

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015**

WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY - COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Hoffman

Others present: Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; Bonnie Smith, Public Safety Supervisor; Maria Grycan, Los Angeles County Fire Department; David Aguilar, Block by Block Security Ambassadors

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

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

Commissioner Sol on behalf of Commissioner Hoffman requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the twenty-one Coptic Christians murdered by ISIS.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Norton to approve the March 9, 2015 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the March 9, 2015 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 February 9, 2015 minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved with Commissioner Williams abstaining.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tom Demille, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding potholes in the street and spoke in support of more lighting along Santa Monica Boulevard.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding issues at Sierra Bonita.

Anne-Marie Williams, resident of West Hollywood, thanked Commissioners for their work on the hate free city campaign.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Sol thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments. Commissioner Sol reminded all that the LA Marathon will be held Sunday, March 15th. Commissioner Sol spoke regarding National Condom Day.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments.

Commissioner Norton thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding her attendance at the most recent Senior Advisory Board and Public Facilities Commission meetings. Commissioner Norton thanked Commissioner Bazley and Commissioner Clarkin for their service.

Commissioner Burke thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments and spoke regarding the positive impact that the public speakers and the Public Safety Commission have had over the years.

Commissioner Williams thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding a recent meeting of the Domestic Violence Community Response Team and an upcoming meeting on homelessness issues. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the shared issues and work among the various Commissions and Advisory Boards. Commissioner Williams spoke in support of joint Commission and Advisory Board meetings. Commissioner Williams spoke regarding an upcoming Transgender Wellness Fair and Job Fair.

Commissioner Bazley spoke regarding civil rights issues and recent Department of Justice reports regarding the incidents in Ferguson, Missouri. Commissioner Bazley suggested implementing some of the suggestions, including that the Los

Angeles County Sheriff provide demographics regarding its searches and arrests on its website, conduct annual community surveys, mandate external and criminal investigations in fatal incidents, institute a community oversight board, adopt a non-discrimination policy, and use body worn cameras. Commissioner Bazley thanked the public speakers for their attendance and comments.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

9A. PRESENTATION FROM LEGAL SERVICES AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

The Commission received a presentation from Hernan Molina, Legal Services and Legislative Affairs Division, regarding the legislative process and how it relates to and impacts the City of West Hollywood.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the challenges faced by those who are trying to serve the homeless population and the need for the State to restore funding for the treatment of those with mental health issues.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding her trip to Sacramento with Assembly Member Bloom's office and the various resources available to the community.

Commissioner Burke spoke regarding the importance of networking with West Hollywood's neighboring jurisdictions on shared issues.

9B. NEWS FROM STAFF/MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Staff stated that the LA Marathon will be held on Sunday, March 15th. Staff spoke regarding the Public Safety Update to City Council to be held on Monday, March 16th. Staff stated that complaints to the Sheriff's Station are down from a high of 105 incidents in 2009 to 46 incidents in 2014. Staff spoke regarding a DUI checkpoint to be held on March 28th.

9C. PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

Staff asked the Commissioners to select two Commissioners to be part of a subcommittee to work on the Public Safety Awards presentation for 2015.

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Burke to appoint Commissioners Sol and Williams to the committee, seconded by Commissioner Clarkin, and approved.

10. REPORT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Grycan reviewed the suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities during the month of February 2015 including inspections, fires, and emergency medical

calls. There were two smaller fires in the month of February. Ms. Grycan spoke regarding recent community outreach and presentations.

Commissioner Clarkin thanked Station 7 personnel for their response to a recent traffic incident.

Commissioner Williams thanked Kevin Burton for his work on CERT.

11. REPORT FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department statistics for February 2015, including crimes, calls for service, and arrests.

Sergeant Klaus stated that there were 11 DUI arrests and 3 DUI collisions in the month of February.

Sergeant Klaus stated that Sheriff's personnel responded to 3 vehicle vs. pedestrian accidents (SMB at Robertson, SMB at Hayworth, and SMB at La Cienega) and 2 vehicle vs. bicyclists (Lexington at La Brea and SMB at La Cienega) in the month of February.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding the many supplemental patrols provided by the City.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block for its positive impact on the east side. Commissioner Williams asked for information regarding the sexual assaults.

Sergeant Klaus said that he would research the question and pass along information to the Commissioners if possible.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the recent arrest of Hank Scott, wehoville.com. Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the hate crime near Fairfax a few weeks ago and a recent traffic collision.

12. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK

David Aguilar, Block by Block, gave a report on February's activities, including pedestrian assistance, business contacts, and residents assisted.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding Block by Block statistics.

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the Huxley and the possibility of a Sheriff/community meeting.

Sergeant Klaus spoke regarding recent meetings between the Sheriff's personnel and the Huxley staff.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13A. COMMISSION INFORMATION SHEET/SPEAKER SLIP UPDATE

Staff thanked the Commissioners for their comments and stated that the documents are now available.

13B. PUBLIC SAFETY – PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, HATE FREE CITY

Staff thanked the Commissioners for their comments and stated that a draft will be made available for Commissioners' review at an upcoming meeting.

Commissioner Clarkin offered some witness tips for the brochure which will be sent to staff for incorporation.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding issues at Sierra Bonita.

15. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Sol announced that the Pick Up Line will be running on St. Patrick's Day.

Commissioner Norton asked staff about a letter from the National Association of Town Watch that was received by some residents.

Staff asked for a copy of the letter.

Commissioner Burke requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Reverend Malcolm Boyd.

Commissioner Bazley thanked the Commissioners and spoke regarding his positive experience on the Commission.

Commissioner Williams thanked Commissioner Bazley for his dedication to the City of West Hollywood.


Commissioner Burke thanked outgoing Commissioners for their service to the City of West Hollywood.

Commissioner Norton spoke regarding the subcommittee's work to date on the Sheriff's community survey.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 8:00 PM in the memory of the eight law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the last meeting, the twenty-one Coptic Christians murdered by ISIS, and Reverend Malcolm Boyd. The next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison