Date: August 18, 2021
Time: 6:00 P.M. via Zoom
Call to Order: Ron Mito, Civilian Co-Chair

Members Present: George Francisco, Paula Gerez, Ricardo Gomez, Margie Hanson, Cyndi Hench, Pat Karasick, Rob Kadota, Ron Kato, Ghasson Malek, Warren Magness, Joseph Reyes, Carol Tantau, Brian Ulf, Excused: Steve Freedman

Guests:
Vicki Halliday
John Logsdon
Sandra Kitashima
Sima Kostovetsky
CD #11- Dexter O’Connell

LAPD Personnel: Captain Emrich, SLO Acosta, SLO Villery, SLO Aceves, SLO Castanada and SLO Contreras
Claudia Martin, Neighborhood Prosecutor

Minutes. Minutes approved.

Captain’s Report: Good news, the tents are down at Venice Beach with the cooperation of many agencies. Big reduction in Aggravated assaults. There was a 4-person shooting, investigation is on-going. Apparently, no drugs or
gang members were involved. Department is providing funding for 2 more officers. Overtime remains for outreach to reverse crime trends. Westchester Park will have 4 officers and a Supervisor every Sunday. Cars in the safe parking area can stay, all others must leave unless the person is dwelling in the vehicle. Gang unit on the 405 witnessed a multiple collision. Stopped to give aid, administered CPR to a victim suffering from a heart attack. A citizen and a nurse also pulled over to offer help. The freeway was shut down. 4118 is not in effect yet. Areas need to be identified. Probably another 6 months. There was a discussion about Westchester park. South end is being fenced off. The expectation is that sports will resume after the park has been cleared.

**Sgt. Cook:** Officer Shaw requests everyone who can to support the Blood Drive on Tuesday. Pacific is a 6-year champion in the West Bureau challenge. Online registration is available. Last Saturday, the Southwest Division of the Ferrari Club had a rally through Del Rey and Playa Vista raising $10,000 for the Station and the youth programs.

**SLO Reports**

**A-11** – 41.18 does not apply to vehicles. Agencies are still working along the boardwalk. Recreation and Parks is working with animal control to enforce leash laws. Handwashing station in the DOT lot to be removed. Encampment across from Westminster School is allowed to stay. Mail theft is a federal crime.

**A-13**- Back to basics, emphasis on 3rd and Rose. 68% of aggravated assaults involve homeless people. Crime is down due to increased security and awareness. SLO Acosta met with school administrators in his area to make a safety plan, especially regarding traffic safety in crosswalks. West traffic will be assisting in a task force.

**A-25** –Hardening the target has helped lower crime in his area. Businesses looking to beautify their landscaping along Grandview and Venice are still waiting for permits. Incident at Barry and Venice involved a mother and son resisting his mother’s tough love. Officers responded after neighbors called 911. The review process is long, usually takes 9 months.

**A-27**

**A-45**
A-49- Crime is down, except for a 109% uptick in the Mar Vista Gardens. Property crime is down 28%. Motor vehicles are still being left unlocked with items in plain sight. Encampments Pacific and Grandview, Mesmer are experiencing outreach efforts by various agencies with the goal of getting everyone into housing.

A-73: There is an uptick in bicycle thefts. 12-14 CCTV cameras are up and working in the park. The trees have been trimmed. Theft is up in the BID area. Advise citizens to secure their property. Flyers were passed out.

A67:
Mayor’s Representative:
Contact Claudia Martin at: Claudia.martin@lacity.org
Reiterated 41.18 is not available yet.

CD#11 – Dexter O’Connell reported that a motion by Ridley-Thomas is going to Council. The vote is to establish one safe encampment area in each CD area.
Westchester Park field is closed for remediation.
LADOT after September 7, there will be citywide implementation for encampment protocols.
Tristan is the new Venice deputy. 211 people have been housed from the beach

Activities/Events Reports:
CRO/SLO
Sgt. Cook – Community Relation Office best contact phone number is 310-482-6397
LMU: no report

Members/Visitors concerns:
Playa Vista grab and go guy. Warren sent pictures. Basketball courts will be closed Saturday to prevent youth from abusing the site.
Youth 12-13 terrorizing the playground by riding their bikes through, some are residents. Letters have been sent to their parents.
Supervisor Holly Mitchell’s office has sent a $100,000 to be used in partnership with PATH to house individuals in the Westchester encampment.

Committee Reports:
Events: NNO was a big success. There is money for next year. Thanks for all the help, especially Pacific personnel. Outreach was good and expect even better next year.
Art Crawl in Venice is back. Fundraiser on an empty parking lot, no food, 6 P.M.-11P.M. Veniceartcrawl.com
Thanksgiving Officer Appreciation dinner: Now is the time to start planning and contacting donors. Office Shaw will assist Margie and Ron.

**Neighborhood Watch/ Block Captains:** School is back in person. Be aware driving. Rob recommends the following websites for information:

- https://achieve.net/cms/lib/ca01000043/centricity/ModuleInstance/45663
- Parent Care givers – https://achieve.lausd.net/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?
- https://achieve.lausd.net/site/bicyclist_safety_030519_v2_tag.pdf
- Office of Equity Compliance Office https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3582
- The Office of Emergency Services https://achieve.lausd.net/domain/318

Del Rey as part of their 2 way radio training mapped out their neighborhood with Rylan, and recruited block captains. Would like to see this duplicated in other areas.

Next block captain meeting September 9, 2021 on Zoom

**Emergency Preparedness:** Joe Davis recommends:

NTP Training

8/18/21 - 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM PDT Venice Neighborhood Team Program - S6 - Neighborhood Security

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/81821-venice-neighborhood-team-program-s6-neighborhood-security-registration-164049688033?fbclid=IwAR2ZifnBnQ1k5g98-azOK8kN8I1piXWhfGNX6a6YFy2fADZav6K_cs18KFw#add-to-calendar-modal

8/21/21 9am-12:30pm West Adams neighborhood disaster team drill

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYB8qEiF5wZ22FKxig6BfbnAsH-IJQV1_neAMuTJ-h48WWPw/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2sDXMl6UtkiAp4Chr8xgsWbG18j8KB-ndqlVu5v1ICxx3D-c1GkwZKaP0
CERT Training

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9/13/21 - Palms/Westside Village/Mar Vista Neighborhood Team Program - S6 Date and time
Mon, September 13, 2021 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM PDT
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/91321-palmswestside-villagemar-vista-neighborhood-team-program-s6-registration-164208894223?aff=odeieiconstantcontact&ctct_id=ff8db28e-6100-411d-96d4-896f9dfb0530_p2&ctct_c=nr3wXiOQTdCGXQJf4DPe65eG67EOBN8Q50VuxAA7cZUL6fVc0q1w==

Expecting Alma Park Neighborhood Team Program S3 Search & Rescue on 2nd Saturday September 11 2-4pm
Transportation: No report

Boosters: E-Waste Drive cancelled.
Looking for new members. Contact Margie to join. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month on Zoom at 8:30 A.M.

Next meeting: September 15, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.
Zoom link will be sent a week ahead of time

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Karasick
PAC-CPAB Liaison