

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (7/28/22 MEETING)

On July 28, 2022 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Scott Mandell (Board Member & Vice President, Chair)*, *Jeff Hartwick (Board Member & Corresponding Secretary)*, *Patty Kirby (Stakeholder)*, *Jerry Lewis (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. May minutes approved without objection.
3. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, introducing himself to the committee and welcoming new member Alexa Steinberg. The chair updated the committee on motions passed by the SCNC Board and delivered to elected/uploaded to the CF, specifically the (1) jaywalking motion and (2) fireworks suppression motion.
4. Public comments on non-agenda items. Stakeholder Jonathan Gregory praised Senior Lead Officer Shawn Smith for his good work. He also spoke about problems with transients and trash in the community. Tess Taylor spoke how our police officers need our support. Brandon Morino spoke about a conversation with Chief Moore about recruiting more officers and possibly using NCs to help in the effort.
5. Shawn Smith LAPD SLO was able to attend. Studio City is doing better with crime, except burglaries and sexual assaults (mostly date rapes). Car thefts are up, usually because of leaving fobs in cars. LAPD is down officers; 30 officers per academy class, should be 60. Tess Taylor asked Officer Smith about catalytic converter etching events. Brandon Morino asked about fancy car burglary rings. Officer Smith said glass break monitors are recommended for security systems. The chair asked about the theft of gardeners' tools. Officer Smith discussed ongoing problems with abandoned houses.
6. Patty Kirby presented an update from NH LAPD Community Advisory Board (CPAB) and the August 2, 2022 National Night Out. She mentioned how morale is down, and how we are short 200 officers due to retirements and attrition. Brandon Morino spoke about Outreach's efforts for National Night Out.
7. Discussion of possible request for action for our councilmembers to bring forth a resolution opposing the policies and special directives of Los Angeles District Attorney George Gascon. After reading the motion, and receiving a second from Patty Kirby, the chair requested public comment. Stakeholder Jonathan recommended a minor change to the motion. The chair accepted the change, and the committee voted unanimously in favor after public and committee comment. The motion was unanimously passed.

8. Discussion and possible motion/Community Impact Statement on Council File 22-0779 concerning cyber-attacks/cybersecurity and the City of Los Angeles's critical infrastructure. After reading the motion, the chair made brief comments. Brandon Morino made a comment about the ITA. Alexa Steinberg joined the meeting at 7:43 pm. Scott Mandell gave support to the motion. Jerry Lewis seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

9. Alexa Steinberg introduced herself to the committee.

10. Sheri Herman joined the meeting and gave her CPAB report. She mentioned staffing shortages in the LAPD, particularly among those who train new graduates of the academy. Current staffing is way short.

11. Closing comments were made by the chair, who also mentioned drafting a letter of support for the LAPD for a future meeting topic.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.