

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Jeffrey Prang
- 3. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Borelli, Burke, Clarkin, Kemper, Norton, Sol, Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Lieutenant Cheryl Newman-Tarwater, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Captain Kelley Fraser, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Bonnie Smith, Community Relations Programs Coordinator

- 4. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 23 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Archie Kruskall.

- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the September 10, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the September 10, 2012 Public Safety Commission meeting was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library.

- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to approve the August 13, 2012 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved noting Commissioner Clarkin's abstention.

7. OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Prang administered the Oath of Office to incoming Commissioner Bob Burke.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Troy Legg, resident of West Hollywood, thanked Mayor Prang for attending the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting and asked for continued support from the Sheriff's Station on the east side.

Roxanne McBryde, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding public safety issues on the east side.

Ben Coleman, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding recent criminal activity and requested information on bike patrol deployment.

Shirley Bushnell, resident of Pacoima, spoke regarding difficulties she experienced with a complaint against the Sheriff's Department.

Eddie Roca, resident of Pacoima, spoke regarding difficulties he experienced with a complaint against the Sheriff's Department.

Geoffrey Buch, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Sheriff's Department for its response to a residential burglary he experienced and spoke in support of adding cameras throughout the City.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Sheriff's Department for increased patrols at Plummer Park, suggested that the Station clean its RV, and spoke regarding public safety issues on the east side.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Captain and the Deputies for their hard work and increased patrols and asked the City to encourage residents to call the Sheriff's Station when they see criminal activity. Ms. Harker spoke in support of banning bicycles and scooters from Plummer Park and spoke regarding homeless individuals camping on the patio.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Clarkin expressed his support for the community/law enforcement

partnership to solve issues and spoke in support of strengthening the Neighborhood Watch groups on the east side.

Commissioner Williams thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Williams suggested that the neighbors possibly pursue having a new Neighborhood Watch Captain. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the criminal activity at the Gateway and how shop lifting incidents contribute to the high number of thefts. Commissioner Williams spoke in support of encouraging residents to call the Sheriff's Station when they see criminal activity. Commissioner Williams offered her support to any resident interested in building a new Neighborhood Watch group.

Commissioner Kemper expressed her support for the community/law enforcement partnership to solve issues.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Norton welcomed incoming Commissioner Burke. Commissioner Norton thanked Shirley Bushnell for her attendance. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding two different checkpoints, including a sobriety checkpoint up on Sunset near Doheny within the past couple weeks, and the other a "Don't Text and Drive" checkpoint on San Vicente just south of Melrose the previous Thursday before our meeting.

Commissioner Borelli thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the importance of neighbors sharing information with each other. Commissioner Borelli reminded everyone that there is a public safety outreach on Sunset on Thursday evening.

Commissioner Sol reminded everyone to be respectful of everyone's time and to speak on issues that are on the agenda and pertinent. Commissioner Sol shared copies of the West Hollywood On Call Guide to City Services. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding new crosswalks, tree trimming, and the Book Fair. Commissioner Sol requested information from staff regarding the CERT program and refresher training. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding recent senior safety meetings and thanked Walgreens for offering free HIV testing through its "Greater than AIDS" campaign.

10. ITEMS FROM STAFF

10A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff spoke regarding the absenteeism policy for Boards and Commissions, Buzz with the Fuzz, the online emergency preparedness survey, and the upcoming street closure for the Emmys.

10B. PRESENTATION FROM LASD – DUI CHECKPOINTS (DET. DANIEL DIAL)

Detective Dial gave a presentation on DUI checkpoints and shared information on the September 6, 2012 DUI checkpoint held in West Hollywood and a 2010 report from the Office of Traffic Safety.

Commissioner Williams asked for an updated report from the Office of Traffic Safety. Detective Dial said a new report is not available at this time.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding publicity for DUI checkpoints and whether or not the law says that it is entrapment. Detective Dial stated that they have to publicize the check point and allow drivers to turn before they get to the checkpoint.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding visiting a recent West Hollywood DUI checkpoint and complemented the officers for their professionalism.

11. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of August 2012 including inspections, fires, and 339 emergency medical calls. Ms. Grycan also spoke regarding a dumpster fire, a structure fire on Laurel Avenue, and 2 vehicle fires. Ms. Grycan stated that fire personnel will be offering “5 min CPR” at the Sunset Strip Farmers Market.

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding National Preparedness Month and requested more CERT refresher training.

Commissioner Kemper requested that fire personnel also offer CPR for toddlers in distress. Ms. Grycan stated that fire personnel can teach for any age in distress.

Commissioner Clarkin asked Ms. Grycan to provide a small amount of information to go on the Sunset Strip Farmers Market website. Ms. Grycan suggested the following, “Anyone could learn CPR and everyone should.”

Commissioner Borelli thanked Kevin Burton for speaking on National Preparedness Month and spoke regarding the proper way to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On”.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the schools teaching “Drop, Cover, and Hold On”.

12. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Captain Fraser thanked the public speakers for their attendance and addressed each speaker's comments during her report. Captain Fraser thanked the City Council for providing the station with additional resources which allows for more officers to be on the streets. Captain Fraser spoke regarding an upcoming Community Academy.

Commissioner Clarkin gave additional information on the Community Academy.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding his participation on the interview panel to select a security vendor to provide bike patrols along Santa Monica Boulevard.

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding planning a town hall preparedness event and adding CERT refresher classes.

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for August 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding the number of incidents at the Gateway, but also the high number of arrests. Sergeant Klaus spoke about additional patrols deployed on the east side and said that he will have the RV cleaned. Sergeant Klaus encouraged all to call the station if you see something and spoke regarding the work of the COPPS team. Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding recent vehicle burglaries involving unattended items in cars.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the distinction between the "Gateway Center" and Target.

Commissioner Borelli thanked the Sheriff's Department for its work.

Commissioner Norton thanked the Sheriff's Department for its work.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding PATH and its positive work.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding PATH and its services.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13A. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the outreach that will be held on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Commissioners Borelli and Sol suggested keeping some people at the booth and have others walk Sunset as a mobile outreach team for the event on the 13th.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the next "walk about" with Captain Fraser which will be held on September 26, 2012.

Commissioner Williams would like to attend the September 26, 2012 "walk about" with Captain Fraser.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roxanne McBryde, resident of West Hollywood, spoke in support of cameras and a new Block Captain; and spoke regarding the Jeff Griffith Youth Center moving farther east and a recent citizen's arrest.

Sergeant Klaus stated that informants can remain anonymous.

15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Norton asked for statistics from a "no texting" operation. Captain Fraser stated that statistics would be made available as soon as they were ready from Detective Daniel Dial.

Commissioner Williams welcomed Commissioner Burke and spoke regarding an upcoming "Women to Women" seminar at NCJW.

Commissioner Burke thanked the Commissioners, Sheriff's personnel, and the public for their participation.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:24 PM in the memory of the 23 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting and Archie Kruskall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison