



ATTENDANCE

C-PAB BOARD

Cary Adams
Elise Berman
Larry Blumenstein
Marilynn Bradbury
Amanda Miles Conti
Pat Cran
Robert Danelen
Leonor Diaz
Connie Elliot
Sheri Herman
Chris James
Patty Kirby
InSoon Lee
Ben Lupu
Kathy Morrill
Linda Pantell
Lea Rookwood
Steve Schwartz
Joann Scott
Rob Zabrecky
Jonathan Zimmerman

LAPD

Captain Mohammadi
Captain Lozano
Sgt. Menchaca
Officer Antonioli
SLO Ahedo
SLO Benavidez
SLO Delbar
SLO Duvally
SLO Gonzalez
SLO Sawamura

GUESTS

Dave Abdalian LAPPL
Ross Pendergraft PALS

NORTH HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

July 14, 2021 NHWD C-PAB Minutes

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Sheri Herman at 7:15PM
Introduced 2 new Board Members

SLO/CRO REPORTS:

SLO AHEDO 15A3 – Been working on clearing out the RVs from Sherman Way and Radford for 3 months and finally got them cleared from the area. Unfortunately, when one is cleared, another one takes its place. Residents are now parking cars in front of their homes to take up space so no RV can park there. Biggest issue is stolen cars. Out of 16 cars stolen in his area, at least half of them were because people have left keys in their cars or have left them running while going into a store for a quick second.

SLO DUVALLY 15A33 – Still concentrating on Alexandria Park Tiny Homes area with clean-ups. Finally signs have been put up around the area of the tiny homes which allows for enforcement for clean-ups and tents being set up. The homeless have been breaking into buildings around Victory. Business' now boarding up with 3" wood. Pipes and wiring were being stolen by homeless. Permit parking is in the works for the residents around NOHO West where an apartment complex is being built.

SLO BENAVIDEZ 15A43 – Aggravated assaults and crime numbers are down. Areas of concern is Gelson's Market where thefts are up and customers are concerned about their safety due to the homeless coming up from the 101 Freeway. He is working with SLO Smith to get it under control. When getting calls about RVs being in an area for a few days, he will go out to make sure no criminal activity is taking place and offers services to those living in them. He will continue to do so until they accept the help or the enforcement from parking RVs is reinstated. He encourages everyone to contact their Senior Lead when they see something starting to sprout up.

SLO GONZALEZ 15A27 – In regards to RVs parked in the street, it is the responsibility of DOT, not LAPD, for parking enforcement and towing. LAPD wants to know who is living in them, who is visiting them, any criminal activity coming from them. He has plenty of them in his area, including the Target parking lot. Target is doing a major renovation to their store. They are expanding their products to include selling hard liquor. YTD there has been about \$600,000 worth of thefts from that store which is not all homeless related. Still addressing the homeless issue. There were 12 tents around Satsuma and Vanowen after continually working the area for a year, he managed to get 5 people move into tiny homes but only 3 have stayed. Others leave because they don't want to follow the rules.

SLO DELBAR 15A67 – Burglary from Motor Vehicles is still a problem. People continue to leave things in their cars. People who live in apartments and have tandem parking, leave their keys in their cars. People are sneaking into underground parking structures. Another issue in his area is regarding Air B & B's. When people use them for events, loud parties, etc. that becomes a police issue. He asked people to report it to the non-emergency number and to email your SLO so there is a record and they can work with the City Attorney to address this issues. He continues to visit South Weddington park to keep an eye on criminal activities.

SLO SAWAMURA 15A21 – 4th of July able to address some illegal fireworks with confiscation and citations thanks to neighbors reporting the locations but most attention was turned to the Vanowen Apartments with a shooting so resources were busy dealing with that July 3rd at the closed K-Mart parking lot on Sherman Way, the entire parking lot is fill with low-riders for a car

show. At least 300 vehicles were there and had come in from Van Nuys. There were several intersections that had them taken over but couldn't get to them in time. Going to reach out to VTD to see how their street racing task force can be utilized.

LAPPL rep. Dave Abaldian – The City and the Department are taking very seriously the LAPD response to the riots last year and how they can improve upon it should another situation should happen. As far as Legislation that is being talked about in Sacramento and DC, LAPPL has been the only organization that has been invited to join in with these discussions to discuss police reform. The big bill now is Senate Bill 2 which deals with qualified immunity defense and decertification.

CRO- Sgt. Menchaca –Councilman Krekorian's office gave funds to add 2 extra cars for 5 nights to help with fireworks suppression. Will also be working on Station Beautification with repainting, landscaping, memorials of NHWD Officers killed in the line of duty, and signage, etc. With the landscaping and the planters we have, we will be giving the planters to our Youth Groups to keep them up. July 25th there is going to be Pizza with the Police at Victorio's Restaurant from noon – 2PM.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

EMERGENCY PREPAREDENESS & SAFTY – Getting in touch with all the new Public Safety Committees from all 7 NC's in NHWD since their new elections and build a relationship with them. Open to do earthquake preparedness to Neighborhood Watches and looking into do a CERT training for the community.

LEGISLATIVE – continuing to reach out to all elected officials from the State, to the County to the City. Hoping to get some face-to-face meetings soon.

OUTREACH – Looking forward to get back out there

CEASE – Had a presentation from the Bomb Squad. Went to Whitsett Park and impressed with the changes made due to all the hard work Sgt. Menchaca has done in conjunction with Krekorian's Office and Parks and Rec. Radar had another 105 violations and YTD we are at 1879 violations. VPP is starting to do the quality of life issues again. Also providing extra patrol on Friday nights and Saturday mornings around the synagogues in the North Hollywood Area.

DISCUSSION

Overall crime we are number 12 in the city. YTD, Homicides down 4% as we have had 3 homicides. Robberies up 12.8% up and Assaults up 2.5%
Vehicles are still being stolen due to people leaving their cars running or leaving keys in cars
This is a preventable crime. Hide it, Lock it, Keep it
Last week, NHWD handled 1000 calls for service. Response time for 911 calls is 6 min, Code 2 high (no lights and sirens) 20-23 min and non-emergency calls we are at 59 minutes.
Community is complaining about calling the non-emergency number or the Station. This is a result of staffing and technological issues due to the budget cuts. As for the Front Desk, they try to have 2 officers there but most times it is just one officer who is busy taking crime reports from people who walk into the station to file one. This is the priority to handle those who walk in vs answering the phones. This is a direct result of staffing issues. There will be 100 people retiring this month and no new officers out of the Academy until December. We were at about 10,000 officers last year and by December we will be at 8700 officers but also need to account for officers injured, sick or on vacation, that will be additional 1000 officers off duty.
Revisiting having volunteers trained to help answer phones at the Front Desk

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM