



# Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2010, 7:00pm  
Robertson Recreation Center  
1641 Preuss, Los Angeles, CA 90035

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## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07.

**Board Committee Members Present:** Michael Lynn, Rachel Lester, Harold Bock, Robyn Braun, Bette Billet, Brian Kite, Barry Levine,

**Guests:** Eric Weiser, Scott Diamond, Craig Karlan, Sherri Lester

## II. General Public Comment

Question about who to contact regarding street paving (R. Lester)

Question about who to contact regarding cars running stop signs (S. Lester)

## III. New Business

**Item 1. Beverlywood Traffic Reduction Motion.** Scott Diamond (Beverlywood Homes Association) provided background information. Under the Century City Traffic Mitigation Plan, a cap of 600 cars/hour was instituted during peak hours on Motor Avenue between Pico and National. In the original plan, the cap was supposed to be 1000 cars/hour and no cap should affect other neighborhoods. As a result of the cap, traffic increased significantly in the Beverlywood neighborhood streets, which were not designed as major thoroughfares. Jack Weiss requested to rescind the cap 18 months ago, but nothing was ever changed.

Scott further requested that SORO NC support their efforts to reduce the traffic by instituting similar caps by timing the lights at Beverwil/Cashio, Beverwil/Monte Mar, and Cashio/Beverly Dr. A letter was presented (read aloud) to the PSC, which would be presented to Council District 5.

Harold moved to approve the motion that SORO NC support the Beverlywood Traffic Calming Proposal, to be presented to Council District 5 by the Beverlywood Homes Association; Brian seconded. **Vote: 8-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

Harold moved to approve the motion that SORO NC proposes to Council District 5 to perform a reevaluation of the traffic limits on Motor Ave., in order to secure a more equitable level of neighborhood traffic distribution; Bette seconded. **Vote: 8-Y, 0-N, 0-A. Item approved.**

**Item 2. Emergency Response Protocol for SORO NC.** Bette suggested we send to Executive Committee with request for operating procedures, policy direction, etc...

**Item 3. Roberson Carwash Protestors Letter.** Robyn reported that the National Labor Review Board says picketers are well within their rights- once there is a call for membership vote, they then can get involved. SORO Outreach Committee has letter for General Board.

**Item 4. Request for Neighborhood Purpose Grant for the "CrimeStoppers" Program.** No one available to present/explain motion at meeting. Harold and Barry expressed opposition to the program in general. Robyn recommended forwarding to Exec.

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Committee to post to website as a public service. Harold moved to table; Brian seconded. **Vote: 8-Y, 0-N, 0-A, 0-R. Item tabled.**

**Item 5. Committee Priorities.** Mike presented a list of possible future agenda items and asked members to add additional issues to the list (see attached). Harold suggested to send out a request to general board members and website (to reach community) to gauge individual interest. Bette suggested having discussions about priorities and setting up target subcommittees. Mike moved to table; Brian seconded. **Vote: 8-Y, 0-N, 0-A, 0-R. Item tabled.**

#### **IV. Old Business**

Item 1. Delegates for WRAC's Mobile and Preparedness Committees. Harold might be interested.

Item 2. Meeting Lawn Signs. Harold reported the signs are obsolete and we need new ones. Problem has been board members involvement of sign posting.

Item 3. Fire Station Gate- Alt. Purchase. Bette suggested dropping the program if Fire Department not responsive. Maybe talk to Councilmen?

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



- A. **Safe Sidewalks-** work with corporate sponsorship (through a 501 c3) to take care of the neglected sidewalks (including tree pruning) in our area, once and for all!
- B. **Safe Traffic Intersections-** push the city to change the timing of traffic lights at our major intersections to remain “red” in all directions for an extra couple seconds, giving traffic time to clear- thus reducing accidents and/or pedestrian injuries from "running the red".
- C. **Safe Pedestrian Crosswalks-** we need to make them much more noticeable, especially those on Pico and on Robertson. Systems like those in Burbank, maybe?
- D. **Gangs/Graffiti-** gangs are becoming more active, so we have to stop them NOW before they really get a foothold. A place to start would be on their graffiti tagging. Too many homes, businesses and city property are getting 'tagged' regularly. Lets identify and focus on problem areas, utilizing a very targeted attack (watch groups? cameras?)
- E. **Identify Safety Issues-** other safety issues in the community.
- F. **Auto Crime-** Implement plan/program to reduce number of car break-ins.
- G. **Highest Crime Rate on the Westside-** Monitor crime statistics and identify ways to reduce them.
- H. **Traffic Related-Speeding-** Identify problem areas and discuss solutions.
- I. **Street Paving-** Identify and push LADOT to perform repairs on most needed streets.
- J. **Street Lighting-** Work with Bureau of Street Services to improve problem areas.
- K. Emergency Preparedness**
- L. Dissemination of Crime/Safety Information to Community**