

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Thursday, August 1, 2013

Location: 5030 Santa Monica Blvd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:17 PM.
Safety Committee members in attendance:

Cheron McAleece

Seta Panosian **LACK OF QUORUM**

Doug Haines

LAPD Officers present: Officer Orange, NE.

Public attending include: Raffi Kassarsian, Eliza Suruchlian, Magdi Gindi, Shahan Suzmeyan, Jriпти Majumder, Mike Clark, Harry of Ardmore Ave. CD 13 rep Arem Taslagyan.

2. **Police Update:** Officer Craig Orange notes decrease in auto robberies; petty theft has increased. Assaults down. Mentions upcoming public meeting with City Councilman Tom La Bonge and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH). Discusses planned prostitution task force for Vermont/Sunset.

Cheron asks about increase in gang graffiti; Officer Orange says primarily new “crews” filling in for void left by MS13 gang. Low priority for NE Division, won’t send a patrol car. Doug asks how can be made a high priority, says Hollywood Division immediately responds. Officer Orange says to petition Captain for change in policy. Discussion of problems at Campus Motel on Santa Monica Blvd.: drug dealer lives there, white male dealing on Madison Ave. Officer also discusses problems with 1269 N. Vermont Ave., apartment building occupied by prostitutes. Mike Clark asks how long prostitutes are held once arrested; Orange says a misdemeanor, cited and released with court date. Says only people retained in jail are for rape, assault, attempted murder and murder.

Discussion of continuing issues with Day ‘N’ Nite mart; Officer Orange says never spoke to owner.

- 2a. **CD 13 update:** CD 13 rep Arem Taslagyan says a murder occurred at Wilcox and Yucca, illegal recycling center, has been shut down. Doug asks about illegal mobile recycling trucks. Arem says will look into it. Mentions proposed 95-unit homeless residential complex proposed for Western Ave. near Fountain Ave., Doug says never heard anything about such a proposal, asks for further info. Arem says underpass at Hollywood west of Vermont cleaned up, discusses efforts to move back bus stop at Santa Monica Blvd. and Normandie Ave. Says will speak with Principal of Ramona Elementary School. Doug asks about removed speed bumps on Hobart Blvd. between Sunset and Fountain.
3. **Public Comment:** Eliza asks if high school students can be involved in clean ups.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Lack quorum.
5. **Action Items.** Tabled for lack of quorum. **Meeting Adjourn: 8:37**