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PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 10, 7pm

Citi Bank 2450 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90039

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TIMES ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. ITEMS MAY BE ADDRESSED OUT OF THE ORDER LISTED.

1. Call to Order 7:00pm
2. Introduction 7:01pm
3. Approval of August Minutes 7:02pm
4. Approval of September Minutes
5. Approval of November Minutes

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items 10 minutes
7. Special Presentations and Reports
 - Northeast Division SLO (5 minutes)
 - Rampart Division SLO (5 minutes)
 - CD4 (5 minutes)
 - CD13 (5 minutes)
 - Neighborhood Watch Reports
8. New Business
9. Discussion and possible action: **The Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee will address any concerns regarding roles, responsibilities, improved committee communications, and overall procedural efficacy of the planning of committee meetings; with specific goal of establishing 1.) Agenda drafting procedure and 2.) A deadline for posting the monthly agenda. An election may be held at the January 2016 meeting to elect new co-chairs. (10 minutes)**
10. Discussion and possible action: **Public Safety Committee moves that a basic CERT Training fund become part of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council's annual Budget to include CERT classes be held at Elementary Schools within the Council's borders. Annual Base budget may range between \$2400.00 to \$6000.00 to pay for a minimum of Two classes per year, to coincide with School's Calendar year. Schools offer parking, a attendant to open and close the facility. Budget may include fees charged For attendant, needed equipment for bilingual classes and refreshments for three hour classes, possible equipment for graduates, i.e. Hard Hats, Vests, back packs, flashlights. This will reinforce our Council's Commitment to educate our stakeholders in Earthquake/Emergency Disaster training. (10 minutes)**
11. Discussion and possible action: **Public Safety Committee moves that all future CERT Training Classes sponsored by Silver Lake Neighborhood Council be Hosted by Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee. If another NC Committee wishes to Host a CERT class, they may partner with Public Safety. This will avoid overlapping schedules, better budget management and the opportunity for committees to interact on specific project. (10 minutes)**
12. Discussion and possible action: **Public Safety Committee moves that the SLNC approve \$1250.00 for CERT training class at Micheltorena Elementary Tuesday, March 3rd, 2016 through Tuesday, April 12, 2016. Budget to include School fees for use of facility, \$750.00 and \$500.00 for refreshments for class attendees. (10 minutes)**
13. Nadine Trujillo Nadine Trujillo will present on El Nino and Homlessness

9pm Adjournment

August Minutes

Public safety committee 8/13/15

Seamus Garrity

Dorit Dowler Guererro

Mary Rodriguez

Barbara Ringuette

Kristine Kantor

7pm call to order

Bank robbery in silver lake. 3 in one day.

Roll call

Seamus co chair/public safety

Nadine Trujillo co chair public safety

Dorit co- chair homeless coalition

Mary Rodriguez CD 13

No Public Comment

No minutes for approval

Nadine presents on Days of Dialogue

--exhibits brochure. Was first instituted by councilperson Mark Rigley Thomas. An organization formed. One month program through anniversary of watts riots.

Aug 11-sept 11.

Barbara Ringuette enters. A series of discussions hosted by different groups on how to make policing less fearful.

Discussions between citizens and police.

Seamus asks what meeting held discussion

Nadine—Days of Dialogue which he is taking ownership of because she hopes to host one in silver lake.

Thursday meeting had LAPD, LAFD, cadets and facilitators in small groups.

Statistics were presented. The meeting consisted of 41% latinos , 9% African American 46% caucasian 3% others.

Nadine seeks more public outreach for next Days of Dialogue meeting.

Mary Rodriguez—asks if the meeting being held in Glassell Park affected the turnout of the meeting.

Nadine hopes next Public Safety meeting serves as a Days of Dialogue meeting.

Asks to talk about crime stats. Provides crime mapping site data based on her home location (10 miles out).

Mary Rodriguez talks about non-reported violence against homelessness.

Dorit mentions that it might be violence against homeless.

Mary presents. Safe routes to school almost completed. She mentions sunset street project is progressing. Concrete pads for buses may affect farmers market.

Nadine asks what a bus pad is. Barbara Rinquette talks about bus pad funding. Nadine says she doesn't believe it will be funded by metro road funds.

Barbara mentions previous bus pads that were successfully requested and installed. One at Maltman and Sunset.

Mary updates on Micheltoreana steps and Descanso drive trees. Approved for funding for Descanso upper and lower roadway and median. Walking path maintenance schedule to be continued for one year by LA Conservation Corp, on CD 13 side, maintained. Reservoir project draining lake in Sept(Aug 18). Takes 4 months. Stop signs to be added temporarily at Dillion. CD office met to discuss working on homeless services. Talked about Vendome st. under 101, dillion cul de sac, silver lake underpass, hoover underpass, triangle, Myra ave.

Barabara mentioned two tents in Cal trans area of plata.

Seamus asks if Dorit should give her update before continuing.

Nadine mentions northeast station that is opening.

Art Sandoval will be new captain. Oddo will be patrol captain.

Dorit mentions that 1 year from now the goal of LA county hopes to have no homeless. Hopes to invite homeless to days of dialogue.

Glassell park east of 2 between san Fernando and " " is OFarrell. Cidillo is the councilmen for rest of Glassell Park.

Dorit hands out homeless coalition coordinated entry system info. It links them to services countywide. Interviewed homeless people and gave information to non profit –homeless healthcare on Beverly.

Silver Lake is part of hub. Silverlake/echo park/west lake (SOW). 8 service area providers. Silver Lake is Spa 4. 4 has two major centers. Skid Row and Blessed Sacrament on Sunset in Hollywood.

Seamus asks for site to look up locations.

Dorit explains hubs and organizations. SOW matches homeless to housing voucher. Access center proposed for Silver Lake and a letter will be sent to SLNC and homeless committee.

Nadine asks who will staff centers.

Dorit suggests using americorp volunteers. LAMP uses their volunteers. Mentions some possible locations. Services would include mail, charge phone, see case manager, order IDs, apply for SSI, interviews for placement, LAPD interaction.

BREAK –LOST MINUTES

LAPD officer arrive at meeting. They talk about homeless.

Dorit talks about patterns of migration for homeless. Clean ups are mentioned. Mentions the homeless do want to get off the street. Nadine mentions couples wanting to stay together, pets.

Dorit mentions SROs and housing first strategy. LAPD talks about homeless calls. People on the street have defenses up and it makes it hard to offer help.

Kristine mentions that all homeless are not mentally ill. Slippery slope of being evicted and living in car, then on street. Mentions a friend from child's school. They moved to NY, then apartment and belongings were destroyed. Interviewed for coordinated entry system. Got free housing for one year. She doesn't think silver lake is the type of community to clean up and push out.

Nadine mentions housing being needed in silver lake.

Dorit mentions getting landlords to get section 8 and availability to vets. GR benefits of 221/month. Proposing that should be the cost.

Seamus asks who paid for Kristine's friend's housing.

Nadine asks about Westlake project. Dorit talks about different kinds of fundin. Tax credit funding is mentioned on that project. Costs are higher in those projects.

Vendome Palms mentioned. Gateways on Hoover is mentioned.

Seamus mentioned PATH. PATH closed their drop in center.

Dorit clarifies that only certain people can now use it that are in CES.

Mary says there are not enough people and resources.

Nadine asks what people in the room thinks neighborhood council should do. Mary says education and organizations and how they work. Housing is also mentioned.

Dorit mentions the types of affordable housing and how to get it build. Mentions granny flats.

Barbara mentions affordable housing builder and a cost of 350,000 for a 425 sq ft room. Large costs of new building. Working on keeping current affordable housing

Seamus mentions motion. To create a template that will include involvement with the intent of creating housing for our homeless.

Kristine brings up rebuild of SLNC web site. Hopes to get CES entry point up on site.

Vendome is mentioned as a serious problem. LAPD Says many with mental issues are creating the problem with criminal activity.

Vendome Palms is mentioned along with Gateways facilities. Dorit mentions time to build.

Seamus mentions template and adding education of community and what resources to use.

Nadine recommends that the web site be used for CES. Asks what could be done to help Dorit. Seamus mentions the board taking committees with coming up with solutions.

Dorit says that they need to get back out to people that are being sought by service providers.

Nadine suggests the motion for funding gift cards. Seamus mentions event that the neighborhood council funds/plans.

Homeless connect events are mentioned. Drawbacks are mentioned by Dorit and she can't handle the planning. Seamus mentions bringing an outsider in, and reaching out to other councils and groups. Locations are debated such as st francis, Bellevue park.

Nadine suggests research homeless connect event,

Seamus asks what to submit to board.

September Minutes

Silver Lake Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee
Thursday, September 10, 2015, 7pm

In attendance:

Pat Tashma
Nina Sorkin
Bill Larson
SLO Gena Chovan
Genelle Levin
Elizabeth O'Keefe
Nadine Trujillo

Nadine opened the meeting with a memorial to Martha Pike who passed away on 8/18/2015.

Open discussion:

Nina –

Bellevue Recreation and Park Center
9/25 Family Movie night
9/26 Nat'l Park Day (Toyota 9-10am/ family fair 10-12noon) 1st 200 get free hot dogs

Genelle –

9/26 fundraiser for ?
10/17 21st annual Music Box Steps Day at 900 Vendome – free pizza & fun stuff

SLO Gena Chovan –

Presented Northeast Area map with crimes from 8/10 – 9/10 -- crimes generally are involving property; other crime has been suppressed due to the injunction

11 week Citizens Academy course starts today

Welfare checks – if you are concerned about seniors in the heat or any citizen you should call the police watch commander and the police will go out to check

Bill Larson – update on homeless victims and perpetrators and public safety

He has received many calls from board members about the Regency Manor state licensed facility at 3348 Descanso. It is a facility for people with mental health issues. There has been an ongoing drug problem, selling/buying, between this facility and Vendome Palms at 975 Vendome.

2614 Adelbert Ave. property – squatters demanded relocation money

Corralitas property – homeless will break into any vacant property

Nadine will contact Diane ? for further update and mentioned a Homeless Connect event will take place in Silver Lake.

CERT update

Nina – the Outreach and IT committees approved CERT classes
25 individuals required
to be held at the Bellevue Community Room
will have an interpreter for Spanish speaking attendees
pre made kit is included in budget

Nina will contact FF Jensen to schedule for late Jan/early Feb & will start to promote the weekend of 9/25-26

Nadine asked if Nina was going to be in charge of CERT going forward and Nina said no, she is just the messenger. There is some discontent amongst council members with CERT.

Nadine discussed the Operations Central Bureau Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting she attended on 9/9/15 at the Emergency Management Dept. The purpose of the committee is for the LAFD & LAPD to work together to provide info to the community. The next mtg is 11/18/2015.

Nadine stated she is starting the procedure for a CERT class at Micheltorena for the winter 2016 session.

November 11, 2015 Minutes

Rene Nahum, Paul M Neumann, Nadine Trujillo, Nina Sorkin, Elizabeth O'Keeffe, Seamus Garrity

Nadine sign-in she should be one for Cert and one for the meeting. Nina moves, Rene second

Minutes from August tabled to December as well Paul moved, Rene seconded

Public Comment

Ben Fried attended

Paul explaining minute taking, Paul talks about former chair acting perhaps toxically, we shouldn't let that kind of behavior slip. Not naming the individual or calling him out individually. NC's should take the behavior of folks into account. Accountability matters. The committee was floundering because of lack of leadership.

Nina; 3 announcements. GPAC, December 4th Aids Las Posadas walk clinic and ends Hollywood Methodist, & Cert class January 4th at Bellevue park.

Nadine, I have something to add to the announcements now that you bring it up... I will be making the posadas for the aids walk, Lunch for homeless with Tacee on Dec 4th. Tacee is pulling a meeting together for lunch for the

Nina, renewed reports of aggressive coyotes, be careful when you are walking your animals, don't leave food out. We don't want them to become too comfortable. Water Terrace has a couple that wander around and don't seem to care about people trying to scare them away.

Seamus: Can I read the reports from Lenny Davis (Northeast) and from Jeff Nolte (Rampart)

Emails inserted:

SLO Lenny Davis

The main problem Silver Lake is having is the theft of Catalytic Converters being taken from Toyota Prius. They are being targeted due to their higher content of precious metals which yields more money when they are being sold. Besides encouraging everyone to report any suspicious behavior, we also recommend a after-market securing device such as Catstrap or Cat-clamp.

We are starting a "Transient Car" next month. It will be a dedicated unit which will be focused on the homeless. Their main mission will be outreach and to work with the homeless services such as PATH or LAHSA to get them into shelters. But they will also do enforcement as needed. We had a meeting with CD-13, Rampart SLOs and PATH on 11-5 regarding the homeless at the Silver Lake Bridge/Sunset. The public was also invited and exchanged information. The bridge overpass is going to receive brighter lighting and continued concentration of outreach to the transients.

Several weeks ago during the Governmental Affairs committee meeting it was brought to my attention the noise/loitering issues residents are having at the Tenants of the Trees at 2808 Hyperion. I have documented numerous complaints not only from the residents, but surrounding businesses as well. All the info was given to our Vice Unit and CNAP Mrs Taylor for further investigation.

Paul: How much is the device

Seamus: About \$150

Rene: the cat strap you have to get at a muffler store, I believe.

Paul: I wonder if they could facilitate some sort of lesson...

Nadine: wouldn't hurt to call Northeast

Seamus:

Rampart, via email from Sergeant David Garland
Rampart Community Relations Office:

There was an actual 459 arrest last night (11-11-15) on the 700 block of Tularosa Drive. The suspects broke into a residence through a window and the victims were home. One suspect was apprehended after being chased by the victim but a second suspect got away. It's unknown if there were any additional suspects involved. The susp appears to be a narco user, who resides in the south end. Several garages and vehicles in that area have recently been the target of burglaries and thefts. The investigation is now also expanding to recent commercial burglaries along Sunset and Santa Monica to see if this susp might also have been involved in those crimes.

Homeless situation continues to grow but Ramp SLOs are working with the Council Office and PATH every Wednesday for homeless outreach. Additionally, Ramp SLOs are going out every Thursday with LAHSA for homeless outreach. This is in conjunction with the monthly sanitation clean ups, sponsored by the Council Office, of some of the area's encampments .

Nadine Trujillo: Along those lines I subscribe to the los Angeles police crime reporting and there is a very strong uptick of rape, a lot of assaults 4554 sunset, we are talking about 2 or 3 a week, so I don't understand that report you gave...

Paul N: I am assuming these are targeting women

Nadine: it doesn't specify. It is all up and down sunset. The Los Globos area, near the encampment at el chavo. Maybe next month if Vic (Gutierrez)

Jonathan Barr enters

Seamus: Do you mind if we back up for a second, these were the people who were robbed last night.

Paul N: Before we do... Nadine are you suggesting a possible link between the encampments and the assaults.

Nadine: Some of the assaults are over there. There has been some indication that it is because of the encampments. Some of the people are victims and some of the homeless are also perpetrators.

Seamus: And where did you get this?

Nadine: Los Angeles Police Protective league. You subscribe and you give them your address.

Paul: I will say that one of the things that really astonished me at a fairly recent meeting, was a person saying that the encampments should grow larger because the only way for homelessness to be addressed was for it to rise to a national level. I thought it was maybe intellectually interesting, but also stunningly horrible because if nothing else because of the violence that could target the people in these encampments.

Seamus: I am going to stop you just because we have to get out of here at 8.

7:30pm

Armando: I live behind the house behind the house that was robbed.

He said that he saw the people in the building and he called the police. He was attacked by the burglars. He used pepper spray.

John: We got there and the helicopter was flying over.

The man that they caught lives in Echo Park.

The committee spoke to the victims about the experience and discussed how to initiate a neighborhood watch.

Rene: put out a call to anyone who is interested in joining your neighborhood watch.

Nadine: It is 20 to 8 and we have a few more things to cover, are we ready to move on?

We have a 2nd CERT training that we are finally able to confirm that will take place from Tuesday March the 1st to Tuesday April the 12th. It will be at Micheltorena Elementary. We have a great trainer, Susan Jenson, and we are good to go. Everything is confirmed. We are finishing the paperwork.

We need to talk about the motion.

Jonathan and Armando leave.

Nadine reads the CERT training motion.

The Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee asks the SLNC to approve funding for Winter Session 2016 of CERT Training in the amount of \$1550.00 to cover the following costs: \$850.00 Permit fee from Civic Center Beyond The Bell Leasing Dept. and \$700.00 to cover costs of light, healthy snacks and beverage. Please note, any left over water has been donated to Micheltorena Elementary School.

Nadine talks about some of the fees. I am so excited I can't see straight.

Nadine calls the question, Rene 2nds.

Seamus: I think the SLNC is running low and I think it is highly doubtful that this will be funded.

Nadine: I want to think positive.

Nadine: Everyone in favor? Anyone opposed?

The motion passes unanimously.

Elizabeth O'Keeffe is our new battalion 11 coordinator for the LAFD. Congratulations and welcome to the fray.

Elizabeth: I am very excited to get people involved in the CERT program.

Nadine: My goal was originally to get the CERT training 4 times a year.

Paul: I think that there is a real reason, especially if you are intimating a neighborhood watch to push CERT.

Seamus: I will make sure to get the word out.

CERT will be publicized on the SLNC website and on Nextdoor.

Nadine: There will be activities for the kids at Micheltorena and for the parents and there will be prizes.

Paul: Obviously a lot of funds have already been committed, but maybe this is a good opportunity to say that

The committee talked about where the funding comes from. NC's are a vital source for CERT training.

Seamus: How much is a CERT training?

Nina Sorkin: It is free for the participant.

Elizabeth: It doesn't have to be expensive. CERT classes don't always get the back pack, but if an NC supports that.

Seamus: Do you want to move on?

Nadine: Let's talk about the El Nino situation. It's a serious weather situation that is about to arrive. This will be the largest el nino since the 1800s. Back then CA was literally split in half back then, and the experts are saying this could be like that.

Nadine explains the El Nino phenomenon.

Nadine: So I went to the Town Hall that was sponsored by the emergency management department of the City of LA. They talked about the preparations for El Nino. How to ready your house. Fix your roof and gutters. I have lengthened my gutter spouts.

Get sand bags at the fire station on Cypress near Figueroa. Every fire station will get sand for sand bags.

Nadine talks about organizing outreach fairs.

8pm

Seamus: Moves to close. Nobody 2nds.

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