



Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2014 7:00 pm

Robertson Recreation Center
1641 Preuss Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90035

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Co-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Board Committee Members Present: Victoria Martin, Beth Hirsch, Robyn Braun (enters at 7:33 pm) (and Michael Lynn (enters at 7:15 pm and leaves at 7:25 pm)).

Community Committee Members Present: Daniel Braum.

Board Committee Members Absent: Michael Bloom, and Jon Liberman.

Committee Members Absent: Kenneth Lowenstein

Others present: Larry Bogatz, Veronica De La Cruz (Neighborhood Prosecutor), Teresa Soto, Mike Eaton, Aimee, Officer Chris Ragsdale.

II. General Public Comment

LAPD announced that they started a bike patrol. Neighborhood Prosecutor, Veronica De La Cruz introduced herself as the Neighborhood Prosecutor. She will be a liaison to LAPD and prosecute quality of life crimes. She will also work with the gang unit. She would like to attend the SORO NC general board meeting.

III. November Minutes - Review and Corrections

Tabled to next meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business

a. Neighborhood Watch Subcommittee

1. Crime Alert Flyer - area summary for November.

Officer Ragsdale stated that Officer Ballisteros is still recovering. The crimes in the area summary flyer were discussed. Officer Ragsdale stated that there have been many grand theft autos in the SORO area and the LAPD have not been meeting goals. Beth Hirsch mentioned the burglaries and attempted burglaries in Castle Heights area despite having an ACS car. Officer Ragsdale stated that

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responding to standard burglar alarms is the lowest priority for LAPD. People should have realistic expectations of LAPD. There was discussion of package thefts and the rise of package thefts.

2. LAFD Briefing

Tabled to next meeting.

3. City Attorney Briefing

Veronica De La Cruz re-introduced herself as the Neighborhood Prosecutor. She will be a liaison to LAPD and prosecute quality of life crimes. She will also work with gang unit. She would like to attend SORO NC general board meeting.

4. Sub-Committee Direction Discussion

Beth Hirsch is spearheading this subcommittee and she's getting the 5 Step Program up and running in Castle Heights. Committee should reach out to other neighborhood associations to participate and try to drum up volunteers to lead and serve as block captains. Certain parts of SORO NC have neighborhood associations and others do not.

b. Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee

1. LAFD Briefing

Item is tabled to next meeting.

2. 5 Step Disaster Plan Briefing

Item is tabled to next meeting

c. CHP Car Seat Check-Up (Bloom)

1. Update - New Date January 11, 2015

A new date was announced. Committee members discussed the need for outreach to inform stakeholders of the event or push the event to a later date. Victoria Martin stated she will email Michael Lynn and Michael Bloom about doing outreach.

d. 2015 Emergency Preparedness Expo (Lynn)

1. Update, Discussion, and possible action

Larry Bogatz discussed three upcoming CERT classes on January 6, 2015 and in March. The remaining discussion was tabled to the next meeting when Chair Michael Lynn will be present.



e. Neighborhood Property Crime Issues: Lack of LAPD Response to Victim Reporting, Investigations, Communication and Follow-up

1. Planning for Possible Public Forum or Town Hall

There was discussion of planning a public forum or Town Hall to discuss neighborhood property crime issues and the lack of LAPD response.

Michael Lynn stated that there are lots of reports from neighbors are property crimes within SORO NC boundaries. There are calls into LAPD and the response is woefully inadequate. There was discussion of what warrants a 911 emergency call v. a call to the non-emergency line. Breaking in or seeing someone about to break in warrants a 911 call. Everything else is a non-emergency call in terms of property crimes. People should call the non-emergency line to report suspicious activity. Michael Lynn mentioned that there are issues with the West Division taking reports.

Officer Ragsdale states that there are organizational issues in terms of reporting that have to do with policies and procedures. Los Angeles is a large city with limited resources.

2. Discussion and Possible Action

There was discussion of a much needed public forum for the community and LAFD to address these issues to have a better understanding.

There was mention of an app to report crime and way to do online reporting.

Michael Lynn asked for the Committee to come up with a list of things to work on for the Town Hall meeting and to forward these to Outreach Committee.

The two items that Committee came up with are 1. technology/online reporting application and 2. complain to the Mayor.

V. New Business

a. SORO Sponsored CPR Classes (2015)

1. Discussion and possible action.

There was some discussion of SORO Sponsored CPR Classes. Gerald is the contact. There will be two sessions on two different dates. 15 members per session. There was discussion of a list of people trained in CPR and First Aid could be given to Larry Bogatz to



develop a team of medically advance people who are in the database for emergency situations.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Victoria Martin, Vice Co-Chair