

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

**MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016**

WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY – COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

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

Commissioners Present: Coleman, Montemayor, Norton, Sol, Waack, Williams

Commissioners Absent: Berger

Others present: Captain Holly Perez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Laura Manukian, Neighborhood Services Coordinator; Tatiana Rodzinek, Russian Community Outreach Coordinator

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Coleman requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 49 individuals that were slain in Orlando.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Mark Mitchell. Commissioner Sol also read the names of the 49 individuals that were slain in Orlando.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the June 13, 2016 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the June 13, 2016 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 Waack to approve the May 9, 2016 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Williams, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Luis Marquez, resident of West Hollywood, spoke regarding his concerns with criminal activity in his neighborhood and the lack of response by the Sheriff's Department.

David Eichman, resident of West Hollywood, spoke on behalf of the Transportation Commission and provided an update on recent and upcoming transportation projects. He spoke briefly about the new automated parking garage behind City Hall, the new bike lanes on Fairfax Avenue and launching the Bike Share program in the summer with 150 bikes and 20 bike stations.

Michael Wojtkielewicz, resident of West Hollywood, thanked Council, Sheriff's and Public Safety staff for their services and all the work they do on behalf of the residents.

Larry Block, resident of West Hollywood, pointed out that at this moment in time, all other issues pale in comparison to what happened in Orlando and what could have happened in West Hollywood if the Santa Monica suspect was not arrested. He also stated that there needs to be greater police presence in the community, especially around those businesses that operate late into the night.

Michael Dolan, resident of West Hollywood, thanked everyone for the additional deployment of Sheriff's on the east side. He spoke about an increased transient presence on the east side and about a specific incident that occurred with a transient on Greenacre. He also expressed concern that Sheriff's Dispatch told him that his address was in Los Angeles when he called to report the incident.

Yole Dore, resident of West Hollywood, congratulated the Captain and Public Safety on a successful PRIDE weekend and for keeping everyone safe. She spoke about an incident in a Russian market that she frequents where she was verbally assaulted because she was wearing the rainbow flag in support of the lives lost in Orlando.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Williams made a recommendation to move the Public Safety Commission meetings back to City Hall starting with the July meeting.

Commissioner Waack reminded everyone about the Rainbow Key Awards on June 22, 2016.

Commissioner Williams congratulated Public Safety staff person, Laura Manukian, on her impending retirement. On behalf of the Commission she thanked Ms. Manukian for her service and presented her with a gift from the Commissioners.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Tabled.

9B. REPORT FROM SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Captain Perez reviewed the Sheriff’s Department recent crime trends, specifically residential burglary, grand theft and petty theft. Captain Perez also provided an update regarding PRIDE weekend and security measures that were initiated due to recent events in Orlando and Santa Monica.

Commissioner Coleman asked what security measures have been taken to protect the clubs in West Hollywood.

Captain Perez stated that summer enforcement teams are in place, there is increased patrol by Block by Block and she is going to take a look at the status of deployment hours and make the necessary changes based on business hours and other needs.

Commissioner Williams stated that we are very fortunate to have the Sheriff’s Department protecting us.

9C. REPORT FROM BLOCK BY BLOCK SECURITY AMBASSADORS – MONTHLY REPORT

Tabled.

9D. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tabled.

9E. PUBLIC EDUCATION

Tabled.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10A. NEWS FROM STAFF – MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

None.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:03 PM

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:03 PM in the memory of Mark Mitchell and the 49 individuals who were slain in Orlando. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2016 at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.


Public Safety Commission Chair


Staff Liaison

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