

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

5:30 P.M.

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION – BRIEFING ROOM
780 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Sergeant Jon Klaus
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Captain Sergio Aloma, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Ed Ramirez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's 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 9 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the November meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to approve the December 11, 2017 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Waack, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the December 11, 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 Sol to approve the November 13, 2017 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved with Commissioner Waack abstaining.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Waack spoke regarding his attendance at the recent subcommittee meeting with the Transportation Commission which focused on traffic and safety issues along Fountain Avenue.

Commissioner Berger spoke regarding his participation at the Home Walk 2017, Coffee with the Cops, a recent Sheriff's Department ride-along, and discussions with the Sheriff's team that addresses homelessness.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding traffic accidents on Fountain Avenue.

Staff said that a presentation on traffic and safety issues along Fountain Avenue will be brought to the full Commission in January.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

The report is tabled until January 2018.

9B. REPORT FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Commissioner Williams thanked Sheriff's personnel for their assistance with a missing person's case involving a friend's family.

Sergeant Jon Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department's statistics for November 2017.

Commissioner Norton commented that there are increases in observations and calls but lower felony arrests and asked for more information.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding Proposition 47 and how some felonies are now classified as misdemeanors.

Captain Aloma said that when crime goes down, arrests can also go down. In addition, Captain Aloma reminded all that calls for service are higher.

Commissioners and law enforcement discussed “5150” calls, the definition of “gravely disabled”, the impediments to getting long term mental health care for individuals, and judges training for such cases.

Commissioner Berger asked if there are any identified patterns for vehicle burglaries and Lieutenant Ramirez said that vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity and that there is no identifiable pattern.

9C. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS – MONTHLY REPORT

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave a very brief update on monthly activities in November 2017.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

11. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 5:50 PM in the memory of the 9 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the November meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison

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