resolution:

ACTION ITEM: Item # 7. Traffic and speed considerations

Betsy M. Followed up with CD-4 regarding the request that the city paint a "SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING" sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga. Suggestion: Ask DOT if plastic pipes can be installed in the middle of the street to avoid the u-turn situation.

Response and Resolution:

Placidia Street Lighting

ACTION ITEM: Alice would like City Staff to speak at a GTLNC Board meeting.

Response and Resolution:

2. On-Going Business (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

Local Crime, Rob Benavidez, LAPD Senior Lear Officer

- East of Cahuenga Boulevard-No problems except a couple of car break-ins
- West of Cahuenga Boulevard-Vehicle break-ins reduced by one half
- Lots of burglaries in hills, theft increased

Door-to-door solicitors

Discussion regarding solicitor signs, Rob would not expect objections to placement.

Neighborhood Watch, Steve Hampar

- Adding more streets
- trying to discourage solicitors and presented signs at \$40.00 each
- Heidi Dublin reported that over 20 people showed up to their [Neighborhood Watch] meeting. Several from other areas wanted to join. Great meeting. Robbery on Lankershim, victim under 18 (Male black/female Hispanic evening of 10/3.)

CERT Training, John Adair

- January 4, 2009 will be the 4th class. Location unknown.
- November 16, 2008 hands on class.
- Wendy M: more than a refresher course. Acreage behind Fire Station on Sepulveda Boulevard.
- Update of CPR, Med ??? Class \$35.00 2 year certification class to be held

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

The following items are on track with the City

Cahuenga Street Improvement Project

11/03/2008 No update

1. **Solid White Lines (Edging)** to identify street parking on the west side of Cahuenga from Magnolia to Camarillo in places where the street briefly widens (example 4800 block) and is taken by drivers to be an extra lane. Affirmative response from

Paul Meshkin of DOT September 2007. Now in question. Richard Bogy may be talking with Brian Gallagher of DOT on this. **Update needed**

2. **"No Right turn on Red"** on the corner of Camarillo and Cahuenga. Affirmative response from Paul Meshkin of DOT Sept. 2007. Now in question. Richard Bogy may be talking with Brian Gallagher of DOT on this. **Update needed**

3. **Pedestrian lighting** on Cahuenga in dark areas. Requested last year; we think you followed through with the Dept. of Public Works? Both the North & South/Cahuenga committees saw the need. **Update needed**

4. **"Photo Enforcement Signal"** on Cahuenga at the intersection of Camarillo. CD4 to have contacted Dept. of Public works. **Update needed**

5. **Downgrade segment of Cahuenga** from Secondary Highway to Collector Street. Continuing big issue for residents in this area. Planning Dept. was to have started looking into it last Sept. Mary Garcia will talk on this.

-No committee assigned to this as of yet.

-No money to expedite. Sent messages out but have gotten no response.

-Need Universal Studios sign for Lankershim off ramp on 134 fwy.

-Need Council support to Tom L. to get moving on these issues.

ACTION ITEM: Jack Thomas drafted a letter regarding the downgrading of Cahuenga and sent to Terry Davis. (Done)

6. **Ambulance sirens & speed.** (Done)

Alice has followed up by e-mail with the VP of McCormick/WestMed Ambulance.

7. **Traffic and speed considerations.** In October Marie Andros brought up the continuing concerns over parents making U turns in front of the school; and need for "Slow/School Zone" painted on the pavement for vehicles approaching the school from the south.

ACTION ITEM: Betsy M. Followed up with CD-4 regarding the request that the city paint a "SLOW – SCHOOL – CROSSING" sign in front of the schools on Cahuenga. Suggestion: Ask DOT if plastic pipes can be installed in the middle of the street to avoid the u-turn situation.

Forman Avenue at alley: red painting the curb (north-east of the alley)

11/3/08 No Update

Riverside and Talofa (Trader Joe's corner)

11/3/08 No Update

Camarillo and Foreman-Environmental Affairs Committee held a Clean-Up on November 2nd.

11/3/08 No Update

Camarillo and Clybourn Adding a traffic signal

11/3/08 No Update

Valley Spring Lane-(repaving between Forman and end of street (at Lakeside Golf Club) Pot holes filled.

11/3/08 No Update

Will Street be repaved? If so when?

MTA/Universal Development Plans See flyer

2.3 Road Repairs and other Public Works needs

Camarillo and Ledge: (North West corner)

- Difficult to cross in vehicle
- Heidi Dublin-tree stump removal-sidewalk buckled

Riverside Drive

- Jerome Magazine-problem with vehicle speeding-no ticketing-not safe. No one stops for pedestrians. Wendy M.-need more enforcement. Steve H. reported on sting operation recently-many ticketed.

New St. Charles Church facility

11/3/08 No Update

Placidia Street Lighting Tabled per Alice Roth

Alice would like City Staff to speak at a GTLNC Board meeting regarding this issue as well as some traffic issues that are relevant to the whole Board.

Ponca STOP sign on Moorpark and Ponca

Four-way stop signs needed-shrub blockage problem. Committee supported request.

ACTION ITEM: Betsy M. asked Alice Roth to pursue the request regarding the installation of four-way stop signs on Moorpark and Ponca.

Cahuenga/Camarillo crosswalk DOT proposal to eliminate Cahuenga/Camarillo crosswalk on west side of Cahuenga; Richard Bogy told the GTLNC Board meeting that he is meeting with Brian Gallagher, head of East Valley DOT on this.

11/3/08 No Update

3. **New Business** (Public Input limited to 3-minutes)

4. **Event/Meeting Calendar**

5. **Meeting Close and Wrap-Up** Adjourned 8:40 PM

Meeting Dates for 2009: (first Monday of the month unless there is a Holiday) December 1, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM **Location:** 10116 Riverside Drive, Suite 200, Toluca Lake, California 91602