

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Thursday December 5, 2013 Special Agenda meeting
Location: 5030 Santa Monica Blvd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:20 PM.
Safety Committee members in attendance:

Craig Cox, Cheron McAleece
Seta Panosian, Doug Haines

LAPD Officers present: Officer Orange, NE Division; Sgt. Turner & Officer Johnson, Rampart Division. Board member attending: Jeff Zarrinam. Public attending: Manager of Jr. Market, 4820 Santa Monica Blvd.

2. **Police Update:** Officer Orange speaks of increased transgender prostitution on Vermont, problems with College Motel. Cheron asks for update on El Cafetal and murder victim – told investigation continues. Restaurant is now closed.

3. **Public Comment:** None

4. **Approval of minutes of November 7, 2013:** Seta moves, Craig seconds. Unanimous.

5. **Action Items:**

A. Discussion and possible action regarding a request for LAPD Rampart Vice Division to investigate increased transient and criminal activity at the Jr. Market, 4820 Santa Monica Blvd. Sergeant Todd Turner, LAPD Rampart, to attend. Cheron says there is prostitution activity after midnight in front of market; drunks prevalent at all times. Sgt. Turner says task force will begin sweep 9AM Friday, with gang and vice units. Officer Johnson says Rampart has targeted Junior Market owner over period of six months, cited for violations. Says regular homeless group of 5 – 10 persons congregate daily at store. Cheron asks about enforcing a single-can beer sales ban, is told that there are 220 ABC licenses in Rampart Division. Jeff suggests putting labels on bottles and cans to identify where problematic alcoholics are obtaining beer.

Rampart officers emphasize that shutting down a problem ABC licensee is a two-year review. Doug asks about community input during review process, says community shut out. Manager of Jr. Market says doesn't allow majority of drunks into store, allows only couple to purchase alcohol. Officer Johnson asks if those two then purchase for others, also asks if employees have STAR training. Told yes to second question. Cheron asks manager if he would consider not selling single cans of beer – manager says business would be cut in half. Doug asks manager if he would consider selling only six-packs if all other liquor stores obeyed the same restriction. Manager says would consider if ban applied to everyone.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding complaints by owner of Los Felix Florist, 1612 N. Western Ave., of excess noise, dust, trash and debris related to adjacent AMCAL construction project at 1600 N. Western Ave. The properties share an alley easement.

Doug explains issue, but florist owner not in attendance. District 2 representative Cheron says she will visit location and speak to owner this coming weekend.

- 6 & 7. **Old Business/New Business:** None. **ADJOURNMENT: 8:40.**