



COMMUNITY-POLICE ADVISORY BOARD OLYMPIC COMMUNITY POLICE STATION

1130 Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90006

Minutes of the Meeting of September 2, 2021

Call To Order. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Olympic Division C-PAB was called to order by co-chairman Moises Gomez at 3:02 pm in the Captain's Conference Room and via Zoom. Quorum not achieved.

Minutes. Approval of minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

Captain's Report given by Captain P. Sandoval, who stated that:

1. The National Night Out event, held in conjunction with the August C-PAB meeting, was enjoyable and successful with speakers and entertainment.
2. Grand Theft Auto continues to be a significant problem in the area. Most thefts occur of vehicles that are parked on the street, but garaged vehicles parked in tandem with the keys left inside and delivery services that are double parked and left running are also frequent targets.
3. Catalytic converter theft is also up. A recent event, advertised at the National Night Out and by the SLOs through social media, inscribed converters with the vehicle VIN and an LAPD badge. It is hoped that these markings will discourage a thief who discovers them as he prepares to cut off a converter. The event will be repeated soon; members of C-PAB who want to assist should inform the CRO.
4. Sgt. Puente reported that the El Salvador Foundation event, held 15 August drew more than 5000 people who received back-to-school backpacks & supplies, food, children's clothing and various services including legal aid.
5. Co- Chair Gomez discussed the rental assistance program sponsored by the State. Persons needing assistance can apply on-line at https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html
6. He also discussed the Comeback Checks Program. A Google search on that topic produces information and application sites. **(LINK REORTED, EWDD.COM IS NOT FUNCIONAL. PLEASE CORRECT.)**

Speaker. Mr. Gerry Sanchez, of CA Alcoholic Beverage Control, introduced himself and described the functions performed. ABC is attempting to improve links to police divisions. During the Covid emergency, complaints of unlicensed businesses illegally serving alcohol increased significantly especially in Koreatown. The backlog has been significantly reduced from approximately 10 to 2 currently. Enforcement is difficult, as many of the offending locations are unique to a single ethnic group or nationality. It is not known whether the observed decrease in complaints reflects a decrease in actual violations or only of reports received. If enforcement is delayed, ABC instead informs owners who may be able to act quickly.

Mr. Sanchez reported that current enforcement is centered in the USC area in an attempt to prevent youth access to alcohol. Responding to a question, he offered to participate in zoom meetings with BED restaurateurs with questions about the operation of the permit process and regulations.

He provided his email: Gerry.sanchez@abc.ca.gov and his cell (213) 215-6945.

Senior Lead Update. SLO Melkonian reported that a series of roll-calls have been held in areas with high crime rates. These include 6th St & Berendo, RFK High School, and Normandie Park. Efforts focused on school reopening have increased. While schools have been closed during the Covid emergency, some long-lived homeless encampments have encroached on sidewalk access and are creating problems near schools. New legislation has been passed that requires a 500' clear zone at schools and other identified special locations. Enforcement will begin as soon as regulations and codification is finalized.

Public Comment. None.

Adjournment. 3:34 pm.

Submitted by Robert Reeves, Secretary.

Please submit comments or corrections through the Olympic Division Community Relations Office.

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 7 OCTOBER, 3:00 PM