

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:32 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Renia Martinez
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Kemper, Komskaya, Norton, Sol, Williams

Commissioners Absent: Clarkin, Borelli

Others present: Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Captain Kelley Fraser, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Bonnie Smith, Community Relations Programs Coordinator

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 17 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the May 14, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Kemper, and approved.

POSTING OF AGENDA

The agenda for the May 14, 2012 Public Safety Commission meeting was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Kemper to approve the April 9, 2012 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Eichman, Transportation Commissioner, spoke regarding pedestrian safety and shared a copy of "Pedestrians Count! 2012" with the Commission.

Laura Boccaletti, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Commissioners for all they do to keep the City safe. She also spoke regarding safety in Plummer Park and would like to see increased foot patrols in Plummer Park.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding safety at Plummer Park and thanked the Sheriff's Department for increased foot patrols at Plummer Park. Ms. Harker spoke regarding speeding and the proposed plans for Plummer Park.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Commission for keeping the city safe. Ms. Blaivas spoke regarding the recycling center that is no longer open and an uneven sidewalk by the City Council Chambers.

Reina Martinez, Women's Advisory Board Member, introduced herself as the liaison from the Women's Advisory Board.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the Mayor's Installation and increased funding for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the uneven step outside of the City Council Chambers. Commissioner Kemper thanked David Eichman for bringing a copy of "Pedestrians Count! 2012" and spoke regarding the crosswalk at 24 Hour Fitness.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding speed bumps by Plummer Park and suggested that comments be directed to the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the crosswalk at 24 Hour Fitness and the recycling center that is closed. She requested that staff research the law that enables the possibility of another recycling center on the east side. Commissioner Williams welcomed back Commissioner Komskaya.

Commissioner Komskaya spoke regarding "Stop means Stop" and asked staff to check on the status of utilizing bus shelters. Commissioner Komskaya congratulated Captain Fraser on her Masters Degree.

Commissioner Sol thanked staff, Sheriff's Deputies, and Firefighters for their work on upcoming special events. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding her attendance at senior safety meetings and the Life Group LA fundraiser.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff spoke regarding the upcoming Russian Cultural Festival to be held on Sunday, May 20th.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Maria Grycan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of April 2012 including the kitchen fire at the Abbey and a fire on Curson due to unattended candles. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding CERT training and an upcoming free CPR class on Thursday, June 7th at 10 AM.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for April 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 16 DUI arrests in April.

Commissioner Williams asked for additional information concerning the sexual assault.

Sergeant Klaus stated that most information regarding sexual assaults is strictly confidential.

Commissioner Sol requested a "walk about" with the Captain and the Commissioners on vehicle burglary.

Commissioner Williams asked staff to check if information could be left on people's cars.

Commissioner Norton requested a break out of statistics for domestic violence.

Commissioner Sol requested a crash car for July 4, 2012 on Sunset and San Vicente.

Staff stated that the impact is lost if it happens on every major holiday.

Commissioner Komskaya spoke regarding petty theft at the Gateway Center.

Captain Fraser stated that thefts tend to track with the economy.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12A. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH – BUSINESS CARD SIZED MATERIALS

Staff showed samples of the new cards to the Commission. Commissioners requested that they be brought back to the next meeting.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13A. ANTI-CRUIISING SIGNS SOUTH OF SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD

Staff stated that a member of the Planning Commission had come to public safety and asked that the signs be removed. Staff requested that Lieutenant Smith run statistics for the area, and it was found that no tickets have been written for anti-cruising in several months.

Commissioner Kemper stated that she has seen tickets written for the area. Commissioner Kemper requested that the signs stay in place.

Commissioner Williams requested that staff speak with Neighborhood Watch and the Chamber.

Commissioners requested that staff place the issue on next month's agenda.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS


Commissioner Williams spoke regarding an upcoming event, "War on Women", on May 16th.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:35 PM in the memory of the 17 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



Public Safety Commission Chair



Staff Liaison