

SORO Public Safety

Robertson Public Library

February 5, 2018 7:00 PM

Attending

Michael Lynn – Chair

Adam Rich – Vice-chair

Gary Kasparian – Board and Committee Member

Baila Romm – Board Member

Sofia Ames – Cheviot Resident

Matt Kirk – LAPD

Chris Baker – LAPD

Sheina Gilbert – Shmira Patrol

Daniel Braum – Shmira Patrol

Elena Panajotovic – Resident

Barry Axelrod - Resident

General Comment

Sofia: Fire near Shachter Park. Kids trespass in the area near the creek/flood channel

Chris Baker: LAPD has had narcotics try and reduce crime there. Fire may be unrelated. LAPD, LAFD, City Council will meet to try and address whatever lead to the fire.

Baila: There's also an issue with houses under construction

Chris Baker: Notify the LAPD when there is unoccupied house

Baila Romm: Is this meeting posted on Nextdoor?

Michael Lynn: No, we are each limited in which neighborhoods we can post to

We agreed to have multiple people post to increase reach and hopefully bring in more people.

New Business

Meeting Dates and Location

- Passover conflicts with April date. Might switch to April 9th or 10th
- Jewish holidays in October. Will potentially do September meeting 17th instead of October meeting.
- December meeting conflicts will Chanukah. May get cancelled.

6 ayes – unanimous – to vote for this calendar

Neighborhood Watch Subcommittee

Baila: Held a meeting on Monday January 15, 2018 for neighborhood watch to educate the public on the value of neighborhood watch and talk to police. ~40 people attended. Some are interested in starting neighborhood watch groups.

Crime Report

No LA Times data available

Matt Kirk: down in everything, except burglaries which are up by 4 from 3 to 7. 1900 block of Preuss had a door left unlocked. 1220 block of Sherbourne – 1st floor window left open. Matt visited each house and handed out flyers to neighbors and warned neighbors to be vigilant. Hot weather causes an increase in open doors/windows. Matt is checking neighbors for videos. Ring cameras are often helpful, especially if they get good shots of vehicles. Neighborhood Watch is helpful.

Baila: The meeting included instructions on how to harden targets.

Matt Kirk: Video is very helpful in catching criminals

Chris: Overall good numbers. Break-ins are up. First 2 weeks of 2018 had a lot of break-ins, but only 1 last week. Good police and private security work. Lighting is important to protect a home. It makes the video useful. Ag Assaults are up, 6 for the year, but some are between landlords and tenants. A few were gang on gang. So, most Ag Assaults are not public safety concerns.

Adam: Officers can get Ring alerts even if they don't live in the area, with limitations. Agency accounts in the future.

Matt Kirk: New tool called Owl for video in cars

Barry Axelrod: Lives in building on Olympic that has had issues in the past. Vagrants have broken in and management is having trouble getting them kicked out. It is a very difficult situation. Has had difficulty getting police attention. Phones not answered.

Chris Baker: Don't call front desk. Call 1 (877) ASK-LAPD. Front desk is overwhelmed.

SOROFest Sunday, June 3rd

Theme of SOROFest is Kaleidoscope Dreams. It will be 11am to 6pm.

SOROFest Working Group will have a meeting. It needs volunteers.

Car Seat Check event happened at Mikey's Car Wash. It went pretty well. Down by a couple people from last year. Car Wash was not an ideal location. We should take lead on it, so we can make it more effective and get a good location. Should start planning in September.

Homeless Count was very successful. Results will come out in May.

Safety Equipment Funding. We need to increase our funding request as the solar charging tools won't up in cost. CERT needs this to charge radios, lights, etc. Funding should increase to \$700 for battery pack and charger. Michael made motion and Gary seconded. Vote was unanimous – 6 votes in favor.

Return to general comment

Barry: Thought that police were overtaxed, unresponsive, and generally ineffective on the issues in his building.

Baila, Sofia, and Dan: Chris is awesome! The SLOs are very responsive.

Baila will help Barry work with SLOs on the issues in that building.