

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

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

Commissioners Present: Burke, Clarkin, Hoffman, Norton, Sol, Szyskowski, Williams

Commissioners Absent: None

Others present: Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; Joseph Tellez, Block by Block Security Ambassadors; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 20 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the January 13, 2014 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Clarkin, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the January 13, 2014 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 Sol to approve the December 9, 2013 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Dolan, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding Plummer Park and in support of public safety.

Jay Fuentes, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding Plummer Park and in support of public safety.

David Eichman, Transportation Commissioner, spoke regarding bicycle safety and "Operation Firefly", the recent bicycle light give away sponsored by the Transportation Commission, and an upcoming item on the Beverly Hills City Council regarding bicycle lanes.

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding the crosswalk at Santa Monica Boulevard and Palm and expressed concern for safety and suggested hosting a CPR class in the future.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the recent sidewalk CPR classes.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the public speakers for their attendance.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance. Commissioner Norton said that there is nothing to report from the December Senior Advisory Board's meeting since it was a holiday party.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding children riding motorized scooters in Plummer Park and on the residential streets to and from the park without helmets. Commissioner Williams suggested having a subcommittee meeting between the Public Safety Commission and the Transportation Commission.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. PRESENTATION FROM WALTER DAVIS, CDD

Commissioners received a presentation from Walter Davis, Community Development Department regarding a recent test of crosswalk enhancements, including lights, and possible changes to other crosswalks due to the improvements seen in the study.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.

Commissioner Norton asked for further clarification regarding the study.

Commissioner Sol thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation and spoke regarding the east side.

Commissioner Williams said that on many stop signs the reflective strips are wearing down.

9B. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff and the Commission discussed the Passover conflict with the April meeting. Staff reminded the Commissioners that future Public Safety Commission meetings will be held in the Library Community Room once construction begins on the garage at City Hall.

Commissioner Williams suggested that some meetings be held in Plummer Park due to the high turnout at the last meeting held there.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Staff reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the months of November and December 2013 including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Dave Smith announced that Lieutenant Cheryl Newman-Tarwater will be promoted to Captain of the Community Colleges Bureau. Lieutenant Smith reported that Meling Lee-Hardin, Sheriff's civilian staff person, sadly passed away from cancer.

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Meling Lee-Harden.

Lieutenant Smith thanked Hollywood Tow for the donation of the crash car for the Don't Drink and Drive event. Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the feeding program in Los Angeles near La Brea, a recent incident in the 1400 block of Laurel where an individual was admitted for a mental health evaluation, and the recent pedestrian accident at Hancock and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Staff stated that the pedestrian was treated and released with minor injuries.

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for December 2013, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that crime is down 18% in the City of West Hollywood. Sergeant Klaus reviewed several key arrests in recent thefts and burglaries. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 17 DUI arrests and 10 DUI related collisions in December.

Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding the DUI checkpoint held in December.

Commissioner Williams asked if there have been any recent mail thefts.

Lieutenant Smith stated that he will follow-up with his staff regarding mail thefts.
Lieutenant Smith spoke regarding credit card fraud.

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, requested that all bicycle related collisions be reported in the monthly report from the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Williams requested that the bicycle statistics be included.

Sergeant Klaus said that the bicycle statistics will be included in future reports.

Commissioner Sol requested that the crash car be elevated and have more prominent signage in the future.

Staff stated that they will look into the options.

Commissioner Norton requested more information regarding the recent accident involving the Pick Up Shuttle.

Staff stated that a jaywalking pedestrian was injured by a passing car near the Shuttle.

Commissioner Clarkin requested more prominent signage on the crash car in the future.

Commissioner Burke suggested leaving the crash car on the ground but to work with businesses to borrow scrolling, animated lights above the car.

Commissioner Williams suggested working with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to a scrolling light.

Staff stated that the crash car will be brought back as an agenda item at the next meeting.

Commissioner Sol requested two crash cars, including one on Sunset Boulevard.

Lieutenant Smith said that he would speak to Hollywood Tow.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12A. PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH

Commissioner Sol stated that she is working with staff to identify some upcoming weekends to conduct street outreach on public safety topics.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding "Operation Firefly" and spoke in support of new elements for the Don't Drink and Drive campaign.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding dodge ball and outreach.

Commissioner Williams spoke in support of hosting a town hall on human trafficking and scams directed toward the seniors and disabled.

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood, thanked the Public Safety Commission for their participation in Operation Firefly.

David Aguilar, Block by Block, thanked the Commission for its support and said that December was a busy month for the Security Ambassadors. Mr. Aguilar stated that Block by Block has increased its patrols just off of Santa Monica Boulevard in the residential neighborhoods.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block for their hard work.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the excellent quality of life service that Block by Block provides.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding an upcoming walk about with Captain Honings in February and invited Block by Block to attend.

12B. UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA, IMPROVING COMMUNICATION

Staff spoke regarding some neighbors using Next Door, the increased use of the Sheriff's Twitter, an upcoming emergency preparedness twitter campaign, and that all "Live, Work, Play, Be Safe" brochures have been electronically adapted for Facebook.

Commissioner Williams requested that the new Public Information Officer visit a future Public Safety Commission meeting.

12C. WORK PLAN UPDATE/LIAISON SELECTION

Staff and the Commission discussed the work plan for 2014 and updated the activities for the year.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzanne Dietrich, resident of West Hollywood and Disability Advisory Board member, spoke regarding working with the Public Safety Commission on joint projects.

14. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Szyskowski wished all a happy new year.

Commissioner Hoffman wished all a happy new year.

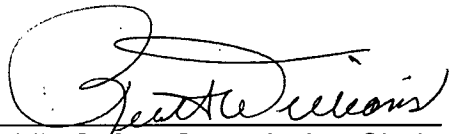
Commissioner Burke said that the Commission has a great start to 2014 and that he is looking forward to a great year of new participation and ideas.

Commissioner Clarkin reminded all about the Martin Luther King holiday activities.

Commissioner Williams thanked Commissioners for their work this evening.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:49 PM in the memory of Meling Lee-Hardin and the 20 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard or the Library Community Room if construction has commenced at the City Hall parking lot.



Public Safety Commission Chair



Staff Liaison