



**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, January 26, 2026
6:00 P.M.**

**West Hollywood Park Public Meeting Room - Council Chambers
625 N. San Vicente Boulevard
West Hollywood, CA 90069**

THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD HAS ADOPTED BRIEF SUMMARY AND ACTION MEETING MINUTES, WHICH PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN AND POINTS OF DISCUSSION ONLY. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING ANY ITEM SUMMARIZED IN THESE MINUTES MAY BE OBTAINED BY VIEWING THE ARCHIVED VIDEOS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETINGS AT www.weho.org/wehotv.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Harrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Commissioner Eng
Commissioner Hallman
Commissioner Pilarski
Commissioner Post
Vice Chair Blau
Chair Harrison

Commissioners Absent:

None

Others Present:

Danny Rivas, City Community Safety Director; Anita Shandi, City Public Safety Manager; Battalion Chief Munoz, Los Angeles County Fire Department; General Manager Valerie Chavez, Allied Universal Security; Lieutenant Ashley Turner, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

4) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Approve the agenda of January 26, 2026.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blau, seconded by Commissioner Hallman, and approved by the Commission.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Approve the minutes of December 8, 2025.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Blau, seconded by Commissioner Eng, and approved by the Commission.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ktee Thomas, a West Hollywood resident and member of the City's Women's Advisory Board, provided updates on recent events and initiatives in her role as liaison to the Public Safety Commission.

David Nash, a West Hollywood resident, expressed concerns regarding public safety along Santa Monica Boulevard, including the need for improved lighting near his neighborhood and the presence of cables obstructing the public walkway.

Wendy Goldman, a West Hollywood resident and Neighborhood Block Captain, spoke regarding traffic concerns near Doheny Drive and Cynthia Street, as well as the need for street improvements along the Sunset Strip. She also encouraged increased outreach and support for the immigrant community.

Edd Holman, a West Hollywood resident and Neighborhood Block Captain, raised concerns regarding streetlight outages in certain areas.

Larry Block, a West Hollywood resident, spoke about challenges affecting his business, its subsequent closure, and the request for increased Security Ambassador presence in certain areas.

Helen Krieger, a West Hollywood resident and member of the City's Transportation and Mobility Commission, provided updates related to the Vision Zero Dashboard, Fountain Avenue Traffic project, and the Wiloughby Greenway project.

7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

8) NEW BUSINESS

8A. LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Battalion Chief Muñoz thanked the Commissioners and the community for their support as the new Battalion Chief for the West Hollywood area. He presented the December Fire Department report, which included total responses related to fires, medical incidents, hazardous materials and conditions, service responses, and good intent calls, along with comparisons to figures from the prior year.

Members of the Commission asked questions about the data reported, rubbish fires, and vegetation, such as bamboo, as they relate to issues involving electrical lines.

Battalion Chief Muñoz and Manager Shandi responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

8B. SECURITY AMBASSADOR PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT

Manager Chavez presented the December 2025 Security Ambassador monthly report, which provided updates on the number of hospitality assistance interactions, business contacts, unhoused contacts, calls for service, safety escorts, improper scooter placements, Sheriff's assistance requests, and EMS and Fire responses across the City. She also provided updates on staffing levels and training activities.

Members of the Commission congratulated the Security Ambassadors on the completion of their training and asked questions about eastside and westside comparable statistics, call volume, vacant properties, foot patrol coverage, and residential vehicle patrols.

Edd Holman, a West Hollywood resident and Neighborhood Block Captain, inquired about improper scooter placement on the public walkways.

Manager Chavez and Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

8C. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION MONTHLY REPORT

Lieutenant Turner presented the Sheriff's report for December 2025, which included an overview of calls for service, emergency responses, total arrests, and a Citywide percentage breakdown of Part I and Part II crimes. She also provided updates on recent pickpocketing incidents, Mental Evaluation Team (MET) activity, and submissions to the Sheriff's Online Reporting Tracking System (SORTS). Additional updates included volunteer hours at the station, traffic statistics, DUI operations, recent notable arrests, continued Deputy presence outside bars and clubs, and the deployment of a mobile security camera trailer.

Members of the Commission inquired about arrest statistics, traffic heat maps, hit-and-run data, and updates on the Flock Safety camera program. They also expressed appreciation for the Department's efforts over the holidays and received updates on traffic enforcement and DUI focus areas. Additional discussion included domestic aggravated assault statistics, grant-supported motorcycle operations, and immigration enforcement activities.

Edd Holman, a West Hollywood resident, inquired about the Flock Safety camera program and whether the Federal government has access to the system.

Lieutenant Turner and Director Rivas responded to all the Commission's questions and comments.

9) ITEMS FROM STAFF

Manager Shandi provided Public Safety Division updates, which included the Semi-Annual Community Safety presentation scheduled for the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting, information on a street vendor education outreach effort that occurred recently, and a community coyote education meeting scheduled for January 29, 2026.

10) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Edd Holman, a West Hollywood resident, spoke about the longstanding presence of hot dog vendors on Santa Monica Boulevard and expressed concerns regarding their impact on local businesses.

11) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pilarski expressed appreciation to the City Council and the City for their commitment to the Constitution, thanked a Human Services Commissioner for her public comment made the previous week, and acknowledged City staff for the implementation of new bicycle lanes.

Commissioner Eng responded to a public comment about streetlight outages, spoke about the upcoming community coyote education meeting, and addressed the recent protests in Minnesota regarding immigration enforcement activities.

Commissioner Post shared his experience attending a recent Los Angeles County Fire Department CERT training. He also provided a brief update from the Homelessness Subcommittee in his role as liaison to the Human Services Commission. Additionally, he spoke about recent immigration enforcement protests and expressed support for available City resources.

Chair Harrison spoke about the importance of the Commission receiving additional information regarding resources available to the community related to immigration enforcement activities.

Vice Chair Blau also expressed the need to focus on resources available to the community in relation to immigration enforcement activities.

Commissioner Hallman agreed that an agenda item on the matter should be presented to the Commission.

ACTION: Agendize an item for a future Commission meeting to discuss available resources and services related to immigration enforcement activities.

A motion was made by Chair Harrison, seconded by Vice Chair Blau, and approved by the Commission.

Director Rivas advised that a follow-up conversation would be held with the City Clerk's Division to seek direction regarding the requested agenda item. He also referenced a recent City published press release that outlined the City's official statement condemning Federal immigration operations.

12) ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:24 P.M. to the next Adjourned Regular Meeting on February 23, 2026.

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Bill Harrison

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Public Safety Commission Chair

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Jessica Anukam

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Public Safety Commission Secretary

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