

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Stephanie Harker at 6:35 PM
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Szyskowski, Hoffman

Others present: Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Bonnie Smith, Acting Public Safety Supervisor; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of West Hollywood resident Michael Bronoski and the 17 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 April 1, 2014 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the April 1, 2014 Public Safety Commission meeting was posted at City Hall, Plummer Park, and the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, and the West Hollywood Library.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to approve the March 10, 2014 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved, with Commissioner Sol abstaining.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Stephanie Harker spoke about safety concerns with motorized scooters and motorized toy cars being driven by children at Plummer Park.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding how much Captain Davis from LAPD appreciated the Commission reading the fallen officers list.

Commissioner Sol spoke about the event Connect Our Stories hosted by the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, the Russian Advisory Board and the Transgender Advisory Board. Commissioner Sol also spoke about connecting with the Boards that she represents as a liaison.

Commissioner Norton thanked the audience for raising the issue of motorized scooters and vehicles in Plummer Park. Commissioner Norton spoke about attending the Senior Advisory Board meeting. The Senior Advisory Board and the Disabilities Advisory Board will be having a joint televised meeting next month dealing with senior housing.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. LIAISON SELECTION TO THE WEHO DESIGN DISTRICT STREETScape MASTER PLAN

Commissioners received a presentation from Georgia Sheridan from the Community Development Department. Ms. Sheridan asked that a member of the Public Safety Commission sit on the West Hollywood Design District Streetscape Master Plan Community Design Committee.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Clarkin to appoint Commissioner Burke as primary and Commissioner Sol as alternate to the West Hollywood Design District Streetscape Master Plan Community Design Committee, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

9B. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff reminded the Commission about Kids Fair on April 26, 2014, Denim Day on April 23, 2014, and the Mayor's Reorg on April 21, 2014.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report from Fire this month. March and April statistics will be covered at the May meeting.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for March 2014, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Crime is down over 45% for the year. Lt. Smith stated that working with Block by Block is another reason crime is down in the City.

Lt. Smith announced upcoming dates that would be of interest to the Commission: April 11, 2014, DUI Checkpoint; April 16, 2014, Trans 101 for Deputies; April 23, 2014, Captain's Walkabout.

Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 11 DUI arrests and 3 DUI related crashes in the month of March. Sergeant Klaus also reported on the number of traffic collisions regarding pedestrians and bicyclists.

Commissioner Sol spoke about the new developments on the east side near Target and the Gateway, and asked if they have affected Block by Block. David Aguilar from Block by Block stated he has seen no increase in activity.

Lt. Smith asked David Aguilar to invite the security companies that oversee building construction to attend the next meeting.

12. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave an update on the activities for March including various calls for service and numerous community contacts.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the numerous contacts that Security Ambassadors make on both Sunset and Santa Monica Boulevards. Commissioner Clarkin requested that Sunset Block by Block ambassadors attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Norton asked Block by Block for a one page monthly report with stats for the next meeting.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13A. PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION OUTREACH/SOCIAL MEDIA

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station use of social media to send out information concerning the recent earthquakes.

Commissioner Williams asked if the City could use social media to inform residents where they can buy earthquake supplies.

13B. PUBLIC SAFETY WORKSHOPS

Tabled.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14A. HUMAN TRAFFICKING SEMINAR

Commissioner Williams announced that the National Council of Jewish Women will be hosting a seminar/panel on Human Trafficking.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams for the Public Safety Commission to support the event, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

16. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Williams asked for additional patrols at Gardner Street and Fountain Avenue and Crescent Heights Boulevard and Fountain Avenue. Commissioner Williams requested that staff look into laws regulating motorized scooters and motorized cars for children driven in the park.


Commissioner Clarkin asked that staff check to see if there is a City Council approved definition of co-sponsorship, sponsorship, support, etc. when the Commission is asked to support an event.

Commissioner Norton invited all Commissioners to attend the Mayor's Re-org on April 21, 2014 at Plummer Park.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:42 PM in the memory of Michael Bronoski and the 17 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood Council Chambers at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison