

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY - COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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

Commissioners Present: Bazley, Berger, Burke, Hoffman, Norton, Sol, Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

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

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 15 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

Commissioner Bazley requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the Jon Cory Quinlan.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to table item 11B, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman, and approved.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to approve the June 8, 2015 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the June 8, 2015 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 Williams to approve the May 11, 2015 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Langhess, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding issues with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

Cesar Prietto, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Ramon Alustiza, resident of Reseda, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Joel Aronowitz, resident of Beverly Hills, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Ryan Lockhart, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Sylvia Elegado, resident of Inglewood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Carol McGlaze, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Ezequiel Campos, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Darrell Manahan, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Norma Guitierrez, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Earl Ruffin, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Precious Seals, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Cloe Hakakian, resident of Beverly Hills, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Andrea Santibanez, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Erin Schutt, resident of North Hollywood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Marco Reed, works in the City of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Curtis Larsen, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Christian Jimenez, resident of Bell, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding crosswalk safety and working with other Boards and Commissions on shared issues.

Lisa Greene, resident of Sherman Oaks, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Jimmy Johnson, resident of Marina Del Rey, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Winston Farrar, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Burke thanked the public speakers for their attendance and gave an overview of the agenda.

Commissioner Williams thanked the public speakers for their attendance and expressed concern for the recent assault on Kirk Doffing. Commissioner Williams gave an overview of the Commission's purview. Commissioner Williams spoke in support of increased foot patrols, bike patrols, and Block by Block Security Ambassadors.

Commissioner Bazley thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Berger thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Burke thanked the public speakers for their attendance and spoke in support of cameras and lights.

Commissioner Williams asked staff to place the following items on the next agenda, cameras, foot patrols, and an increase in Block by Block Security Ambassadors.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Staff stated that the camera issue will be placed on next month's agenda, that there is already an increase in Sheriff's Department foot patrols, and that the City Council will consider a proposed increase to the Block by Block contract at the next Council meeting during the budget process.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the months of April and May 2015 including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls.

Commissioner Berger thanked Ms. Grycan for her reports and asked for clarification and more information on traffic accidents involving bicycles and pedestrians.

Victor Omelczenko, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the death of Eric Von Young, a homeless man, in a fire at 9080 Santa Monica Boulevard and expressed concern for the homeless encampment and code enforcement.

Commissioner Williams requested that the monthly fire report continue to be provided with full detail.

Staff gave an overview of what data is provided and when it is available.

Ms. Grycan stated that she is happy to provide the reports with more detail, but that it may not always be ready for posting online ahead of time.

9B. REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for April and May 2015, including crimes, calls for service, and arrests.

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the fire at 9080 Santa Monica Boulevard and the incidents that lead to the arrest of the suspect.

Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 9 DUI arrests and 4 DUI traffic collisions in the month of May. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 2 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents and no vehicle vs. bicyclist accidents in the month of May.

Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 3 arrests for suspects for vehicle burglaries.

Sergeant Klaus gave an overview on the investigation into finding the suspects who assaulted Kirk Doffing.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding increased foot patrols west of La Cienega.

Joel Aronowitz, resident of Beverly Hills, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Luis Martinez, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Steve Gallardo, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing and an assault on a minor.

Noemi Torres, Women's Advisory Board, spoke regarding shared public safety issues.

Peter Murray, resident of Los Angeles, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Jimmy Johnson, resident of Marina Del Rey, spoke regarding the recent assault on Kirk Doffing.

Sergeant Klaus explained the process that detectives use to obtain video from the businesses.

9A. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS

Mr. Aguilar reviewed the Block by Block Security Ambassadors statistics for April and May 2015.

Commissioner Bazley asked for clarification regarding the additional funding proposed to the Block by Block contract.

Staff explained that two additional officers can be added if the funding is approved.

Commissioner Williams asked staff to consider adjusting times of deployment as possible.

Commissioner Sol requested that Mr. Aguilar give a brief overview on what Block by Block provides to the City.

Mr. Aguilar gave a brief overview of the various tasks and issues that the Security Ambassadors handle. Mr. Aguilar described his team's response to the recent assault of Kirk Doffing.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the public's request for cameras in the City and the history of how the City has viewed having cameras in public areas.

Commissioner Williams spoke in support of cameras in public areas.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10A. PRESENTATION FROM RYAN TUCHMAYER, CEDARS

This item will be rescheduled.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

11A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff reminded all that CSW is this coming weekend.

11B. CERT: SUB-COMMITTEE SELECTION

This item was tabled.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victor Omelczenko, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the City's budget.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding issues with the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation.

13. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Bazley asked if the recent assault on Kirk Doffing was a hate crime.

Sergeant Klaus said that the assault was not a hate crime.

Commissioner Bazley asked why there were so few witnesses.

Sergeant Klaus said that the detectives have been looking for more witnesses but that none have come forward.

Commissioner Bazley spoke regarding an “empathy gap” within the community. Commissioner Bazley spoke regarding the Public Safety Commission’s work with the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Bazley requested that the meetings be televised on WeHo TV. Commissioner Bazley requested clarification on the monthly statistics.

Staff gave a summary of the monthly statistics and when they will be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Williams thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance and spoke regarding Senior Month, the Senior Awards, and the Senior Health Fair. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the Commission’s work on the upcoming Public Safety Services Survey.

Staff provided clarification on the process for selecting a vendor to conduct the Public Safety Services Survey.

Commissioner Berger thanked the public speakers for their attendance and encouraged members of the public to contact him.

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their attendance and encouraged members of the public to contact City Council with their concerns.

Commissioner Burke thanked the public speakers for their attendance and encouraged them to stay involved.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:52 PM in the memory of the 15 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting and Jon Cory Quinlan. The next meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.

Marcy L. Norton
Public Safety Commission Chair
Vice Chair

Staff Liaison

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