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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 13, 2018 - 6:30 PM**

**Oakridge Mobile Home Park - Clubhouse**

**15455 Glenoaks Blvd., 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 6:42 PM.

**2. Housekeeping: Sign-In Sheets, taking of Minutes, etc.**

Diane covered general housekeeping items, noted that Kathy Grubert will be assisting with taking the Minutes and thanks Oakridge for their continued hospitality in hosting the Committee meetings.

**3. Roll Call of Committee**

Members present: Diane Valencia, Tom Weissbarth, Bonnie Bernard.

Member absent: Kathy Grubert

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

Penny McMillan provided an update on the RV’s parked along San Fernando Road, Bradley, Silver Oaks, Foothill, etc. She also mentioned that Diane had found Motion introduced by Councilwoman Rodriguez that is proposing No Parking along a stretch of San Fernando Road and others. There are nearly 50 of these actions that have been filed by CD6 and CD12 but CD7 had only one (at Arroyo) until this. There is apparently quite a backlog with the DOT so the ETA of the signage is unknown.

Dominique expressed concern about homeless shelters

**5. Public Official Comments / Presentations, including Q&A, including but not limited to:**

Ann Marie Rodriguez, CD7

LAPD SLO Joe Carter and SLO Keith Crawford

SLO Carter reported on a Meta Housing project and noted some of the problems, specifically with parking. He is working with management. He also mentioned that there has been some recent explosions of propane tanks associated with street vendors, most recently at Sepulveda and Devonshire. He also spoke about problems with vendors on Glenoaks near Food 4 Less. The RV’s and motorhomes are challenging. For non-compliant vehicles, he tries to impound one per day. Tom asked about changing violations for vendors. On December 23 there will be a toy give-away. On January 12 there will be a community hike at Veteran’s Park.

Ray Wepprecht suggested that cameras be installed in known problem areas for illegal dumping.

6. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the October 18, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Tabled to the next meeting.

7. **Discussion and possible action** to approve the draft Minutes of the November 8, 2018 Special Public Safety Committee meeting.

Tabled to the next meeting.

8. **LAPD Mission Division Report / Updates – LAPD / Tom Weissbarth**

Tom mentioned an upcoming CPAB dinner.

9. **Discussion and possible action** regarding ongoing reports of public safety concerns / illegal activity in the area of Silver Oaks Drive (cul-de-sac) - UPDATE.

There are still regular reports of issues at this location. Stakeholders are encourage to report to CD7 and LAPD. The Committee can seek further guidance from Alvan Arzu to see about nuisance abatement, closing off the street, etc.

10. **Presentation** of draft contact list prepared by Marti Marshall for community members, along with discussion of how best to distribute / post / send the completed list.

The Committee reviewed and thanked Marti for her work. There are some additional resources which may be good. The SNC website is still not functioning properly. Diane will follow-up again so that we can post the resources.

11. **Discussion and possible action** regarding open / action items of the Public Safety Committee, including a review of the Committee's work to date. Goal setting / ideas for 2019 – community engagement, education, outreach, etc.

Committee agreed that the Committee letters regarding the VHFHSZ should be resent to CD7 since no response has been received to date.

12. **Discussion and possible action** regarding obtaining specialized No Trespassing signs for placement within Sylmar's open space designated as being within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ) to discourage trespassing and to allow enforcement. These signs have existed for years and have been effective in other parts of Los Angeles such as Pacific Palisades. Recent news story:

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Homeless-Encampment-Fires-Brush-Wildfires-Danger-ITeam-500546861.html>

Battalion Chief (Battalion 12) Timothy Ramirez in attendance to introduce himself. He is new to the area after having recently been promoted. Chief Ward and Chief Ferrari are the other Battalion Chiefs for the area. He will get back to us regarding these signs within the VHFHSZ. LAFD has representation on the Homeless Task Force. The Task Force maps GPS coordinates for encampments. Visual inspections are done by vehicle, from the vehicle only. On Red Flag days, they pre-deploy 5-10 extra engines and strategically place them in high hazard areas. He also spoke about the Fuel Management Program, LAFD Drone Program an explained how resources are shared with the entire state when there are large fires.

Linda Willeford submitted to the Committee, letters to Captain Torres (Rec & Parks) regarding posting signs with the VHFHSZ, specifically around Oakridge.

13. **Discussion and possible action** regarding local LAFD resources in Sylmar. (Follow-up from prior 2018 Committee meetings). Discussion regarding Public Records Act request regarding past payments and contracts between the City of Los Angeles and the City of San Fernando, special taxes levied (Mello-Roos) related to City of Los Angeles Community Facilities District No. 8 (Legends At Cascades), and disposition of land acquired for LAFD Station 31.

Table to the next meeting.

**14. Committee Member Comments on subject matters within the Committee’s jurisdiction**

Diane stated that the next Committee meeting would be on January 10, 2019.

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

During this meeting suggestions were: bring in DOT, discuss street vending, discuss illegal dumping.

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

Diane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM, with no objection.

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