

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

625 SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 7:00 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Jeffrey Prang
3. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Berger, Montemayor, Norton, Oliver, Sol, Waack, Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Captain Sergio Aloma, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Battalion Chief Alvin Brewer, Los Angeles County Fire Department; David Aguilar, Block by Block; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; Rob Winrader, Public Safety Administrative Analyst

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 14 law enforcement officers who have passed away since the May meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the July 10, 2017 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved with Commissioner Oliver abstaining.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the July 10, 2017 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 8, 2017 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved with Commissioner Oliver abstaining.

7. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER (ROBERT OLIVER)

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Robert Oliver.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Demille, resident of West Hollywood, spoke in support of the Block by Block Security Ambassadors.

Joy Freiberg, member of the Disabilities Advisory Board, spoke regarding the Telephone Check in System run by Jewish Family Services and an automated check in system that could be purchased by the Sheriff's Department.

Adam Bass, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding a customer service issue he experienced with the Sheriff's Department.

Marco Colantonio, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding homelessness issues and asked for guidelines for dealing with aggressive situations.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Berger thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Berger spoke regarding working with vulnerable populations, landlords, and rent stabilization's emergency preparedness trainings in September. Commissioner Berger spoke regarding a successful emergency training for a building on the west side. Commissioner Berger spoke regarding a transgender discrimination discussion at the recent Transgender Advisory Board which will be continued at its next meeting.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public and the speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Norton welcomed Commissioner Oliver. Commissioner Norton congratulated Kevin Burton on his appointment to the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Norton congratulated Adam Bass on his appointment to the

Planning Commission. Commissioner Norton thanked Advisory Board Member Freiberg for presenting information on how to assist seniors.

Commissioner Waack thanked staff and Fire and Sheriff Personnel for their work on Pride and the Resist March. Commissioner Waack spoke regarding the recent Walk About with the Sheriff's Captain. Commissioner Waack spoke regarding the City Council's Study Session on Marijuana. Commissioner Waack welcomed Commissioner Oliver. Commissioner Waack thanked outgoing Commissioner Coleman for his hard work over the past two years. Commissioner Waack spoke regarding the upcoming upgrades to crosswalks on Santa Monica Boulevard.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the recent Walk About with the Sheriff's Captain and asked if emergency responses during the Resist March could be discussed during the Sheriff's report.

Commissioner Oliver thanked all for the warm welcome and thanked his parents, partner, and friends for being in attendance. Commissioner Oliver thanked Assessor Jeffrey Prang, the City Council, and his fellow Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Williams congratulated Commissioners Bass and Burton on their appointments. Commissioner Williams thanked Assessor Prang and welcomed Commissioner Oliver. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the Jewish Family Services' Telephone Check in System. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding homeless issues' guidelines. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding tree trimming complaints and said Southern California Edison has been cutting trees and that code compliance will be following up.

Commissioner Montemayor thanked his fellow Commissioners and staff for a productive year and asked Sheriff and Fire to give a brief update on Pride and the 4th of July during their regular reports. Commissioner Montemayor congratulated Kevin Burton on his appointment to the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Montemayor asked staff to follow up with recommendations from the City Council regarding the Study Session on marijuana.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10A. SMART CITIES INITIATIVE/CAMERAS IN PUBLIC SPACES

Kate Mayerson, Innovations Analyst, and Francisco Contreras, Innovations and Strategic Initiatives Manager, gave the Commissioners an overview of the City's Smart Cities Initiative and the incorporation of cameras in public spaces into the plan for the new "smart" poles throughout the City.

Commissioner Williams asked who would be responsible for the maintenance of the new light poles.

Ms. Mayerson said the city is purchasing all of the light poles from Southern California Edison.

Commissioner Montemayor asked Public Safety staff to give a brief update on the incorporation of the camera project into the Smart Cities initiative.

Staff gave a brief update on the incorporation of the public safety project into the innovations project.

Commissioner Waack expressed a desire to move the cameras along as fast as possible.

Mr. Contreras stated that the strategic plan will be completed by December and that the camera project will be the first to be completed.

Commissioner Waack asked if the fiber project along Santa Monica Boulevard is complete.

Staff stated that the fiber along Santa Monica Boulevard is complete.

Commissioner Sol thanked staff for taking the time to include all aspects and for broadening the project.

Commissioner Oliver asked for clarification on the resolution and range of view on the cameras.

Mr. Contreras said that the higher the resolution, the higher the cost of the data storage, but that those items will be explored at a later point with the consultant.

Commissioner Berger spoke regarding pollution and noise sensors, the allocation of resources, and connectivity. Commissioner Berger spoke regarding projects in China and England that also connect with drones that prevent blind spots.

Commissioner Norton asked for more information on the Smart Cities' original plan and expressed concerns about privacy issues related to the public safety cameras and how that would work if they were included in this new program.

Ms. Mayerson spoke regarding using creative technology to solve cities' problems.

Commissioner Montemayor spoke regarding privacy concerns and asked staff to bring the item back to the Public Safety Commission for comment before it is brought back to the City Council for consideration. Commissioner Montemayor emphasized the importance of not losing sight of the primary responsibility of public safety and preventing injury and solving crime wherever possible. In addition, he emphasized how long the project has taken to date and said that the Commission will be asking for regular updates to ensure that it moves along as quickly as possible.

10B. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Battalion Chief Brewer reviewed the Fire Department's statistics for May and June 2017, including fires, emergency medical calls, notable calls for service, and community involvement. Chief Brewer spoke regarding a very successful Pride event and highlighted the productive use of the medical tents to treat patients on site.

10C. REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Captain Aloma spoke regarding a successful Pride event and said that there was not a significant increase in calls for service throughout the weekend and that the Resist March was a peaceful event. Captain Aloma spoke regarding the 4th of July weekend and tracking illegal fireworks which included no arrests.

Captain Aloma spoke regarding the Lamborghini accident on Romaine where a responding Deputy driving an ALPR patrol vehicle got a "hit" on a stolen vehicle unrelated to the crash and arrested the driver in question. Captain Aloma spoke regarding the customer service issue involving Commissioner Bass and encouraged him to follow up with the station.

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department's statistics for May 2017, including crimes, 1,953 calls for service, 42 felony arrests, and 132 misdemeanor arrests. Petty thefts and vehicle burglaries continue to be an issue, in particular on the west side. Sergeant Klaus reviewed the pickpocket incidents.

Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 7 DUI arrests and 4 DUI traffic collisions in the month of May. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 3 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents and 1 vehicle vs. bicyclist accident in the month of May. Sergeant Klaus gave an overview of the many hours donated by the Station volunteers.

Commissioner Sol spoke in support of DUI checkpoints between Memorial Day and the 4th of July. Commissioner Sol spoke in support of adding Trunks and Gold Coast to the pickpocket list.

Commissioner Williams asked if there have been any recent reports of mail thefts.

Captain Aloma said that he would follow up, but that he is not aware of any recent, serious trends of mail thefts.

Commissioner Waack asked for updates on ALPR arrests.

Captain Aloma gave a brief update on the successful use of the ALPR cameras.

Commissioner Sol asked if a DUI checkpoint could be scheduled for Labor Day.

Commissioner Berger said that the building that had previous issues with mail thefts has not experienced any recent thefts.

Sergeant Klaus recommended not giving homeless persons food or money but to give them information on where to get services via the Sheriff's Department or City Hall or to call the Station directly to respond. Sergeant Klaus stated that 25,000 people marched in the Resist March.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding a domestic violence incident that occurred after the Public Safety Awards and asked for more information.

Commissioner Berger spoke regarding his recent ride-along with the Sheriff's Department.

Sergeant Klaus also reviewed the June statistics and said that complete charts will be emailed to the Commissioners when the statistician returns from vacation later this week. Staff will also post the charts on the website when they are available.

Commissioner Montemayor asked for more information about an incident on June 10th at Bar 10.

Captain Aloma gave additional information about two separate incidents at Bar 10 involving unruly patrons who were arrested.

10D. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS – MONTHLY REPORT

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave an update on monthly activities in May 2017, including pedestrian assistance, crosswalk assistance, homeless issues, and disturbances. Mr. Aguilar gave an update on a Security Ambassador who was the victim of a hit and run accident in the City of Los Angeles who is recovering and congratulated Kevin Burton on his appointment to the Transportation Commission.

Commissioner Montemayor asked for clarification on safety escorts and asked for additional information on crowd control on Sunset Boulevard.

Mr. Aguilar provided additional information on crowd control responses.

Commissioner Williams wished the injured Security Ambassador a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Berger spoke regarding great customer service from the Security Ambassadors.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11A. EXTENDED HOURS – PROPOSED STATE LAW CHANGES

Tabled.

11B. RIDE SHARING – SAFETY CONCERNS

Tabled.

11C. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Waack to elect Commissioner Williams as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Oliver to elect Commissioner Waack as Vice-Chair, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

12. ITEMS FROM STAFF

12A. NEWS FROM STAFF – MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff reminded all that National Night Out will be held on August 1st.

Staff and Commissioners briefly discussed sub-committees which will be continued to the next meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding work with WeHo Pedals.

14. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

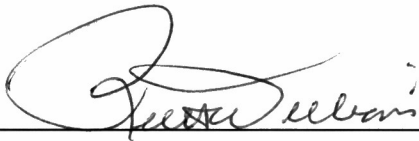
Commissioner Waack thanked Commissioner Montemayor for his work as Chair this past year.

Commissioner Norton thanked Commissioner Montemayor for his work on the camera project.


Commissioner Williams thanked Commissioner Montemayor for his work as Chair this past year.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 9:21 PM in the memory of the 14 law enforcement officers who have passed away since the May meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Meeting Room.



Public Safety Commission Chair



Staff Liaison

A copy of the audio recording of this meeting can be obtained from the City Clerk's office upon request.

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