

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Maria Grycan
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Captain Kelley Fraser, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Chief Kevin Klar, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Maria Grycan, Community Services Representative, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Manager

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

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

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the December 10, 2012 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the December 10, 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 Clarkin to approve the October 29, 2012 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Reina Martinez, Women's Advisory Board, thanked everyone for their work on Domestic Violence Awareness Month and wished everyone happy holidays.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Kemper wished everyone happy holidays.

Commissioner Norton thanked all those who attended the ceremony honoring Rita Norton.

Commissioner Borelli thanked staff and the Commission for continuing to send adjournment letters.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nothing new to report until the next meeting.

9B. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS/POSSIBLE TELEVISED MEETING

Staff stated that the April 8, 2013 meeting can be televised and can present Public Safety Awards. Staff asked for volunteers from the Commission to serve on a planning committee.

Commissioners Clarkin, Sol, and Williams volunteered to participate on a planning committee.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan spoke regarding the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the months of October and November 2012 including an increase in cooking fires. Ms. Grycan stated that the department will be distributing safety tips, including those for preventing cooking fires. Ms. Grycan stated that fire department responses during Halloween 2012 were similar to 2011. Ms. Grycan stated that the "sidewalk CPR" classes are going very well throughout the City.

Commissioner Borelli asked if the Halloween crowd size was similar to previous years.

Chief Klar said that while it was a similar crowd size, it was more of a steady stream throughout the evening.

Commissioner Kemper asked if there were lots of children at Halloween.

Ms. Grycan stated that she saw less children and pets.

Commissioner Borelli said that he saw fewer children out later than in previous years.

Captain Fraser stated that there was a tremendous amount of alcohol out on the Boulevard.

Commissioner Borelli stated that he saw a lot of alcohol as well and notified Sheriff's Deputies. Commissioner Borelli thanked the fire department for teaching "sidewalk CPR".

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for November 2012, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that crime is down as compared to last year by -18.5% and observations by Deputies are up. Sergeant Klaus stated that vehicle burglaries continue to happen due to people leaving items unattended and in plain view. He reported that there were 14 DUI arrests and 13 DUI related crashes.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the Don't Drink and Drive shuttle over New Year's weekend and thanked the Sheriff's Department for its suppression work.

Commissioner Borelli asked for an update to Roger Coggan's comments at the Human Services Commission.

Captain Fraser assured the Commissioners that the comments are of great concern to her and her staff, and she commended Mr. Coggan for coming forward. Captain Fraser stated that some of the incidents were over two years ago and all have been investigated but due to the new concern, she reopened the investigations and asked the Office of Independent Review to analyze their findings to ensure nothing was missed. The Office of Independent Review did not find that the allegations were founded. Captain Fraser spoke regarding strengthening the relationship between the station and the Gay and Lesbian Center and working together to address issues as they arise. She stated that Deputies who choose to work in West Hollywood are dedicated and take pride in serving the West Hollywood community.

Commissioner Norton wondered why Mr. Coggan chose to come to the Human Services Commission instead of the Public Safety Commission.

Captain Fraser said that she believed Mr. Coggan felt more comfortable in that setting.

Commissioner Sol stated that she was briefed by Lt. Newman-Tarwater on all complaints alleged by Mr. Coggan.

Captain Fraser stated that she will do her part in helping Mr. Coggan address department wide issues.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

13. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the Fire Department for teaching "sidewalk CPR" at a recent Sunset Farmer's Market and thanked staff, Commissioners, and public safety personnel for attending.

Commissioner Williams wished all happy holidays and Laura Manukian a happy birthday.

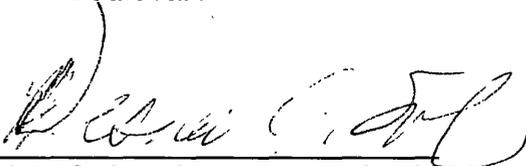
Commissioner Norton clarified her earlier appreciation for those who attended the ceremony for Rita Norton to ensure all knew she included staff, Sheriff, and Fire personnel. Commissioner Norton wished all happy holidays.

Commissioner Burke stated he is enjoying his time as a Public Safety Commissioner and looks forward to continuing to work with everyone next year.

Commissioner Sol thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and for keeping comments related to the subject matter.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 6:30 PM in the memory of the twenty-two law enforcement officers and firefighters that have passed away since the last meeting and U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison