

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Captain Kelley Fraser

**3. ROLL CALL:**

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

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others present:** Captain Kelley Fraser, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Williams to elect Commissioner Sol as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Borelli to elect Commissioner Williams as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

**5. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Norton requested that the Commission express get well wishes for Sergeant Jimmy Farrell in its adjournment requests.

Commissioner Clarkin requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of John L. Henke.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 19 law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty since the last meeting.

**6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the July 9, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Borelli, and approved.

## **POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the July 9, 2012 Public Safety Commission meeting was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library.

### **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the June 11, 2012 minutes, with amendments noted by Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

### **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Reina Martinez, resident of West Hollywood and member of the Women's Advisory Board, announced that the Women's Advisory Board has formed a public safety sub-committee and that she is interested in working on domestic violence programs with the Commission.

Jeff Cawood, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding loud vehicles with modified exhaust and requested enforcement.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding deterioration at Plummer Park and said that residents will be participating in a walk through with the Facilities Manager to identify problems and hopes that security cameras can be considered. Ms. Harker also spoke regarding installing speed bumps on Vista.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding a development at 7411 Santa Monica Boulevard and code issues at the location.

Brian Garrido, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding a disturbance and hate incident that recently took place with a neighbor who used derogatory language against him.

### **9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Williams suggested that the public speakers attend the Transportation Commission regarding the speed bump issues. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the alley near Vista and Santa Monica Boulevard. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding getting a gift for Sergeant Jimmy Farrell.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding getting a gift for Sergeant Jimmy Farrell's family. Commissioner Borelli thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding work with the Women's Advisory Board and scheduling an evening outreach in the fall. Commissioner Borelli thanked the speakers for their work on maintenance

issues at Plummer Park and suggested that his fellow Commissioners do a site visit soon. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding past enforcement of motorcycles with modified exhaust and requested that the Sheriff's personnel conduct future enforcement of all vehicles with modified exhaust. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding his recent attendance at the Avenues of Art and Design Streetscape meeting. Commissioner Borelli thanked staff for sending out the adjournment letters.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Norton said she has heard comments from neighbors about modified exhaust noise. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the fire hydrant at the southwest corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Sweetzer which is really close to the street. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the shape and size of the "bulb out" at the northwest corner of Harper and Santa Monica Boulevard. Commissioner Norton welcomed Reina from the Women's Advisory Board and would like to see more joint projects in the future including those on domestic violence. Commissioner Norton wished Sergeant Jimmy Farrell well and said how important he is to the West Hollywood community.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding an upcoming Buzz with the Fuzz event. Commissioner Kemper wished Sergeant Jimmy Farrell well and said how important he is to the West Hollywood community. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the great work of the Women's Advisory Board. Commissioner Kemper thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding vandalism to cars in her neighborhood.

Commissioner Clarkin asked the Fire Department to explain about knock boxes. Commissioner Clarkin thanked staff for the safety messages designed by the Bicycle Task Force. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding attendees at the Sunset Strip Farmer's Market speaking about the number of new transients in West Hollywood and working with social services on the issues.

## **10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

### **10A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Staff spoke regarding a planning meeting for Buzz with the Fuzz on July 12, 2012 and National Night Out to be held on August 7, 2012.

### **10B. CONSIDER NOMINATING ONE OR TWO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE PANEL REVIEWING PRIVATE SECURITY PROPOSALS (JULY – SEPTEMBER)**

Staff requested that the Commission nominate two people to the panel reviewing private security proposals.

Commissioner Williams volunteered to participate in the project.

Commissioner Borelli volunteered to participate in the project.

Commissioner Kemper volunteered to participate in the project.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Norton to select Commissioners Borelli, Kemper, and Williams to serve on the panel, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved.

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

Ms. Gryan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of June 2012 including fires, 377 emergency medical calls, and a decrease in the pedestrian vs vehicle incidents. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding hosting more sidewalk CPR events in the future.

Commissioner Sol suggested hosting sidewalk CPR at Neighborhood Watch meetings.

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

Lieutenant Smith thanked the Commissioners for their well wishes for Sergeant Jimmy Farrell.

Lieutenant Smith stated that there were 16 DUI arrests and 6 traffic collisions in the month of June. Lieutenant Smith reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for June 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. The station has received over 10,000 calls for service since the beginning of the year.

Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding aggravated assaults and domestic violence incidents and said that the majority are alcohol related. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the robberies in the month of June and the arrests of some key suspects. Lieutenant Smith said that the West Hollywood Station is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County for parolee arrests. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding augmented staffing made possible by increased funding approved by the City. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding a recent arrest of an individual who hangs out near the library south of that area.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the individual mentioned by Lieutenant Smith.

Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding vehicle burglaries and victims leaving personal belongings in plain view. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the homeless population and petty thefts at the Gateway Center and a recent key arrest of a suspect possibly tied to multiple crimes in the West Hollywood area.

Lieutenant Smith offered to assist the public speaker with the modified exhaust issue. Lieutenant Smith asked for additional information from the public speaker about the hate incident.

Commissioner Norton asked for clarification regarding DUI traffic collisions and asked if there is any pattern to the incidents.

Commissioner Williams offered to help restart the Neighborhood Watch group in the Plummer Park area.

Commissioner Kemper asked for information regarding the two sexual assaults.

Lieutenant Smith said that the sexual assault incidents were club related.

Commissioner Sol thanked the Sheriff's Department for the extra patrols, including the bike patrols. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding Sergeant Jimmy Farrell and suggested hosting a fund raiser involving the restaurants and businesses in the area where a portion of the proceeds benefit his family or making and selling bracelets with a saying like "no one fights alone" or the station's "fight for Farrell".

Commissioner Williams suggested involving the Chamber in fundraising efforts.

Commissioner Clarkin commented on the substantial increase in observations during patrols and thanked the Captain for her leadership.

Commissioner Komskaya spoke regarding pedestrian safety and said that motorists do not pay attention while driving. Commissioner Komskaya spoke regarding a frightening incident while she was crossing La Brea, stated that the Sheriff's bike patrol did not see or help her, and encouraged revitalizing the "stop means stop" campaign.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the difficulty of crossing La Brea.

Captain Fraser spoke regarding pedestrian safety and the bike patrol. Captain Fraser spoke regarding a County wide increase in transients and crime. Captain Fraser spoke regarding the close partnership among Deputies and social service agencies, especially PATH. Captain Fraser spoke regarding arrests made from fingerprint and DNA evidence gathered by the fingerprint technician. Captain Fraser spoke regarding recent arrests of suspects involved in iPhone thefts from West Hollywood.

## **12A. 2012-2013 BUDGET ENHANCEMENTS – CONSIDERATION OF STAFFING OPTIONS**

Captain Fraser presented the Commissioners with three staffing options for the recently approved increase to the Sheriff's

Department's budget, including (1) trying to hire patrol personnel from the Department's pool of personnel which is experiencing shortages, (2) hiring another supervisor, and (3) augmenting the current evening and entertainment staffing with 2 deputies, at least 4 nights a week.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding the Captain knowing and meeting the needs of the City.

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Borelli to support the Captain's third option, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding a push to make cell phones unusable if stolen.

Commissioner Clarkin wished Sergeant Jimmy Farrell well and spoke regarding how important he is to the West Hollywood community.

Captain Fraser thanked and welcomed volunteers for the blood/platelet drive and fundraising efforts.

### **13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **13A. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH**

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding working with staff on public safety outreach events.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding working with staff on public safety education at National Night Out and at the Sunset Strip Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Sol suggested working with Sunset Strip Music Festival on public safety education.

### **14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kemper thanked Commissioner Clarkin and Commissioner Sol for their work as Chair and Vice Chair this past year.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding a cancer awareness event and walk on August 25, 2012. Commissioner Williams thanked Commissioner Clarkin for his work as Chair this past year. Commissioner Williams

spoke regarding Sergeant Farrell and how much he means to her and the community.

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding upcoming birthdays. Commissioner Borelli thanked Commissioner Clarkin for his work as Chair this past year.

Commissioner Norton thanked Commissioner Clarkin and Commissioner Sol for their work as Chair and Vice Chair this past year and for welcoming her to the Commission.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked his fellow Commissioners for their support over this past year while he served as Chair.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:08 PM in the memory of the 19 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting and John L. Henke, and expressed get well wishes to Sergeant Jimmy Farrell. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 13, 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