

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

5:30 P.M.

**WEST HOLLYWOOD SHERIFF'S STATION – BRIEFING ROOM
780 N SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 PM
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** led by Commissioner Berger
3. **ROLL CALL**

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

Commissioners Absent: Balbone, Waack

Others present: Lieutenant Bill Moulder, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Sergeant Jon Klaus, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department; Battalion Chief Steve Bowie, Los Angeles County Fire Department; Shea Gibson, Block by Block; Kristin Cook, Public Safety Director; Janet Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager

4. **ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

Commissioner Williams requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of Richie Silverman, West Hollywood Sheriff's Station Volunteer.

Commissioner Sol requested that the meeting be adjourned in the memory of the 28 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the October meeting.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

ACTION: Motion by Commissioner Williams to approve the December 9, 2019 agenda, seconded by Commissioner Norton and approved.

POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda for the December 9, 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 October 14, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Norton, and approved.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Williams spoke regarding the recent Census 2020 meeting and gave a brief update of upcoming activities to increase participation.

Commissioner Berger thanked staff for attending the Community Policing Conference.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9A. REPORT FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT – MONTHLY REPORT

Battalion Chief Bowie reviewed the Fire Department statistics for October and November 2019, including suppression, rescue, and fire prevention activities. Chief Bowie spoke regarding the Halloween event and reviewed the statistics for the evening, which included 51 medical calls.

Commissioner Berger asked if there has been an increase in medical incidents related to cannabis locations.

Chief Bowie said that he did not believe there has been an increase.

Commissioner Williams said that she has heard about impacts from the Cannabis Lounge, including patrons under the influence and quality of life issues in the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Laflen suggested having Sheriff and Fire personnel pull statistics on the location and report back to the Commission.

Chief Bowie and Sergeant Klaus will follow-up with statistics for the Commission at the next meeting.

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

Sergeant Klaus reviewed the Sheriff's Department's statistics for October and November 2019, including crimes, response times, and calls for service.

Commissioner Laflen asked if Halloween went well for public safety.

Lieutenant Moulder stated that there were zero arrests at Halloween, and he said that the event went well.

Commissioner Williams asked if the Sheriff's department had any information regarding an alleged stabbing.

Lieutenant Moulder said that they believe that there was no stabbing based on the information received.

Lieutenant Moulder said that since the beginning of the year, the Detective Bureau responds to all accidental overdoses in the City. Lieutenant Moulder spoke regarding the peeping tom suspect who is still in custody with a court date on December 20th. Lieutenant Moulder said that robbery prevention tips are posted regularly. Lieutenant Moulder said that part 1 crimes were the lowest in November as compared to other months this year.

Commissioner Berger asked if there has been an increase in thefts from stores, such as bottles of alcohol, committed by gang members.

Lieutenant Moulder said that they have not seen gang members stealing alcohol, but from time to time there are organized groups committing thefts at higher end stores.

Commissioner Berger asked if the language change for "reasonable force" is in effect.

Lieutenant Moulder said that the Sheriff's Department is working on training regarding the new legislation regarding use of force.

Commissioner Berger asked for additional information regarding policing abandoned properties.

Lieutenant Moulder gave a brief overview on how Deputies respond to vacant properties.

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

Mr. Gibson reviewed the monthly reports for October and November 2019, including pedestrian assistance, crosswalk assistance, homeless issues, and disturbances.

Commissioner Sol asked for additional information regarding patrols on Sunset.

Commissioner Laflen asked if Block by Block is noticing any increases in activity.

Mr. Gibson said that November was busier due to the holiday season, and that he will put together a parks' report for next meeting.

Commissioner Williams thanked Block by Block personnel for their service.

Commissioner Sol asked for additional information regarding park security plans.

Mr. Gibson spoke regarding the new Security Ambassadors focused on restroom security and how the Security Ambassadors coordinate with City staff. Mr. Gibson spoke in support of adding a second security kiosk at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Berger said that a staff person at Plummer Park was concerned about safety and that he will link that person with the Sheriff's Department and/or Block by Block personnel. Commissioner Berger asked if there have been any homeless individuals asking to be arrested to be able to spend an evening indoors.

Lieutenant Moulder said that they have not experienced homeless individuals asking to be arrested to avoid inclement weather.

10. ITEMS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

13. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioners wished each other a safe and happy holiday season.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Safety Commission adjourned at 6:12 PM in memory of Richie Silverman and the 28 law enforcement officers and firefighters who have passed away since the October meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM at Plummer Park – Rooms 5/6 at 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, CA 90046.



Public Safety Commission Chair



Staff Liaison

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