

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (10/27/22 MEETING)

On October 27, 2022 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Scott Mandell (Board Member & Vice President, Chair), Jeff Hartwick (Board Member & Corresponding Secretary), Alexa Steinberg (Board Member), Patty Kirby (Stakeholder), Jerry Lewis (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. September minutes were approved without objection.
3. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, mentioned that the defibrillator motion was passed by the Board. He mentioned a safety preparedness fair at Exposition Park 10am-4pm on November 13.
4. Public comments on non-agenda items. No public comment occurred.
5. SLO Shawn Smith gave an update on crime. Our crime numbers are better, down 13% in Studio City YTD last year. The Lamplighter premises was burned down by a serial arsonist, who was arrested. A lot of arsonists are repeat offenders. There are higher retail thefts on the boulevard. Arrests at Marshalls. A minor was allegedly assaulted by a transient near Ventura/Colfax. Traffic issues continue at Walter Reed MS. Peter Cole mentioned the dangerous traffic conditions near Erewhon on Coldwater. The transportation officer for the area had met with business owners about the problem. One problem is that we are down motorcycle officers. Officer Smith spoke highly about Scott Mandell's support in the apprehension of a criminal who had assaulted a SC resident. We are down 800 officers and there is a retention problem. Sarah St. should be a no-parking overnight area. Officer Smith gave kudos to Tiffany Zeytounian regarding the encampment near Walter Reed.
6. Neighborhood Prosecutor Andy Soliman asked if anyone had some issues about the Park Motel. He said the activity had quieted down. Park Motel stats involve mostly drug offenses. He wasn't sure if general crime stats are available to the public, but possibly by PRA. The party-house situation has quieted down. He said let your SLO know if a party house event is going to occur in the future to preempt it.
7. CPAB member Sheri Herman said the NoHo car show was successful, and there is a Winter Festival on Dec. 17 with a toy give-away. We have a new captain for patrol. Retirements are a major issue because of poor morale from city leaders/electeds. Important for the community to thank our officers. There is a need to reinvigorate Neighborhood Watches. North Hollywood graduated a new officer in July, and a new candidate is in process. CPAB is open to new members. Officers continue to go from

call to call; officers are over-worked and under-staffed. Sheri said be careful about how we all vote. Susan Collins made a public comment about broken-down cars on Ventura near Lankershim, crime and some suspects who were recently arrested.

8. The chair brought up having a grocer/market townhall. Sheri said it was a good idea and CPAB could get involved. Sheri suggested developing a business watch in the Studio City area including stores like CVS, 7-Elevens, etc.

9. The chair mentioned next meeting will likely be in January. No public or committee comment about future topics.

10. Patty Kirby seconded the chair's motion to adjourn.

11. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.