



Mar Vista Community Council



Safety and Security Committee

Thurs. July 28th, 2016 7pm

At the Coffee Connection, corner of Venice and Centinela

Co Chairs: Bill Koontz and Elliot Hanna

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment and Block Captain Reports

None

Review and Approval of Minutes

None presented

LAPD/CPAB Report

1. Senior Lead Officer updates (Crime trends, CompStat numbers) – Officer Hector Aceves (L.A.P.D.) briefed latest crime statistics – Burglaries have increased. He warned against complacency (open windows, etc.).
2. Block Capt. Program (where we are numbers wise and goal setting for future community involvement) – Nothing to report but Officer Greg Jacobus (L.A.P.D.) discussed the formation of a neighborhood watch and ways of increasing neighborhood watch participation.
3. Discussion of ongoing co-location with CPAB - Discussed the possibility of scheduling future meetings immediately preceding C.P.A.B. meetings at L.A.P.D. Pacific Division. Item tabled due to logistical concerns.

Action Items with possible funding motions:

1) MVCC Safety and Security Committee at the Farmers Market (2nd or 3rd Sunday of the month) - No action taken

- i) Pacific LAPD SLOs hope to be present from 11am-1pm
- ii) Opportunity to engage Block Capts and Committee members (ala Green Committee)
- iii) Reinvigoration of coffee with a cop program
- iv) Invitation to LAFD to join us at the booth

2) Discussion of Committee name and current mission statement (possible motion to follow) –

- Elliot Hanna made a motion to change the committee's name to the "Committee on Public Safety." Motion seconded by Leah Oye. Motion carried (Yeas – 11, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 2)

- Elliot Hanna made a motion to change the committee’s mission statement to “The mission of the Mar Vista Community Council’s Committee on Public Safety is to assist stakeholders in elevating the quality of life, enhancing safety, and improving emergency preparedness within the community. The committee does this by encouraging personal responsibility and through cooperation with public and private-sector agencies having jurisdiction over the community.”

3) Discussion of the proliferation of Illegal Fireworks (possible motion to follow)

- i) Cooperative outreach efforts with MVCC, LAPD and CD11 ii) Safe and Sane Alternatives
- iii) Best Practices from other communities that have a fireworks outreach/reduction program
 - a. Discussed proliferation of illegal fireworks
 - b. Discussed feasibility of city council outlawing simple possession
 - c. Discussed producing informational flyers
 - d. Discussed inviting L.A.F.D. to next meeting
 - e. Bill Koontz to research other communities’ outreach efforts to reduce illegal fireworks.

4) Discussion of recent Mail Theft complaints (possible motion to follow)

- i) Possible outreach opportunity with Postal Service, LAPD, and MVCC
- ii) Updating our website with current contact information, possible button on main page
- iii) Coordination of video surveillance in large apartment buildings
 - a. There was a lively discussion
 - b. Stakeholders discussed personal experiences
 - c. Hanna to compile data and reach out to federal authorities

5) Discussion of re-invigoration of existing neighborhood watch program

(possible motion to follow)

- i) Printing of additional binders with updated materials
- ii) Coordination with heads of local neighborhood associations
- iii) Possible integration of existing local block captains
- iv) Teaming up with SLOs upon creation of new neighborhood watches and with existing watch meetings
 - a. Discussed re-constituting existing neighborhood watch program
 - b. No action taken

6) Discussion of Hazardous Material storage and disposal (LAFD) and Discussion of General Fire Safety (possible motion to follow)

- i) Drought conditions, Holiday fire risks, BBQ season
- ii) Possible outreach opportunity with LAFD on smoke detectors

Deferred – See “Adjourn” for details

7) Discussion of outreach on “What if it’s you” Campaign (possible motion to follow)

Deferred – See “Adjourn” for details

Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

- a. Hanna moved to adjourn and defer agenda item 6 (Discussion of hazardous material storage and disposal) and item 7 (Discussion of outreach on “What if it’s you” campaign) to August, 2016 meeting. Second by Leah Oye. Motion carried (Yeas – 11, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 2).
- b. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Koontz at 8:30 p.m.

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