

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Ian Owens

3. ROLL CALL:

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager; Bonnie Smith, Community Relations Programs Coordinator

4. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 16 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 August 13, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the August 13, 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 approve the July 9, 2012 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kemper, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Glen Chorydozak, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding violence across the United States.

Maxine Tathari, representative for the upcoming Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk, said that the walk will be held on August 25, 2012 and encouraged all to attend.

Cathy Blaivas, resident of West Hollywood, thanked everyone for attending the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting held at Plummer Park, expressed concern for public safety in the neighborhood around the park, and spoke regarding contaminating drinking water with pharmaceuticals.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, thanked both sheriff and fire personnel for their hard work every day and spoke regarding an increase in crime on the east side of the City and encouraged the use of surveillance cameras at Plummer Park.

Mayor Jeffrey Prang announced that his Commissioner, Sofia Komskaya, will be retiring from the Public Safety Commission and thanked her for her service.

City Manager Paul Arevalo thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Komskaya thanked everyone for supporting her during her time as a Public Safety Commissioner and said she plans to continue her volunteer work at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding enhancements made to the Sheriff's Station budget and the upcoming Making Strides Breast Cancer Awareness Walk. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding homeless persons in the Fuller area and the work between the neighbors and the Sheriff's Deputies on the issues. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the Commission's gift to Lieutenant Farrell and his family.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting at Plummer Park and the lights on the outskirts of the park boundaries and suggested that possibly motion sensor lights be installed. Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding a successful National Night Out and thanked Deputy Duron. Commissioner Kemper thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance and spoke regarding her recent attendance at the Public Facilities Commission and some crossover issues between Public Facilities and

Public Safety. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding contaminating drinking water with pharmaceuticals and reminded everyone there are disposal containers at the Sheriff's Station and asked staff to send out a reminder. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding a successful National Night Out and suggested that staff and the Commission do a better job of dividing up the events.

Commissioner Borelli thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding violence prevention events in which the City participates. Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding an upcoming meeting of the Avenues Streetscape Committee. Commissioner Borelli thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

Commissioner Williams thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

Commissioner Sol reminded everyone about cooling centers at the parks. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the International AIDS Conference recently held in Washington DC and the importance of having conversations with the senior population to encourage protection.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service. Staff spoke regarding a successful National Night Out and the upcoming Sunset Strip Music Festival. Staff spoke regarding the enhancements made to the Sheriff's Station budget. Staff spoke regarding contacting the Public Facilities Commission to see if its Commissioners are interested in a sub-committee. Staff spoke regarding additional upcoming events such as Buzz with the Fuzz, public safety outreach, sexual assault awareness month, and work with the Domestic Violence Resource Team.

9B. PRESENTATION FROM PATH

Rudy Salinas, People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), gave a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the various services that PATH offers. Mr. Salinas fielded questions from the audience.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding inspections during the month of July. Ms. Grycan also spoke regarding recent incidents including a dumpster fire, a flooding incident at 9000 Sunset, smoke in a high voltage vault at the Andaz, and a small apartment house fire on Hayworth.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Smith thanked everyone for their participation in the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting at Plummer Park. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the issues in the alley next to Plummer Park and the frequent patrol checks of the location.

Lieutenant Smith reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for July 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the number of incidents but also the high number of arrests at the Gateway (17 arrests out of 20 thefts). Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding a notable arrest of a suspect linked to at least five burglaries. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding recent robberies that targeted people walking late at night.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding recent vehicle burglaries involving unattended items in cars and recent thefts in clubs involving unattended purses and other items. Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding another arrest of a suspect carrying burglary tools.

Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding club goers parking on Norwich and being loud in the neighborhood. Lieutenant Smith stated that there were 11 DUI arrests and 5 DUI traffic collisions in the month in July.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding a recent DUI checkpoint held on San Vicente Boulevard.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding her attendance at the DUI checkpoint and thanked the Deputies for their work.

Lieutenant Smith thanked Commissioner Borelli for calling the Sheriff's Station to assist an extremely intoxicated woman.

Commissioner Kemper spoke regarding bartenders over serving at the Gold Coast.

Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the station's work with the ABC on bar and alcohol related issues.

Commissioner Borelli asked if it is ok that Council Members publicize the DUI checkpoint location.

Lieutenant Smith said that it is ok to publicize.

Commissioner Norton inquired as to how it could be entrapment.

Commissioner Komskaya spoke regarding a recent incident outside of Hamburger Mary's where a patron was running into traffic.

Lieutenant Smith said that he would speak with code compliance on the issue.

Commissioner Norton complimented the Sheriff's Deputies for their sensitive handling of various issues including a recent death in her building and also an incident involving a homeless person screaming in the street.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12A. 2012 PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH

Commissioner Borelli spoke regarding working with staff on public safety outreach events including conducting outreach at the Sunset Strip Farmer's Market and the surrounding area on Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Ms. Grycan said that Commissioners can ask the Fire Department to conduct sidewalk CPR at the Farmer's Market and Buzz with the Fuzz events.

Commissioner Sol stated that the next walking outreach with Captain Fraser will be held on August 21, 2012.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

14. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Borelli welcomed Ian Owens, Deputy to Council Member Duran, to the City.

Commissioner Norton thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service. Commissioner Norton asked staff to report to transportation staff that when drivers travel north on Westbourne heading toward Santa Monica Boulevard and make a left onto Santa Monica Boulevard, there is a confusing light that drivers have a hard time seeing. Commissioner Norton asked if there could be better signage for the handicap ramp leading to the entrance of the Sheriff's Station. Commissioner Norton announced that a panel discussion regarding the Affordable Care Act at NCJW will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Commissioner Norton reminded everyone that she does not have easy access to a computer so to call her if emails are urgent.

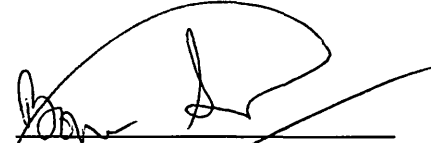
Commissioner Kemper thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Kemper thanked Commissioner Komskaya for her service.

Commissioner Komskaya thanked the Commissioners for their support.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:15 PM in the memory of the 16 law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10, 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