

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Thursday November 7, 2013

Location: 5030 Santa Monica Blvd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:19 PM.
Safety Committee members in attendance:

Craig Cox, Cheron McAleece
Seta Panosian, Leon Jost, Doug Haines

LAPD Officers present: Officer Orange, NE; Officer Montgomery, Hollywood.

Public attending: Mica and Chris from Hobart Blvd. bungalow court. Board member attending: Tereza Yarimyan. CD 13 rep Aram Taslagyan.

2. **Police Update:** Officer Orange says problems with Rollin' '20s johns and transgender prostitutes. Says all transgender prostitutes are pimped out. Discusses shooting at 1139 N. Kenmore, of a homeless meth user who owed money to dealer, went to collect recyclables and was shot with 40 caliber semiautomatic -- went to church after shot. Victim lives in apt. laundry mat, uncooperative.

Large problems with burglary thefts from motor vehicles. Large influx of homeless near hospitals, with accumulation of refuse. LAPD trying to do outreach. La Mirada Locos gang has broken off to 2 factions – blacks from South Central joining for drugs, other Locos members are with Mexican Mafia, whose members don't like blacks. NE has stepped up patrols in East Hollywood....

Lots of shoplifting. College Motel had 5 arrests, police have keys to enter at anytime. Officer Montgomery says homeless provider Step Up on Vine bringing in homeless from all over LA. Says Hollywood does more homeless outreach for resources than anywhere except downtown.

3. **CD 13 update:** Marijuana dispensary at Melrose and Heliotrope opened, working to close. Trying to remove bus bench in front of Covenant House. Street lighting districts in area, including 1100 block Kingsley Dr. Rampart Division Open House 11/16, 10AM. 11/23 is a Walk with Mitch.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Seta moves to approve, Craig seconds. Unanimous.
5. **Action Items:**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding gang and narcotics activity on the 1100 block of North Hobart Blvd. and 5300 block of Lexington Ave. Officer Montgomery says low number of calls for problematic addresses: 4 calls for the year for 1152 N. Hobart, 2 calls for 1166 N. Hobart, and 7 calls for the year for 5301 Lexington Ave. Primarily nuisance calls, noise, one battery. Says there was a stabbing at 1167 N. Hobart prior week, not shooting as stated by manager of building to Doug. Doug reiterates complaints of neighbors of kids causing problems, tagging neighborhood. Also complaints of drug dealing by residents of 5322 Lexington Ave. and 5301 Lexington Ave. Doug says he is surprised neighbors aren't attending.

Residents Mica and Chris speak about problems with kids at 1152 N. Hobart. Complaint of threats to attack them. Have called police, who arrive and sit and watch but don't engage kids, who then return once police gone. Officer Montgomery says will address lazy officers, known as "slugs." Says minors are not placed in detention facility for nuisance behavior; will arrest and release to parents with court date.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding gang and narcotics activity on N. Mariposa Ave. between Marathon and Romaine. Cheron says liquor store is in the middle of this residential block, with gang members hanging out and drunks openly consuming alcohol. Says will have clean-up in area with CD13.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding City Attorney's lack of enforcement of Measure D. Discussion of 3 resolutions: 1). Close illegal pot shops; 2) Ticket and close shops selling "bad pot" with high pesticide counts; 3) Recommend that City Council require pot shops have police permits. Doug asks what this is all about, since NC already is unanimously on record in support of a ban on dispensaries. Tereza says came from LA Neighborhood Council Coalition. Doug asks who would regulate "good" and "bad" pot, where is the funding to come from, how does the proposal differ from the State legislation permitting only marijuana collectives, not storefronts; and how it would work with current Federal narcotics classification of marijuana as a Class 1 narcotic?

Doug moves to ask the City Council to enforce Measure D, and/or appeal to the U.S. Attorney to allow the DEA to shut down all dispensaries. Leon seconds. Unanimous.

D. Discussion and update regarding Step Up on Western, proposed 95-unit permanent housing for mentally ill homeless and mentally ill parolees, at 1011 N. Western Ave. Doug says no application yet submitted, not a "done deal," and that the NCs have the responsibility to do proper outreach and demand proper conditions of operation and security for anything that is proposed. Aram says CD 13 monitoring the situation. Doug asks if CD13 will consider NC input. Aram says NC review is part of the process. Doug asks if CD13 considers NCs part of the process or participants in the process. Aram has no answer. No action

E. Discussion and possible action regarding continued criminal activity in and around the El Cafetal restaurant; possible meeting with owners. Officer Orange says El Cafetal restaurant at 4929 Santa Monica Blvd. run by MS13. Person stabbed prior week with box cutter. Doug asks if El Cafetal's alcohol license can be revoked, since the owners didn't renew it as required. Aram says working on it...No action.

Items F to I tabled. Item J. has a scheduled meeting with CD13, Seta Panosian, and neighbors.

6. **Old Business** None.
7. **New Business/ agenda items for future committee meetings:** None
8. **ADJOURNMENT: 9:42.**