

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:35 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commander Kelley Fraser
3. **ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Bazley, Burke, Clarkin, Hoffman, Norton, Sol, Williams

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others present:** Captain Gary Honings, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Dave Smith, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Deputies from West Hollywood Station; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; Bonnie Smith, Acting Public Safety Supervisor; Battalion Chief Steve Khodavandi, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Battalion Chief Kevin Klar, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Firefighters from West Hollywood Stations 7 and 8; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Council Member Land administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Alexander Bazley.

5. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 22 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Clarkin to approve the May 12, 2014 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved.

**POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 12, 2014 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 April 1, 2014 minutes with one amendment from Commissioner Norton, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeanne Dobrin, resident of West Hollywood, thanked public safety personnel for their service and expressed concern for the number of alcohol licenses in the city.

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, thanked public safety personnel for their service and spoke regarding vehicle accidents and pedestrian safety.

**9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS**

Commissioner Norton thanked the members of the public for their attendance. Commissioner Norton expressed condolences for the LAPD officers killed in recent traffic accidents. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the joint meeting with the Senior Advisory Board and the Transportation Commission. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the Senior Health Fair on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked the members of the public for their attendance.

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their comments and spoke regarding the Pride Calendar distributed by LGAB and the recent senior safety meetings.

Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding his attendance with Commissioner Burke at a meeting at LAPD Headquarters on May 6, 2014 regarding LGBTQ issues. Commissioner Clarkin spoke regarding the recent walk-about with the Captain, thanked the members of the public for their attendance, and congratulated the award winners.

Commissioner Williams asked staff to check with the liaison of the Eastside Taskforce to get copies of its agenda. Commissioner Williams requested that staff place the Commission Work Plan on the June agenda.

**10. ITEMS FROM STAFF**

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

Staff reminded the Commission that Pride will be held the weekend of June 7-8, 2014.

**11. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Khodavandi reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of April 2014 including inspections, fires, and emergency medical calls. Chief Khodavandi stated that there were six fires last month with minimal damage.

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

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for April 2014, including calls for service, arrests, and crimes. Sergeant Klaus stated that while crime is down, there was a slight increase in robberies and thefts. The station did arrest 5 out of 7 robbery suspects. Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 10 DUI arrests and 4 DUI related crashes in the month of February; 3 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents; and 3 vehicle vs. bicycle accidents. Sergeant Klaus stated that there are extra deputies on bicycles conducting burglary and robbery suppression throughout the City.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the importance of encouraging personal responsibility with regard to not leaving items unattended in their cars.

Commissioner Norton asked if there were any bicycle vs. pedestrian accidents.

Sergeant Klaus said there were likely none, but he will double check.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the next walk-about with the Captain to be held at 5 PM on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave a brief report on April's activities.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block for their presence in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Norton asked if Block by Block could provide the stats on a sheet for the Commission at the next meeting.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**13A. PRESENTATION FROM COMMANDER KELLEY FRASER, LASD**

Commander Kelley Fraser, LASD, thanked the Commission and the community for their dedication to public safety. Commander Fraser

introduced Dr. Jeff Marsh who gave a brief presentation on the status of the medical services in the jail.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the need to reopen state resources to serve those being treated for mental health.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked Commander Fraser and Dr. Marsh for their work and expressed a desire to work together in the future.

Commissioner Burke thanked Commander Fraser and Dr. Marsh for their work and spoke regarding his work as a Board of Director for Volunteers of America and the critical point of intake and expressed a desire to work together in the future.

Commissioner Hoffman thanked Commander Fraser and Dr. Marsh for their work.

Commissioner Norton thanked Commander Fraser and Dr. Marsh for their work.

Commissioner Williams thanked Commander Fraser and Dr. Marsh for their work.

### **13B. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Commissioner Williams introduced Mayor John D'Amico to begin the awards presentation.

Mayor D'Amico presented the award for Outstanding Contribution to Public Safety to Maria Grycan, accepted by Battalion Chief Kevin Klar on her behalf.

Mayor Pro Tem John Heilman presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Captain Fred Salmo.

Council Member Abbe Land presented the Lieutenant James Farrell Sheriff's Deputy of the Year Award to Deputy Varand "Ron" Minassian.

Commissioner Williams thanked the CERT graduates in the audience.

### **14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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

Commissioner Bazley thanked Council Member Land for appointing him to the Commission and spoke regarding his work at the Gateway and said he is looking forward to working with the Commission.

Commissioner Norton congratulated all the award recipients.

Commissioner Hoffman congratulated all the award recipients and thanked public safety personnel for their service.

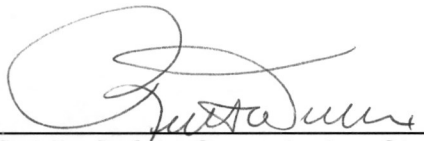
Commissioner Burke congratulated all the award recipients and thanked public safety personnel for their service.

Commissioner Clarkin congratulated all the award recipients and thanked public safety personnel and their families for their service.

Commissioner Williams thanked the public safety personnel and their families for their service and expressed condolences for the LAPD officer. Commissioner Williams thanked staff for their hard work.

## 16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:38 PM in the memory of the 22 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room at 625 N. San Vicente Boulevard.



Public Safety Commission Chair

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Staff Liaison