

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Sgt. Paredes

3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioners Present:** Borelli, Clarkin, Kemper, Norton, Sol, Williams

**Commissioners Absent:** Komskaya

**Others present:** Sergeant Jerry Paredes, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the two kids stoned to death in Iraq.

Commissioner Borelli requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Ken Castino.

Commissioner Kemper requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the invisible children in Africa.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 39 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Borelli to approve the March 12, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

**POSTING OF AGENDA**

The agenda for the March 12, 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 Norton to ask staff to forward Public Safety Commissioners' comments on the joint Transportation/Public Safety Joint Commission meeting minutes to transportation staff, seconded by Commissioner Sol with Commissioner Williams abstaining and approved.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding a successful NCJW event involving LGBT groups from Israel.

Commissioner Norton asked what the fire trucks were doing at the Sheriff's Station right before the Commission meeting. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the "no turns after 10 PM" signs in the residential areas and asked if they are still necessary.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the benefit of having the "no turns after 10 PM" signs. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the recent community outreach regarding identity theft. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding alerting Neighborhood Watch captains regarding major events or trends.

Staff and Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding crimereports.com and the ease of programming the website to alert you to incidents in your neighborhood.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the recent heart walk and a hate crimes conference in the City of Los Angeles.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked staff for their help with the various, recent events. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding public outreach with Commissioner Sol and Captain Fraser.

Commissioner Kemper thanked Commissioner Clarkin, Sheriff's Deputies, and staff for their work at the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain training.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the Avenues of Art and Design streetscape meeting. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding living on La Jolla and the early work of the Public Safety Commission and the Sheriff's Department regarding cruising in that neighborhood.

**9. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Staff spoke regarding the upcoming Los Angeles Marathon.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the West Hollywood Cheerleaders participating in the Los Angeles Marathon.

## **10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the months of January and February 2012. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the kitchen fire at The Abbey in February and the Fire Department's work on the Los Angeles Marathon. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the upcoming CERT training.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the CERT class happening too close to the first evening of Passover.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding a fire in his building on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and spoke regarding the importance of education. Commissioner Borelli thanked the Fire Department for its reporting of the pedestrian vs. vehicle statistics.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding a state law requiring residences to have a carbon monoxide detector.

Ms. Grycan stated that Fire personnel will be looking for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they are out on responses and can provide them to residents who cannot afford them.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City require apartment buildings to have carbon monoxide detectors.

Ms. Grycan stated that she believes that the state law will be requiring the detectors later this year.

Staff offered to help publicize the issue.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the Fire Department for its reporting of the pedestrian vs. vehicle statistics. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding rotating fire education into the public education campaign.

## **11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Sergeant Jerry Paredes stated that the fire response to the station immediately before the Public Safety Commission meeting was a medical response.

Sergeant Paredes reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for January and February 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Calls for service and arrests have increased. There was also an increase in

aggravated assaults on the east side and several bar fights on the west side. Residential burglaries have increased, yet in most cases doors and windows were left unlocked. Sergeant Paredes spoke regarding shoplifting incidents and DUI statistics.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding utilizing crimereports.com to view and sort the statistics that are helpful.

Commissioner Kemper asked regarding the rape on the west side from February.

Sergeant Paredes spoke briefly regarding the sexual assault.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding a theft from The Abbey where a patron left her purse hanging on her chair. Commissioner Williams congratulated Captain Fraser on her Women in Leadership award.

Commissioner Borelli asked which area or issue the Commission can assist with regard to public education.

Sgt. Paredes spoke regarding the importance of educating patrons, especially those under the influence of alcohol.

Commissioner Borelli asked for extra traffic patrols on Doheny due to speeding. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding chains and bollards in certain parts of the City.

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding Fire Department access and knowledge of all of the areas with barriers.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding vehicle burglaries on the west side and asked for more patrols on the 9000 block of Dorrington.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding removing east side blight and the fights in the Gateway courtyard.

Sergeant Paredes spoke regarding the many patrols conducted by the COPPS team at the Gateway and the surrounding area.

Commissioner Norton requested clarification regarding listed cross streets in the pedestrian vs. vehicle report that do not cross.

Ms. Grycan stated that one of the listed streets must be incorrect.

Commissioner Kemper suggested having a coffee event at the Gateway to show visibility and discuss the issues with patrons.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the lack of signage and the lack of involvement of the property owner.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

### 12A. 2012 WORK PLAN

Staff and the Commission reviewed the proposed work plan for 2012.

Commissioner Williams volunteered to continue work with the Women's Advisory Board, the Eastside PAC (if it continues), and on domestic violence issues. Commissioner Williams volunteered to continue working on the Pedestrian Safety Sub-committee.

Commissioner Borelli volunteered to continue work on public education and outreach and to attend other Commission and Board meetings.

Commissioner Norton volunteered to work with the Senior Advisory Board, to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings, to network with neighboring law enforcement agencies, and to support televised meetings. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding attending Mayor Pro Tem Prang's breakfast and said that Ivy Bottini speaking on behalf of the LGAB expressed interest in supporting the possibility of forming a Santa Monica Boulevard Business Improvement District.

Commissioner Kemper volunteered to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings, to participate on the Pedestrian Safety Sub-committee, and to continue public outreach, including Buzz with the Fuzz.

Commissioner Sol volunteered to continue her work with the Transgender Advisory Board, with the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, and with Mayor Duran. Commissioner Sol volunteered to network with neighboring law enforcement agencies.

Commissioner Clarkin suggested removing the Bicycle Task Force from the list. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding expanding the horizons of the Commission through networking and joint partnerships. Commissioner Clark encouraged Commissioners to participate on ride-alongs.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the 2012 work plan, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

Ms. Grycan volunteered fire personnel to attend Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Staff said that the list of upcoming Neighborhood Watch meetings can be sent to Ms. Grycan for fire personnel to attend when they are able.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the importance of education regarding unattended bathroom heaters.

## **12B. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Commissioner Borelli thanked the Fire Department for coming to Neighborhood Watch meetings. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the successful identity theft outreach conducted by the Commission. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding doing the best job possible with scheduling dates for future outreaches. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding analyzing statistics and scheduling a future outreach in the summer.

Commissioner Norton said that she was at the Council Member's breakfast during the identity theft outreach. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding Chase visa cards being copied and stolen.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding her involvement with the public outreach event and the good response from the community.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding his involvement with the public outreach event and the good response from the community. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the COPPS team's good demeanor toward residents who were wary of police officers.

Commissioner Borelli requested that some of the brochures be made in business card size.

Staff said to e-mail the topics in order to print some additional business card size handouts.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain training and the upcoming CERT class. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding how Neighborhood Watch meetings can turn into "gripe sessions" and how important it is to work as a team to engage those that are complaining to motivate them to seek positive outcomes.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain training and the Chair's excellent work during the meeting to keep people focused. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the importance of calling the station.

Staff spoke regarding the station starting a twitter and Facebook page to be launched hopefully this summer.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the importance of a telephone tree.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding telephone trees and the importance of phones that are not battery powered.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding attending City Council meetings and speaking during public comment as well as attending other commission and board meetings.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding domestic violence issues and encouraged other Commissioners to attend domestic violence meetings. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding airing a recently recorded domestic violence program on West Hollywood City Channel.

Commissioner Sol requested an update on utilizing the bus shelters for "Stop Means Stop" education and also suggested that magnets could be used on the back of City Line buses.

**13. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**14. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Borelli wished Commissioner Williams and Norton happy birthday for their upcoming birthdays.

Commissioner Norton asked for the DUI statistics.

Sergeant Paredes listed the DUI statistics for the Commission from the previous month which included 6 crashes.

Commissioner Sol requested a second "crash car" to be used for Don't Drink and Drive education.

Commissioner Williams wished everyone a Happy Passover.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding speaking at City Council meetings and advertising public safety programs.

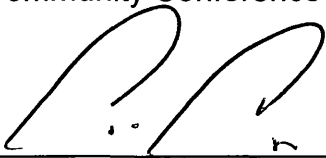
Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the City's new program to deter solicitors on private property. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding continued work with the Human Services Commission on homelessness issues.

Commissioner Norton asked what the Sheriff's Department could do regarding dumpster diving.

Sergeant Paredes suggested calling the Sheriff's Station when it is happening.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:16 PM in the memory of two kids stoned to death in Iraq, Ken Castino, the invisible children in Africa, and the 39 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.



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Public Safety Commission Chair



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Staff Liaison