DRAFT Minutes

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, May 6th, 2024, at 6:00PM
Toluca Lake Elementary School – Room 17
4840 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood CA 91601
Supporting documents available at GTLNC.org.

Committee Membership (X = present, AB = Absent, EX = Excused):

X Shawn Besharaty, Chair
Leaves at 7:12PM
EX Ron Babbini
EX Mona Vasiloiu
X Deborah Bartlett
X Lee Jamieson *arrives 6:26PM*
X Jo Ann Rivas *arrives 6:26PM*
EX Louis Schillace
X Marc Robinson *arrives 6:12PM*

1. Call to Order. Roll call. Start time: *6:05PM* Public in attendance: *Rasha Fields, Don Miller, Eva Ford, Irene Birmingham*

2. Brown Act Public Comments on non-agenda items only. Up to two (2) minutes per speaker.
Eva Ford reports gang activity. Mail stolen from mail carrier truck on April 1st.
Marc Robinson reports two women on camera breaking into resident mailboxes on Camarillo. Mentions silver Mercedes working on construction on Vineland and Hortense blocked traffic for 10 minutes. Shawn provides Parking Enforcement number, states they are very responsive: 213-485-4184
Irene Birmingham reports gardeners being targeted, equipment stolen.
Jo Ann Rivas comments woman was murdered at Universal Metro stop. Huge police presence, 7 officers asking for TAP cards. Is this best use of assets? Can we put officers on train or spread them out?
Marc Robinson mentions use of radios, available at low cost, a good option esp. in emergencies.
Deborah Bartlett comments on need for more block captains for emergencies, notes that she and Irene took CERT training and saw the need.
Jo Ann states NoHo NC mini CERT training allows those who complete training to keep radio as incentive, could GTLNC do that?
Marc Robinson states radio reach is up to 30 miles but reduced down to 10 depending on obstructions.
Tess Taylor provides update on her meeting with NoHo Home Alliance.
Jo Ann Rivas has footage of homeless people dumped at N. Hollywood Metro Station, end of Red Line.
Don Miller states the only way to reduce homelessness is to cut the funds to a minimum.
Deborah Bartlett mentions PragerU program on Culver City's enforcement of laws to clean up underpass. Could we do the same? Culver City is its own city.
Don Miller states that LAPD has told him, "You voted for Prop 47, we won't dirty our hands with your problems." Homelessness is big business. Citizens4 Safety has formed to unseat Gascon.
Jo Ann Rivas states watch who you vote for.

3. Approval of January 8th, 2024 and March 4th, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes (no meeting in February 2024 or April 2024).

Item 3. VOTE: 6 / 0 / 0	Y: Besharaty	EX: Vasiloiu	EX: Babbini	Y: Bartlett	Y: Robinson
Mover: *Besharaty*, Second: *Taylor*	Y: Jamieson		Y: Rivas	EX: Schillace	Y: Taylor *(ex officio)*

4. Monthly crime statistics. (Senior Lead Officer Kurtis Delbar, Los Angeles Police Department)

Kurtis absent, no update.

5. Tiny Homes update. (Lorraine Diaz, District Director, Homeless Services Administrator, Council District 2)

Lorraine not present. No update.

6. Discussion of GTLNC Public Safety Event(s).
   6.1. Budget, logistics, volunteers, etc. for GTLNC participation in or sponsorship of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th, 2024. (Ron Babbini).
   6.2. Support from community organizer Quintus Jett. (Deborah Bartlett / Shawn Besharaty)
   6.3. Council District 2 resources, help from other agencies. (Shawn Besharaty)

7. Updates on safety concerns, processes and prevention measures. Collaborate with point persons at appropriate L.A. City Agencies. (Shawn Besharaty)

8. Registry of nuisance properties (party houses, abandoned properties). (Louis Schillace)

9. Create outreach letter with public safety resources.

10. Old Business.
    10.1. Budget for Public Safety Committee materials (refrigerator magnet with key phone numbers).
    10.2. Letter of support to Los Angeles Police Department. (Deborah Bartlett)

Special guest Rasha Shields, VP of Los Angeles Police Commission comments. She has been on the commission for one year, part of the North Hollywood Division, former federal prosecutor, appointed by Mayor Bass with term of up to ten years. She is visiting neighborhoods to hear specific concerns about each community.

Shawn states LAPD may not be best equipped to respond, UCR (unarmed crisis response).

Rasha states Circle (UCR service) has lessened burden on LAPD. Urban Alchemy has been test piloted. City Attorney is responsive, DA more of a challenge. LAPD wants to expand unarmed response.

Tess asks, would LAPD be open to Urban Alchemy and Circle or perceive these as incursion into their space?

Rasha states LAPD would welcome this. You need to advocate for YOUR version of CIRCLE which has proven successful. Make letter specific to N. Hollywood Division and specific areas to help focus resources.

Shawn states he sees tons of CARE and CARE+ notices, much activity north of our area in CD2. Worst areas are where 170, 134 and 101 converge, interchanges are biggest problems: city, state and county including Moorpark under 101, Riverside Drive, Vineland Avenue, lots concentrated in this area. They know how to game the system with jurisdiction.

Eva Ford states Rolling Crips, Rolling 20s appear to be active in our neighborhood, vehicles patrolling our street. Notes an attempted break in at 4am at next door neighbor's, catalytic converter stolen down the street.

Marc Robinson: They are trying to expand territory. Discussion of possible meanings of graffiti. Shawn states his neighbor got city support to remove his graffiti. Noho Division is one of the busiest divisions with lowest staffing: lots of people out, injured, retired.

Rasha states Mayor and LA City Council could be most helpful with budgeting, expansion of staffing. Money is there, hiring takes a long time. We are losing candidates to other depts. because City of LA does not act fast enough. My priority is to hire faster to alleviate burden on current officers.

Irene Birmingham asks, when we make our public outcry, where do we go? Who leads? Rasha states collaboration has to happen between Mayor, City Council, LAPD, Police Commission, Chief of Police. Issues with response time, not getting calls back. You can be supportive of LAPD without glossing over issues we have with them.

Jo Ann Rivas states she served on Community Policing (CPAB) and LAPD wanted it to be conduit to community, but when we brought back stuff from community they didn't want to hear it.

Jo Ann Rivas leave at 6:50PM, returns at 6:57PM

Rasha suggests copying Police Commission on letter of support, Mayor, Captain Castillo, Valley Bureau Deputy Chief Ruby Flores (new to bureau), City Council, new Chief of Police. Make letter concrete and specific.

Motion made by Tess Taylor to approve drafting of a letter of support of the LAPD, updated with calls to action and more focused version of July 19, 2022 letter, in time for Tuesday, May 21st board meeting.

Item 10.2 VOTE: 6 / 0 / 0	Y: Besharaty	EX: Vasiloiu	EX: Babbini	Y: Bartlett	Y: Robinson
Mover*: Taylor* Second*: Besharaty*	Y: Jamieson		Y: Rivas	EX: Schillace	Y: Taylor *(ex officio)*

1.1. Letter to Grand Jury re: Mayfair Hotel. (Don Miller)
1.2. Update on properties at 10945 Moorpark Avenue, at Moorpark Avenue and Vineland (SE and NE). (Louis Schillace)

2. New Business.

3. Adjournment Time: *7:26PM*

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