

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (no flag available at the Plummer Park location)
3. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Burke (left at 7:56 PM), Clarkin, Norton (arrived at 6:52 PM) Sol (left at 8:05 PM), Williams

Commissioners Absent: Szyskowski

Others present: Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Coordinator

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 34 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Firefighter Shawn Bayer and Troy Legg.

Commissioner Burke requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Security Officer Gerardo Hernandez.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Clarkin to approve the November 12, 2013 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved with Commissioner Norton not present.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the November 12, 2013 Public Safety Commission meeting was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the September 2013 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clarkin, and approved with Commissioner Norton not present.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Corrao, City of West Hollywood Staff, spoke regarding an event on December 3, 2013 at 5:00 PM to pass out free lights for bicycles.

Commissioner Norton joined the meeting at 6:52 PM.

David Eichman, Transportation Commissioner, spoke regarding a recent convention on Transportation.

Heidi Shink, resident of West Hollywood, spoke in support of the New Year's Eve Sober Party.

Nadia Sutton, resident of West Hollywood and Women's Advisory Board member, spoke regarding working with the Public Safety Commission on domestic violence issues.

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood and Disability Advisory Board member, spoke regarding crosswalk safety.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Sheriff's Department for its service and spoke in support of lights at Plummer Park and the use of undercover officers. Ms. Harker spoke regarding the new art work at Plummer Park that is being used by the homeless.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding crosswalk safety and requested that the issue of cameras at Plummer Park be revisited.

Suzanne Dietrich, resident of West Hollywood and Disability Advisory Board member spoke regarding the dirty condition of sidewalks on Fountain and dogs off leashes.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Norton apologized for arriving late due to heavy traffic.

Commissioner Burke spoke regarding his attendance at the recent Sheriff's Annual Community Advisory Committee Conference.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding his attendance at the recent Sheriff's Annual Community Advisory Committee Conference. Commissioner Clarkin thanked Commissioner Kurpies for his service.

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their comments and reminded all to use WEHO Direct. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the Veterans Day event and also about the various events for Transgender Awareness month.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding traffic gridlock and an item coming forward at the next Council meeting addressing the situation. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Senior Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Norton thanked the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the Bicycle Security Ambassadors for their hard work.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the recent, successful Transgender Job fair held at NCJW and her attendance at the recent Women's Advisory Board meeting.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MOBILITY PLAN UPDATE

Georgia Sheridan and Bob Chung, staff with the Community Development Department, gave a presentation to the Commission regarding the pedestrian and bicycle mobility plan including the online, interactive map.

Commissioner Williams requested that the east side be included in crosswalk upgrades. Staff confirmed that all crosswalks are being considered.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Norton thanked the staff for their hard work and encouraged educating cyclists on the rules of the road.

Commissioner Sol thanked staff for their hard work and suggested that cyclists be educated at the December 3rd bike light event.

9B. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff spoke regarding upcoming events, including the Annual Don't Drink and Drive Napkin Campaign to be held on December 9, 2013.

9C. HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN- ANNUAL UPDATE

The Commission tabled this item. Staff asked that their comments on the Hazard Mitigation Plan be turned in by the end of next week.

9D. WOMEN'S SAFETY PROGRAM – NETWORK WITH WAB

Staff stated that they are currently working with the Women's Advisory Board staff liaison to identify joint projects. Staff will have an update at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked staff for their work.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the months of September and October including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls. Ms. Grycan thanked the Sheriff and the City for their support of the Flag Lowering ceremony for Firefighter Shawn Bayer. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding space heater safety.

Commissioner Williams asked for details regarding emergency medical calls at Halloween.

Ms. Grycan stated that there were 79 total emergency medical responses and that 48 people were transported to 13 different hospitals.

Commissioner Norton asked for more information regarding the burn incident.

Lieutenant Smith stated that the incident is an active investigation, and he cannot comment.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke concerning the numbers of transportations in comparison to the number of people is relative. Ms. Grycan responded what was interesting about this year is most of the incidents took place after 10:00 pm.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for September and October including calls for service, arrests, and crime. Sergeant Klaus stated that crime is substantially down across the City. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 14 DUI related arrests and 3 DUI collisions in September and 15 DUI related arrests and 9 collisions in October.

Sgt. Klaus spoke regarding upcoming pedestrian safety operations.

Lieutenant Smith thanked the Fire Department for its work during Halloween and stated that there were 4 arrests for the night. Lieutenant Smith stated that the Bicycle Security Ambassadors are helping to reduce the crime rate and stated that he and Captain Honings will be on the City's cable channel speaking about quality of life issues.

Commissioner Clarkin asked Lt. Smith to speak about the Volunteers who work at the Sheriff's Station.

Lt. Smith spoke about the many good things that the Sheriff's Volunteers provide to the City.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke about the many good things that the Sheriff's Volunteers provide to the City.

Commissioner Williams spoke about the many good things that the Sheriff's Volunteers provide to the City.

Commissioner Sol asked if there will be any upcoming DUI check points.

Lieutenant Smith offered to check for Commissioner Sol.

Commissioner Burke excused himself at 7:56 PM.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12A. 2013 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the recent outreach conducted at the Sunset Strip Farmer's Market and the recent "walkabout" with Captain Honings.

12B. UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA/IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

Staff stated that Sheriff's Station is now using both twitter (@WHDLASD) and Facebook ("West Hollywood Sheriff's Station").

Commissioner Clarkin thanked staff for their hard work which was highlighted at the recent Congress.

Commissioner Sol excused herself at 8:05 PM.

Staff advised the Commission that it no longer had a quorum and could not take any legislative or voting action at this point.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13A. SOBER NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Commissioner Williams stated that without a quorum no action could be taken on item 13A.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, spoke in support of the New Year's Eve Sober Party and spoke regarding Halloween.

15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the other Boards and Commissions for their support of the Sober New Year's Eve party.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding problems with the City's website in accessing the minutes from the last meeting.

Commissioner Williams reminded everyone that paper copies are mailed out. Commissioner Williams thanked Fire and Sheriff personnel for their hard work and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Williams thanked her fellow Commissioners and the public for their attendance.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:11 pm in memory of the 34 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting, Firefighter Shawn Bayer, Troy Legg, and Security Officer Gerardo Hernandez. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday December 9, 2013 at 5:00 PM at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station at 780 North San Vicente Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90069.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison