

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6 30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by David Aguilar, Block by Block

3. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Burke, Clarkin, Kurpies, Norton, Sol, Williams

Commissioners Absent: Szyskowski

Others present: Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 12 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the September 9, 2013 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the September 9, 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 Clarkin to approve the August 12, 2013 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Yola Dore, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding public safety concerns on the east side and a recent incident at the Gateway where people were passing out free medical marijuana

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding “Cops 4 Causes – Heroes helping Heroes” on September 11th and the Station’s Golf Tournament on September 20th

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speaker for her attendance and spoke regarding a recent bicycle meeting and her plan to attend a future Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board meeting

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Senior Advisory Board and working with City staff on senior safety issues Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the “good ticket” program for good drivers and to encourage bicyclists to follow the rules of the road Commissioner Norton spoke regarding a recent EMS incident and asked if staff could work with the Chamber to encourage businesses to call for assistance when constituents are in need

Commissioner Kurpies spoke regarding the recent senior safety events held in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding her attendance at the recent Eastside Task Force meeting and possible plans for the future to be presented to City Council.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff spoke regarding the discontinuation of the “good ticket” program due to the large number of complaints received by the drivers who were pulled over who claimed that the stress of being pulled over negated the “good ticket” reward

Staff stated that the Six Month Report will be presented on Monday, September 16th and distributed a copy of the staff report to the Commission

Staff spoke regarding upcoming events including the Emmy’s, Book Fair, AIDS Walk, and Halloween

9B. ADJUST OR CANCEL NOVEMBER REGULAR MEETING DUE TO VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY

Staff and the Commission discussed the upcoming scheduling conflicts.

Commissioners Kurpies and Williams suggested that the meeting be held in Plummer Park if there is room availability

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Clarkin to hold the November Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 12th preferably at an east side location, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved

Commissioners and staff discussed the Don't Drink and Drive event to be held at the Sheriff's Station on December 9th

Commissioner Sol suggested involving taxi companies and the entertainment shuttles in the Don't Drink and Drive event as well as utilizing social media.

Staff stated that Hollywood Tow will be contacted again to secure the "crash car"

Commissioners discussed the schedule for the Don't Drink and Drive event.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to begin the December Commission meeting on Monday, December 9th at 5:00 PM at the Sherriff's Station, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding adding Neighborhood Watch meetings to the city calendar

9C. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN – ANNUAL UPDATE

Staff asked the Commission to review the Hazard Mitigation Plan and send comments to staff via e-mail.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of August including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls Ms. Grycan asked the Commission to remind the community that residents can always come into the station to have their blood pressure checked and stated that residents did stop by in August for this free service

Commissioner Norton asked for clarification regarding the types of inspections.

Ms. Grycan stated that the inspections are conducted at all businesses regarding exiting, fire extinguishers, etc.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for August 2013, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that crime is substantially down across the City Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding the signs posted on Laurel regarding alleged sexual assaults in the area and stated that there were none reported

in that area. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 14 DUI related arrests and 3 DUI collisions in August.

David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors, spoke regarding the work of his team along the length of Santa Monica Boulevard.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block for its hard work.

Commissioner Williams requested that Sergeant Klaus look into the allegations of people passing out free marijuana at the Gateway

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12A. 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the recent outreach at the Sunset Strip Farmer's Market.

The group decided to attend the next Farmer's Market on October 3rd. Commissioner Sol stated that the next "walk about" with the Captain will be held on October 2nd

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding enforcement and education for bicyclists and displayed the new pocket guide created by the Los Angeles Bicycle Coalition. Mr. Burton encouraged staff to work with Public Information on advertising public safety events.

Commissioner Clarkin requested that staff cover Don't Drink and Drive responsibilities at the November Commission meeting and spoke regarding the bicycle meeting.

Commissioner Sol requested that an electronic copy of bicycle guide be sent to the Commission.

Staff recommended that Commissioner Clarkin, the representative to the bicycle task force, start by bringing up "crossover" issues with the CDD staff assigned to the bicycle task force.

Commissioner Williams stated that she sees bicyclists running traffic lights.

12B. UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA, IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

Staff stated that Sheriff's Station personnel attended social media training in August and that there are plans to start a station twitter account. Staff stated that the City in conjunction with the Sheriff's Station is looking at Next Door and will be briefing the Commission on its progress.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding pop-ups and alerts on smart phones and the "Keep WeHo Safe" page

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, distributed pictures of billboards and advertising and spoke regarding guns on billboards and requested that the Commission take a stand against violence

Commissioner Williams stated that she finds the pictures appalling

14. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding an EMS incident where a local business refused to call 911 for a sick individual

Commissioner Burke congratulated the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for the downward trend in the crime statistics

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding uber lift, side car, and other ride sharing services and inquired as to the rules for these services

Commissioner Burke stated that the law is still in flux over some of these services that are cropping up around Los Angeles

Commissioner Williams asked if staff could update the Commission on Halloween preparations.

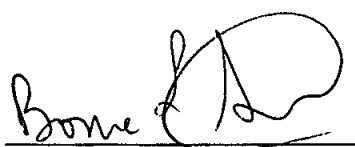
Staff reviewed the staffing plans and public safety preparation for Halloween

Commissioner Sol reminded the Commission of the static display for September 11th at the Sal Guarriello Memorial

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7 37 PM in the memory of the 12 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th at 6 30 PM at a location to be determined


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison