

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 09, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Anne-Marie Williams
3. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Bazley, Clarkin, Hoffman, Norton, Sol, Williams

Commissioners Absent: Burke

Others present: Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor; David Escobedo, Public Safety Staff; Maria Grycan, Los Angeles County Fire Department; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Bazley requested the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Maya Angelou and the 6 students from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 18 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Officers Igor Soldo and Alyn Beck of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the June 9, 2014 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the June 9, 2014 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 Sol to approve the May 12, 2014 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Clarkin, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding improving relations and communications with the Sheriff's Station.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Senior Advisory Board. Commissioner Norton thanked the Social Services Division for the great job on Senior Health Month. Commissioner Norton thanked Block by Block for their great work.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the members of the public for their attendance.

Commissioner Sol discussed how important it is for the community to become involved when there are public safety outreach events and to attend the Walk About with the Captain.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the CSW postcard and the use of social media to assist in locating missing persons.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Fire and Sheriff personnel for a safe pride weekend. Commissioner Williams said that she received many requests from residents on the eastside and asked that the Public Safety Commission try to have more meetings in Plummer Park and suggested that July or August be moved to Plummer Park.

Commissioner Bazley thanked the Fire and Sheriff personnel for a safe pride weekend. Commissioner Bazley thanked the Fire Department for the 5 minute CPR class held at the Gateway Center and thanked the members of the public for their attendance.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff announced the upcoming event, "Empowering Relationships, Community Conversations: Empowering Healthy LGBTQ Relationships" to be held on June 28, 2014 at Plummer Park from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding social media.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Maria Grycan thanked the Commission for her public safety award. Fire stats will be brought from May to the next meeting. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding CSW and 5 Minute CPR classes.

Commissioner Williams requested additional detail about the EMS calls from CSW.

Ms. Grycan stated that information will be shared with the Public Safety Director.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding social media.

Maria Grycan stated that social media campaigns would need to include a “drink responsibly” campaign.

Commissioner Clarkin requested that Westmed/McCormick EMS calls be included in the fire report.

Ms. Grycan will work with staff on the requested information.

Commissioner Norton asked regarding the recent fire on Sweetzer.

Ms. Grycan stated the fire was a trash fire.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff’s Department statistics for May 2014, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 8 DUI arrests and 2 DUI related crashes in the month of May. In addition, there were 2 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents and 4 vehicle vs. bicycle accidents.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the importance of encouraging personal responsibility, an open house at the Sheriff’s station, the orientation for new Sheriff’s Deputies, and homeless individuals near Momo Spa.

Commissioner Hoffman asked for a clarification on “window smashes”.

Sergeant Klaus stated that the suspect literally smashes the car window to grab items in plain view.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding social media, club related crime, and licensing for promoters.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding working with the Code Compliance Division to check licenses.

Commissioner Sol thanked the Sheriff's Department for the services it provides. Commissioner Sol reminded the community that people are coming to West Hollywood for entertainment. Commissioner Sol also spoke about the homeless population expanding in the summer due to the warm weather.

Commissioner Bazley asked for an explanation of the crime suppression team.

Sergeant Klaus gave more detail regarding supplemental patrols and crime suppression activities.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the lack of bicycle vs. pedestrian accident reports.

Sergeant Klaus stated that if there are no serious injuries, most parties involved do not call the Station for a report.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding clubs on Beverly Boulevard.

Sergeant Klaus will look into Commissioner Norton's concerns.

12. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave a brief report on May's activities. He shared a new information sheet.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block for their presence in the neighborhoods. Commissioner Williams requested that Block by Block work with PATH.

David Aguilar said they work with PATH on a regular basis.

Commissioner Bazley requested that a month to month comparison of their statistics be shared.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked Block by Block for their wealth of information. Commissioner Clarkin requested that Sunset Blvd. security ambassadors be invited to a Public Safety Commission meeting.

13. UNFISHED BUSINESS

13A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Commissioner Williams will be serving as liaison for Human Services Commission.

Commissioner Bazley requested more information on his role in the work plan.

Commissioner Hoffman will become liaison to Planning Commission.

Staff stated that the work plan will be brought to the next meeting for additional discussion.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14A. PRESENTATION OF THE HOMELESS SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE (OF THE HSC) SUMMARY REPORT

Social Services Manager David Giugni presented the 2014 Report on Homeless Services. Also in attendance were Elizabeth Savage, Director of Human Services and Rent Stabilization, and Corri Planck and Leslie Isenberg from the Social Services Division. Anne Marie Williams, Co-chair of the Human Services Commission, was also present.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding PATH services, housing for the homeless, and involving elected officials.

Ms. Savage spoke regarding weekly legislative conference calls.

Commissioner Clarkin suggested community based involvement to help with procuring driver's licenses and legal paperwork that may be needed.

Ms. Savage commented that they do have some agencies on board helping with that.

Commissioner Hoffman asked how to help a homeless person you might encounter on the street.

Ms. Isenberg passed out the WEHO Cares services guide to help the community.

Commissioner Norton was happy to know that the Chamber of Commerce is involved in the report. Commissioner Norton spoke of a few incidents she has seen in the past with the homeless community.

Commissioner Sol thanked the Division for the presentation. Commissioner Sol would like to see veterans mentioned in the report.

Ms. Savage mentioned recent bills to help the veteran's community with housing.

Commissioner Williams expressed how wonderful it is that the City and community worked on this report.

**14B. COLLABORATION WITH HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
CONSIDERATION FOR JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE BETWEEN PSC AND
HSC**

Commissioner Williams stated that there is no need for a formal subcommittee.

Commissioners agreed with Commissioner Williams and requested that Human Services staff continue to share their six month reports.

Ms. Savage suggested that Hernan Molina visit the commission in the future to discuss legislative issues.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roxanne McBryde, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding people sleeping in carports, motorists running stop signs on Formosa Ave., dog waste and dogs off leash, and cross walk issues on Santa Monica Blvd. and Fuller Ave.

Commissioner Williams suggested that Ms. McBryde also take her issues to the Transportation Commission.

16. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bazley spoke regarding homeless issues and the feeding program held on La Brea Ave. Commissioner Bazley spoke in support of hosting a meeting at Plummer Park but would like a longer time frame to host the meeting.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding needing reserved parking for the meeting.

Commissioner Hoffman spoke regarding LAPD drones for policing and asked for additional information.

Sergeant Klaus stated that he has no information from LAPD on that issue.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke concerning the WEHO cares handout.

Commissioner Sol reminded everyone about the upcoming "Walk About with the Captain".

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:26 PM in the memory of Maya Angelou, Officers Igor Soldo and Alyn Beck, the 6 students from UCSB, and the 18 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.



Public Safety Commission Chair



Staff Liaison