

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Tristan Schukraft
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** Clarkin

**Others present:** Captain Kelley Fraser, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Captain Kelley Fraser's mother, the two victims of the recent pedestrian accident, and the police officers allegedly shot by Christopher Dorner.

Commissioner Norton requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the young couple allegedly shot by Christopher Dorner.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 11 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Borelli to approve the February 11, 2013 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

**POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the February 11, 2013 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 Borelli to approve the January 14, 2013 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved with one amendment by Commissioner Norton.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tristan Schukraft, resident of West Hollywood, encouraged everyone to vote in the next election.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Burke spoke regarding utilizing social media.

Commissioner Williams requested that utilizing social media be placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Norton asked if the fire department goes to elementary schools to teach fire prevention. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the closure of the Beverly Hills Courthouse.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding utilizing social media.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**9A. RESIDENTS' CONCERNS REGARDING RALPH'S ON LA BREA**

Commissioners received a presentation from several representatives from Ralph's on La Brea regarding food safety, store maintenance, cameras, and security.

Commissioner Kemper inquired about cleaning procedures for grease spills.

Commissioner Williams asked the Ralph's staff to view the pictures provided by a resident of unsanitary conditions and spoke regarding a disappointing interaction with a Ralph's checkout staff person.

Commissioner Kemper inquired as to why homeless persons are still loitering on the property.

Commissioner Williams asked how many security personnel are available.

Commissioner Sol thanked the staff from Ralph's for their hard work and spoke regarding the large homeless population in the general area.

Troy Legg, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding various issues at the Ralph's on La Brea.

Roxanne McBride, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding various issues at the Ralph's on La Brea.

Steve Levin, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding various issues at the Ralph's on La Brea.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the purview of the Public Safety Commission and the nuisance and food safety issues that will be forwarded to commercial code compliance staff. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding homelessness issues. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding security personnel seen inside with the manager instead of walking around the perimeter of the store. Commissioner Borelli recommended that residents and staff notify the Business License Commission.

Commissioner Norton echoed Commissioner Borelli's comments. Commissioner Norton said that the issues spur ongoing conversations among the neighbors. Commissioner Norton suggested that employees watch the cameras more carefully. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding food that is still being sold that may have been contaminated. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the many departments that are now involved with the various issues.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the deterioration of the store. Commissioner Williams encouraged the representatives from Ralph's to use these comments as a starting point to move in a positive direction and affect change.

Commissioner Kemper thanked the representatives from Ralph's for their attendance. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding fostering pride in the employees and turning things around and encouraged staff to watch the cameras more carefully.

Commissioner Burke thanked everyone for their attendance. Commissioner Burke spoke regarding the responsiveness of the City of West Hollywood and its positive views toward business. Commissioner Burke spoke regarding shopping at Ralph's downtown which also has a challenging neighborhood and stated that while some standards may have incrementally slipped at the La Brea store, all are here to help and have a spirit of cooperation.

Captain Fraser thanked the representatives from Ralph's for their attendance and promised to assist the store with its security issues.

Captain Fraser stated that the crime statistics from the east side are down.

Commissioner Sol thanked everyone for their attendance. Commissioner Sol clarified that the spill was grease and not sewage. Commissioner Sol suggested that residents taking pictures include a date and a location for each photo. Commissioner Sol said that neighbors may want to consider getting together with the employees from Ralph's and clean up the area together.

**9B. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Staff spoke regarding the street closures for the Oscar parties on Sunday, February 24, 2013.

**9C. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

Staff spoke regarding the upcoming awards on Monday, April 8, 2013. Staff asked Commissioners to assist with encouraging nominations from the community.

**10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of January 2013 including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the recent incident on Havenhurst and a fire on Norton. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding providing education on a regular basis to West Hollywood Elementary and other schools in West Hollywood.

Commissioner Kemper said that she likes the new format of the monthly report.

Commissioner Borelli inquired as to when the next CERT class will be.

Ms. Grycan stated that CERT will be held on Saturdays beginning May 11, 2013.

**11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Captain Fraser reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for January 2013, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Captain Fraser stated that crime has decreased in the City. Captain Fraser spoke regarding the various thefts from vehicles when people leave items in plain view. Captain Fraser stated that assaults are down dramatically as compared to last year. Captain Fraser spoke regarding examining resources globally to prevent crime. Captain Fraser spoke regarding the tragic pedestrian accident in the crosswalk on Santa Monica

Boulevard and working together to increase awareness by both drivers and pedestrians.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the lights at Orange Grove at Santa Monica Boulevard and pedestrians who are not using the push button. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding personal responsibility.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the darkness of the south side of Santa Monica Boulevard near the Sheriff's Station and the MTA.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the number of vehicle burglaries and encouraging people to not leave items unattended. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the long history of Commissioners' work on crosswalk issues.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding better lighting for crosswalks.

Commissioner Norton asked Captain Fraser to speak about the closing of the Beverly Hills Courthouse.

Captain Fraser spoke regarding the long distances Deputies will be traveling now to attend court and how she will back fill behind those Deputies.

Commissioner Norton asked how many Deputies will be affected on a daily or weekly basis.

Captain Fraser said that she monitors the subpoenas carefully and will work closely with the District Attorney, especially on filing cases.

## **12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **12A. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Commissioners and staff spoke regarding public safety education outreach during the 2013 work plan discussion.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

### **13A. 2013 WORK PLAN**

Commissioners and staff discussed the proposed 2013 Work Plan.

Suggested liaisons to other Boards and Commissions who will attend meetings quarterly include the following:

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission – Commissioner Clarkin  
Historic Preservation Commission – Commissioner Burke

Human Services Commission – Commissioner Sol  
Planning Commission – Commissioner Borelli  
Public Facilities Commission – Commission Burke  
Rent Stabilization Commission – Commissioner Kemper  
Transportation Commission – Commissioner Borelli  
Disabilities Advisory Board – Commissioner Williams  
Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board – Commissioner Sol  
Russian Advisory Board – pending  
Senior Advisory Board – Commissioner Norton  
Transgender Advisory Board – Commissioner Sol  
Women’s Advisory Board – Commissioner Williams  
Eastside Advisory Taskforce – Commissioner Williams

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding including topics such as human trafficking and domestic violence in future town halls.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding including emergency preparedness in future town halls.

Staff suggested an open house format.

Captain Fraser suggested including a session on identity theft.

Commissioner Burke spoke regarding the need to reinvigorate the educational sessions and include a competition that involves Neighborhood Watch groups.

Commissioner Kemper spoke in support of regular communication with residents to gather information on current issues, possibly in the form of a postcard.

Staff suggested electronic communication since postcards are costly.

Commissioner Norton asked if the current community study could be modified to include more public safety data.

Commissioner Borelli spoke in support of vehicle burglary prevention education.

Commissioner Sol spoke in support of pedestrian safety education.

Captain Fraser suggested that the education be conducting during evening hours to match the crime data.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the domestic violence response team.

Staff distributed a sign-up sheet for a "ride along" with the Sheriff's Department.

Staff will provide the Commission with an updated work plan at the next meeting.

#### **14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, suggested that the Commission hold the scheduling portion of the meeting after public comments and spoke regarding the benefit of televised meetings. Ms. Harker spoke regarding the street lights that are now back on and homeless encampments in Plummer Park near Fiesta Hall. Ms. Harker spoke in opposition to tall hedges on La Brea and in support of a traffic light at Gardner and Lexington.

Roxanne McBride, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Sheriff's Department for their work and spoke regarding human waste on Detroit, dog waste, dogs off leash, the need for permit parking, bicycles riding aggressively on the sidewalk, and duplicate mailings from the City.

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding pedestrian crosswalks, lighting, making pedestrians visible, and working with the Transportation Commission.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the need for transportation and public safety to work together on creative solutions. Ms. Blaivas spoke regarding the La Brea beautification project. Ms. Blaivas spoke regarding the crosswalk at the library on San Vicente.

#### **15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Borelli said he will attend the next Transportation Commission meeting. Commissioner Borelli thanked everyone for their attendance. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the permit parking procedure.

Commissioner Norton requested the DUI statistics for the month of January.

Captain Fraser said that there were 19 DUI arrests and 3 DUI collisions in January.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the agenda and public comment. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the partnership between transportation and public safety. Commissioner Williams asked that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Sheriff Baca's mother.

Commissioner Kemper thanked everyone for their attendance. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the partnership between transportation and public safety.


Commissioner Burke echoed his fellow Commissioners' comments and thanked those for their attendance. Commissioner Burke requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Carmen Warschaw.

Commissioner Sol announced that the next "walk about" with the Captain is February 27, 2013.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:35 PM in the memory of Captain Kelley Fraser's mother, the two victims of the recent pedestrian accident, the police officers allegedly shot by Christopher Dorner, the young couple allegedly shot by Christopher Dorner, the mother of Sheriff Baca, Carmen Warschaw, and the 11 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

  
Public Safety Commission Chair

  
Staff Liaison