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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 11, 2017 - 6:30 PM**  
**Denny's Restaurant (Private Room), 13201 Gladstone Avenue, Sylmar, CA 91342**

**Committee Chair – Diane Valencia**  
**Vice Chair – Tom Weissbarth**

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1. **Call to Order**

Diane Valencia called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

2. **Housekeeping: Sign-In Sheets, Speaker Cards for Agenda Items, Recording and Timekeeper**

Diane Valencia briefly explained these items.

3. **Roll Call of Committee**

Diane Valencia took roll call.

Committee members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Bonnie Bernard, Kurt Cabrera-Miller

Committee members absent: Robyn Farrow, Kathy Grubert, Sandra Sandoval

4. **Public Comment on non-agendized matters, within the Committee's subject matter jurisdiction.**

Penny McMillan spoke about general public safety concerns for people adjacent to LAMC 85.02 green zones.

Cheri Blose spoke about the traffic signal light at Olive View and Roxford regarding equestrian safety. A traffic study was done some time ago, the City put in an apron, then all work stopped. A meeting had taken place with CD7. Bonnie suggested that Equestrian Committee could draft a letter or could work jointly with the Public Safety Committee to present to the Board.

5. **Public Official Comments / Presentations, including Q&A**

None present.

6. **Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

Minutes not presented for approval; tabled to the next meeting.

7. **Discussion and possible action to approve the draft Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting.**

Minutes not presented for approval; tabled to the next meeting.

8. **Appointment and/or removal by Committee Chair of Committee Member(s)**

Diane mentioned that Sandra Sandoval has not responded to emails and has not attended meetings since she first expressed an interest. As such, Diane announced that she had made the decision to remove Sandra from the Committee. She then asked if anyone else present was interested in joining the Committee. Art Rocco, an Oakridge resident, expressed interest and Diane appointed and welcomed him to the Committee.

9. **LAPD Mission Division Report / Updates, Tom Weissbarth / LAPD**

Tom reported that we have not been able to obtain current stats from Mission Division but that we will continue to follow up. The PRA request for data from the LAPD also remains outstanding.

10. **Discussion and update** regarding SNC Board action taken on Public Safety related items during November, 2017 Board meeting.

Diane reported that the PRA request/letter to LAPD was approved by the Board, as were Community Impact Statements regarding 1) office space for LAFD OVB and 2) improving public safety around the Pacoima Wash.

11. **Discussion and possible action** regarding any follow-up / action items related to the Oakridge Mobile Home Park meeting on December 2, 2017 regarding the work/scope of the SNC's Public Safety Committee.

Diane is working with Linda Willeford and Oakridge Management to see if it might be possible for Oakridge to host a future Committee meeting. No specific action items identified beyond topics that the Committee is already focusing on.

12. **Discussion and possible action** related to Los Angeles City Council files for possible action by the Public Safety Committee.

Diane presented a report compiled of relevant City Council files and encouraged everyone to research issues / topics of interest to see if there are Files which pertain to those items. No action.

13. **Discussion and possible action related to public safety aspects of the Creek Fire**

Many present spoke about the considerable challenges during the fire, namely confusion around communications and evacuation procedures. Linda Willeford and Art Rocco both spoke about a hard closure at Oakridge which was confusing. Diane said evacuation orders were very confusing and the use of geography like Limekiln Canyon is a place that is not well known by most people. Greg Hoerner talking about a working group for evacuations. There was a general discussion about co-hosting a Town Hall for feedback on the Creek Fire (a debrief) with the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Possible venues mentioned were Mission College, St. Didacus, Olive View.

14. **Discussion and possible action** relative to obtaining an update on the progress of expansion of LAFD resources in Sylmar, including a discussion of past advocacy by the Sylmar Neighborhood Council.

Diane spoke about compiling information for Councilwoman Rodriguez so that she is aware of the SNC's past advocacy for additional LAFD resources and suggested that we prepare a letter. Tom suggested that it may also be appropriate to suggest a moratorium on zone changes, etc. which involve or result in an increase in density until we can get additional resources which will properly service the public safety needs of our community. Item tabled to the next meeting. Diane will compile some information for the Committee to review.

15. **Committee Member Comments on subject matters within the Committee's jurisdiction**

None

16. **Future Agenda Items:** E-mail the Committee Chair, Diane Valencia, at [Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org](mailto:Diane.Valencia@SylmarNC.org)

17. **Closing Remarks, Announcements, Acknowledgements, and Adjournment**

Diane Valencia called for adjournment of the meeting at 9:21 PM with no objections.