

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (8/25/22 MEETING)

On August 25, 2022 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 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. August minutes approved without objection.
3. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, mentioned the gathering at the National Night Out, and the upcoming NTP Pop up Drill. The chair requested Patty Kirby give a report on the NTP drill, which she did. The chair stated the prior committee-passed motions were not addressed at the last board meeting but would be scheduled for an upcoming special board meeting.
4. Public comments on non-agenda items. Stakeholder Goat Puppet spoke about minutes and the Brown Act.
5. SLO Shawn Smith was unavailable tonight.
6. The chair introduced Neighborhood Prosecutor Andy Soliman, who gave a presentation about his duties and jurisdiction. He briefly mentioned issues at the Park Motel. Public comment was opened and Goat Puppet made comments. Sheri Herman asked a question about squatter homes. Mr. Soliman discussed best practices regarding empty homes. Sheri asked about non-enforcement of no-camping and littering ordinances and when they would be enforced. Mr. Soliman said it's up to officer discretion, and that city council sets policy. The chair asked about process for citations involving quality-of-life crimes like drug possession. Mr. Soliman described the process. The chair asked what percentage of citations are kicked back by the prosecutor's office, and Mr. Soliman said he didn't have that information. He didn't know about stats involving rejection rates from the city attorney's office. Scott Mandell asked about referrals to his office. Mr. Soliman said the public is free to contact him about matters at his e-mail address. The chair asked about party houses, and Mr. Soliman discussed the process in dealing with them. Unfortunately, they get ranked lower in priority for LAPD. Often times by the time they respond the party is over or noise has been reduced. He also suggested to contact the authorities if neighbors seek party preparation. Goat Puppet gave commentary and suggested rejection rate statistics are available.
7. Sheri Herman gave an update from NH LAPD Community Advisory Board (CPAB) and the August 2, 2022 National Night Out. She brought up motor home storage problems; LADOT is responsible for towing. We are down 800 officers over last two

years, limiting LAPD activities. Only 93 officers deployed at NH; they are working lots of overtime, number 3 workload in city. A new Target will go into the old Sears building. Traffic accident fatalities are down. There exists a street racing task force. Goat Puppet made a public comment. Scott Mandell inquired about the recent Greenway murder. The chair referred to a Board-passed motion regarding cleaning up the Greenway that was transmitted to Nithya Raman's office, but that problems remain.

8. Discussion and possible motion/Community Impact Statement on Council File 22-0002-S101 regarding used catalytic converter sales. The chair read the motion and Scott Mandell seconded it. Goat Puppet provided public comment and mentioned a friend had her catalytic converter stolen twice. The motion was passed unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible motion/Community Impact Statement on Council File 22-0797 regarding better coordination with the county and CalTrans regarding illegal dumping. The chair read the motion and commented about real-life jurisdictional problems on Moorpark and the freeway and the Park-and-Ride. Goat Puppet provided public comment and praised the motion. Patty Kirby seconded the motion. Scott Mandell echoed the chair's comments. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible motion/Community Impact Statement on Council File 22-0930 regarding a new excess storage lot for impounded vehicles. The chair read the motion. Goat Puppet provided public comment and supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and possible motion/letter of support for the Los Angeles Police Department. The chair read the letter and Patty Kirby seconded it. Goat Puppet provided public comment, mentioned budget matters in the letter. Sheri Herman supported the letter and asked that the SCNC read the letter at a police commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

12. The chair discussed potential topics for future meetings but first allowed Sheri to speak as to a breaking alert about Kia cars being stolen because of a Tik-Tok challenge. Goat Puppet provided public comment and asked how many cases were rejected compared to the DA's office.

13. Closing comments were made by the chair.

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.