



Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2011, 7:00pm

Robertson Recreation Center

1641 S. Preuss., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Committee Members Present: Michael Lynn, Harold Bock, Terrence Gomes, Robyn Braun

Committee Members Absent: Nick Burkhardt

Guests: Michael Carter, Steven Coker, Tim Rolsen (Motor Carrier Enforcement Officer), Elizabeth Flynn, Heather Leikin, Elisa Leonelli, Michael Siemens, Ruben Vargas, Jenny Savitsky, Carolyn (Seiومان?), Liz Carlin, Ellen Snyder, Peter Teel, Roberto Nearete, Andrew Levenworth, HarSimran Khalsa

II. General Public Comment & Announcements

This weekend community events: Peace Picnic (Sunday), Castle Heights Beautification (Saturday), Coastal Cleanup (Saturday)... Expo line opening delayed into 2013.

Next PSC Meeting is Monday, October 3, 2011.

III. New Business

Item 1. Homeless Living In Vehicles and Encampments in SORO- Steven Coker presented many resident concerns and background regarding the issue. Group discussion regarding solutions included: Possible SORO "help", Applying CD 11 regulations to SORO, the "need" to report and enforce ordinance violators to LAPD, involvement of LA City Homeless Authority, dialogue with Council(s) Wesson, Koretz and Rosendahl,

Terry moved to present a motion to the General Board that SORO NC to send a letter to W. LAPD Captains, Commanding Officers, and Patrol Officers, requesting enforcement of Ordinance 85.02 prohibiting the overnight sleeping in vehicles (and other applicable ordinances.) Harold seconded. **Vote: 4-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

Item 2. Commercial Vehicle Safety Issues- In response to resident concerns over the issue, Motor Carrier Officer Tim Rolsen informed the committee about the regulations governing commercial vehicle ordinances. Commercial Vehicles are defined by city ordinance as being at least 22' in length and/or 10,000 lbs. Signs prohibiting "over 6000 lbs. do not apply to "non-commercial" vehicles (regular license plate.) All vehicles have the "right to do business", as long as not impeding traffic. He will give another "role-call training" to patrol officers and recommends to call City Council to have more signs on surrounding streets. He can cite illegally parked commercial vehicles, but he has a VERY wide area to cover- his email is 22877@LAPD.lacity.org and phone number is (213) 473-0215.

Item 3. Parking Zone on Venice Blvd. (Helms Bakery District)- Elizabeth Flynn (Walter Marks Realty) read letter requesting SORO NC support for creation of a kiosk style parking meter zone on both sides of Venice Blvd., between National and Cattaraugus. Entire process will take 1-2 years. Discussion included: Dialogue/outreach to community; meters should encourage use of parking structure, but concerns it will push parking onto nearby residential side streets; effects of Expo

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line opening and planned expansion of Beit T'shuvah; current "2 Hour Parking" not being enforced; possible need and procedure for temporary zone- "preferential parking" in Regent Square.

Harold moved that SORO NC send a letter to LADOT requesting better enforcement of current 2 Hour Parking regulations on Venice Blvd.; Robyn seconded. **Vote: 4-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

IV. Old Business

Item 1. Neighborhood Watch Crime Alert flyers- Theft From Vehicle flyers were distributed to committee for distribution.

Item 2. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee Report- Andrew Leavenworth.

Performed "Search & Report" exercise in Reynier Village, Beverlywood and Rancho Park to test radio equipment and communication (8-10 people in each location). Problems with radio communication were identified, with several suggested fixes (such as- need for better radios or closer relay proximity.) Plans are for future workshops and drills, with expansion to other SORO neighborhoods.

Item 3. Robertson Rec Center Safety Issues and Sentencing Reform- Court Ordered Felon Release Neighborhood Impact were moved to the October meeting by the Chair.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.