

**Rampart Community Police Advisory Board**

**Minutes for the meeting of Sept 07, 2021**

**Location of Board Meeting:** 1401 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street LA, 90017

**Individuals in Attendance: 21**

**Members:**

Mark Thaler

Paula Lewis

Sandi Cochran

Sonny Zapanta

Jim Mc Quinston

Dorothey Mc Quinston

**LAPD:**

Captain Lopez, A

Captain Mota, M

Sgt Garcia, M

SLO Solorio, R

SLO Zeigler, M

SLO Nguyen, R

SLO Braendle, P

Officer Ulloa, H

**Guest:**

Andrea Martinez

Nicole Medine

Yolanda Ramirez

Aurora Corona

David Estrada

Hale Anderson

Zaidy Martinez

Lilliana Villatoro

Gaspar Nicolao

Josh Janowicz

Luis Alberto Alvarez

Rosa Pequeño

Francisco Medina

Nancy Ochoa

**Attendees Roll Call taken:**

Chair Person Bertha Woolridge call the meeting to order. Attendance taken.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 PM, by Chair Person Bertha Woolridge.

**Minutes Approved:**

No approval of meeting minutes is required. August meeting was National Night Out.

1. Introduction of attendees.
2. Captain Lopez opened with salutations and expressed gratitude for all in attendance.
3. Captain Mota gives crime updates presentation.

\*Captain Mota indicated that for street robberies we are doing well compared to last year. Aggravated assaults for YTD, Rampart is up 75 crimes, which is about 11% increase in aggravated assaults from last year, wherein 12-13% of those crimes occur in the Mac Arthur Park area. Weapon of choice is a knife. Shooting victims, Rampart is down 42%. YTD 2020, Ramp had 35 victims shot, YTD 2021, we have had 20. Shots Fired incidents YTD 20 we had 73, YTD 21 we have 70, only down 3%.

Approx three (3) weeks ago, Rampart initiated a Violent Crime Task Force Detail to address crime in Mac Arthur Park. Officers are to address issues/ crimes/ concerns of Mac Arthur Park area. Approx 5-6 officers assigned at a given time/ day. It has proved successful thus far as no violent crime has occurred in the park since its inception.

Rampart down almost 6% on street robberies. Unfortunately, thefts of motor vehicles (GTA's) still are up with one of the most targeted auto being a KIA. Rampart is currently up 9% as a whole compared to YTD 2020. Rampart homicides are at 13 YTD 2021 vs 15 YTD 2020.

\*Captain Lopez highlighted a significant reduction in crime, compared to this time last year. Captain Lopez indicated we have 13 homicides YTD 2021 detectives have been able to solve 5 of them. He also highlighted the great work that Officers and Detectives at Rampart Division continue to do at crime scene investigations. Captain stressed that when it comes to shots fired, we are down 4% from last year. In addition, gang shots fired related incidents, we are down 44%. Officers have recovered 238 guns off the street YTD, up 93% an increase from YTD 2020 at 123. Guns recovered include 5 rifles, 33 revolvers, and 87 semi-auto handguns. Of the 238 guns recovered, there have been 170 arrests from those recovered guns.

\*Captain Lopez highlighted that auto thefts are up, but thefts from vehicles are down, but what is up is catalytic converter thefts with YTD 149 compared to YTD 2020 at 60, the targeted car being a Toyota Prius. Capt Lopez drew attention to catalytic converter theft prevention theft event approximately 3 weeks ago and that we would have another next month.

\*Captain Lopez talked about marijuana clinics being legal, but there are illegal pop-up ones with no licensing. It brings crime to the area, individuals with guns enter these locations, possible robberies can occur, as well as theft of utilities that illegal clinics may be engaged in.

\* Guest speakers from City Council District 1 were not able to attend meeting but did send update. Officer Vargas provided update. Update: Westlake area, food distribution every other Tuesday's , Bonnie Brae/ 6<sup>th</sup> St and Burlington/ 8<sup>th</sup> btwn 10am-1pm. Weekly cleanups at Beacon/ 8<sup>th</sup> St every Wednesday and every Tuesday between Maryland/ Bixel both starting at 8am.

Additionally, CD1 advised that they have been able to house 135 people YTD 2021 and on today's date, they conducted a posted cleanup at Mac Arthur Park. Bi-Weekly walk-thrus are still occurring at park wherein repairs and vandalism are noted and ultimately addressed. This week, they fixed lights along Alvarado St.

\*Capt Lopez elaborated on cleanups. Cleanups will be done more frequently, as of September 1, looking at ADA compliance. Community cleanups vs. Posted Homeless cleanups were explained as well. Emphasis was made on 311 App, Ofcr Vargas explained 311 group.

\*Mac Arthur Park Cleanup Day announced for Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Mac Arthur Park.

\*Update regarding MacArthur Park efforts and request for community involvement and support

\*CPAB-Discussed developing subcommittee for Mac Arthur Park

4. Traffic Report provided by Sonny Zapanta  
(comparisons between August 2021 and July 2021)

**Primary Collision Factor:**

22350(a) VC- Speeding

21453(a) VC- Red Light Violation

**Primary collision for Fatal collision:**

Ped in roadway and Unsafe entering from stop sign

**Severe Traffic Collisions:**

4 compare to 5

**Total Fatal Collision:**

1 compare to 0 N/C

**DUI Related:**

12 compare to 7

**Felony Hit and Runs:**

13 compare to 17

**Felony Hit and Runs A-Injury**

2 compared to 0

**Vehicle Vs Ped:**

2 compare to 1

**Bicycle Involved T/C:**

1 compare to 0

**Bicycle Involved K T/C:**

1 compared to 0

Officer Ulloa provided summary of K T/C that occurred: Beverly/ Madison. Ulloa explained that severe T/C's compared to 2020, Rampart area is up 36%. Also, DUI's are up to 54 YTD, compared to 20 YTD 2020.

5. Youth Committee Update

6. \*Discussed Youth Programs Upcoming Events/ Community Events

\*Hispanic Heritage Month

\*Fall Festival

\*Youth Power Expo (Tentative)

\*Youth Literacy Book Club promoted at Mac Arthur/ Echo Parks

7. Mac Arthur Park Sub-Committee discussion by Capt Lopez

8. \*Guest Speakers

Gang Officers Uribe and Ya explained their roles and their efforts in Mac Arthur Park

Meeting Adjourned 7:27 PM