

Public Safety Committee

Minutes of Thursday August 7, 2014 Agenda meeting
Location: 1160 N. Vermont Ave.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Meeting begins at 7:21 PM.
Safety Committee members in attendance:

Cheron McAleece, Craig Cox, Seta Panosian, Doug Haines, Matt Benton

LAPD Officers present: Hollywood Division: SLO Julie Nony. Armen Sevdalian; Capt. Zarcone; NE Division SLO Nina Preciado. Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor.

Public present: EHNC Board member Donal Thomas Cappello; HSDNC Board member John Girado. Representative present: Lisa Desmond, Verizon Wireless.

2. **Public Comment:** None.

3. **A. Police update:** SLO Preciado says that East Hollywood is busiest area for crime in NE Division. Says there has been a rise in assaults, and that citizens should stay inside to avoid problems. Suggests that victims scream. States that there was a homicide at Del Taco, with suspect arrested. Gang related.

Captain Zarcone discusses gang issues in Hollywood Division area. Doug discusses incident on July 24 where officers in response to his call of taggers refused to take a report regarding one individual's attempted assault. Captain states that the particular officer in question has since left the LAPD. Doug also asks about MS 13 member tagging "Chipper" in his neighborhood. Zarcone says he will discuss with gang unit. Doug asks about solution to taggers, says he's tired of LAPD merely chasing the problem with no resolution. Zarcone says a task force is a possible solution. States that graffiti is a reportable crime. Doug complains that there is no way to get through to station, callers get automatic message that there are too many calls and phone hangs up. Captain says that was correct, and was unaware of problem, that it since has been fixed so that you reach a live person.

Seta states that students at Kingsley Elementary School are seen smoking marijuana. Asks what can be done. Donal raises issues impacting his area in Rampart Division.

SLO Sevdalian and Captain Zarcone discuss recent drowning at motel pool on Hollywood Blvd. at Serrano Ave. Says 36-year-old mom and her four children were at unattended pool, father went to get food, two kids went to deep end and mother panicked. Mother and a daughter died, boy is conscience and expected to survive.

- B. City Attorney update:** Neighborhood Prosecutor Gabrielle Taylor, NE Division, says has had two criminal prosecutions on El Cafetal. Doug asks about tagging, has seen "Smear" graffiti again, didn't get a return call from City Prosecutor regarding violation of tagger's parole conditions. Suggests that people file in Small Claims Court for nuisance matters.

- C. ABC update:** Cheron says ABC states that the El Cafetal Restaurant does not have an alcohol license. Craig says that the restaurant previously run by MS 13 gang.

D. CD 13: No one present.

E. LA Fire Dept, Battalion 5, “B” Platoon, Battalion Chief David Frelinger. States that the new fire chief to be appointed at City Council Friday. Bemoans the recent LAFD budget cuts, states that there are 17 less fire “apparatus.” Lost 330 officers. Says that 85% of all calls are medical, the remainder for fires. Cheron asks how the department decides when to pick up a intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated person. Frelinger says the person has to ask three questions: 1) Do they want to go to a hospital?; 2) Are they a threat to themselves?; 3) What is their name and do they understand why FD is there? Alternate to hospital is field care, taking person to other areas or checking with key users of ERs to affirm that medical needs are being addressed.

Chief says that department needs resources for high rise fires, fear that department doesn’t have the capacity. Need more resources in dense areas. Says should be the developer who contributes costs associated with more infrastructure. Doug asks if Hollywood has the capacity to fight high-rise fires – Captain says yes, will get officers from other areas. Says 990 officers on duty daily. Can put 300 officers on a high-rise.

4. **A. Discussion and possible action regarding increased gang and tagging activity west of Normandie and north of Santa Monica Blvd. and reports that LAPD are refusing to document complaints or take reports.** See Police Update.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a Conditional Use Permit at 565 N. Virgil Ave. for the installation and operation of a 12-panel antenna on a new monopine. ENV 2014-2237-EAF; ZA 2014-2236-CUW. Lisa Desmond, Verizon Wireless representative, accompanied by husband, discussed need for additional cellular antennas to serve area needs. Doug states that concentration of microwave receivers is in poor neighborhoods. John Girado asks what property owner receives in compensation; Verizon reps say \$1,500 to \$2,000 per month. Condition of approval is considered dependent on planting more trees; Doug requests tabling item to do outreach, also wants to bring before Planning Committee. (Note: Application subsequently withdrawn following determination by City Planning Dept. that the Project must adhere to SNAP’s transitional height requirement).

5. **NEW/OLD BUSINESS.**

6. **Adjourn:** 10:00.