

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION  
SPECIAL TELEVISED MEETING MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** at 6:35 PM
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Mayor Pro Tempore Lindsey Horvath
- 3. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Berger, Laflen, Norton, Sol, Waack, Williams

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Others present:** Captain Ed Ramirez, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Lieutenant Bill Moulder, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Battalion Chief Brian Kane, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Shea Gibson, Block by Block Security Ambassadors; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director

**4. ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Brenda Lee Smith, mother of Bonnie and Beth Smith, and the 14 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the April meeting.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Sol to approve the May 13, 2019 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Laflen and approved.

**POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda for the May 13, 2019 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 Williams to approve the April 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Sol, and approved.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Burton, resident of West Hollywood and Transportation Commissioner, spoke regarding the work of the West Hollywood Bicycle Coalition and proposed changes to be discussed at the upcoming Transportation Commission on Wednesday. Mr. Burton also announced that the month of May is Bike Month.

Garrett Charity, resident of West Hollywood and Chair of the Rent Stabilization Commission, spoke regarding the City of Los Angeles' systematic code inspection program.

Stephanie Harker, resident of West Hollywood, thanked Captain Ramirez for spending time with eastside residents this past Saturday and thanked Tod Hallman and Steve Martin for their assistance putting together the program. Ms. Harker congratulated Michael Carter for his Outstanding Contribution to Public Safety award and suggested recognizing Sheriff's volunteers for their efforts.

**8. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS**

Councilmembers and Commissioners presented the 2019 Public Safety Awards to Firefighter Benny Ramirez, Deputy Todd Mohr, and Michael Carter. Councilmembers and Commissioners thanked the many public safety personnel who served during the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

**9. SELECTION OF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**ACTION:** Motion by Commissioner Waack to select Commissioner Williams as a liaison to the pedestrian safety sub-committee, seconded by Commissioner Norton and approved.

Commissioner Waack asked staff to work with the Transportation Commission's staff to plan a sub-committee meeting in the future.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

West Seegmiller, resident of West Hollywood, congratulated the award winners and expressed concerns with policing in West Hollywood.

**11. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Waack asked staff to give a brief update on the 2019 LA Pride event.

Commissioner Norton congratulated the award recipients and thanked those that contribute to public safety.

Commissioner Williams congratulated the award recipients and expressed condolences for the loss of Brenda Lee Smith, mother of Bonnie and Beth Smith.

Commissioner Laflen congratulated the award recipients and thanked those that contribute to public safety.

Commissioner Sol spoke regarding the importance of bringing the truth to light in all that we do.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 7:31 PM in memory of Brenda Lee Smith, mother of Bonnie and Beth Smith, and the 14 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the April meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Plummer Park - Rooms 5/6 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

  
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Public Safety Commission Chair

  
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Staff Liaison

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