

Public Health and Safety Committee

Windward School Conference Room 1030, Building C
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066
Thursday, October 11, 2018 6pm-8pm

Introductions - WELCOME! Present were Calani, Rene, Rob Kadota (Presiding Co-Chair), and Ken Frese (Recording Co-Chair).

2. Public Comment:

- Calani – The homeless encampment on Venice Blvd. under the 405 overpass is moving onto the street, and disease among the homeless people there is probable: this is a public safety and health issue for the public at large. Information about this condition was brought to our September meeting.
- Rene – 1) There was the smell of excrement at the Mar Vista Library, and the parking spaces at the library are too small (and several were taken up by RVs). This matter was referred to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee of the Mar Vista Community Council by Rob. 2) There was a two-car accident on East Blvd and Washington Place, one block west of McLaughlin. Stop light or stop sign or a flashing light is needed on East Blvd and Washington Place to slow people down; there is also no crosswalk. It took the police an hour to get there, since there was no injury. (The road diet on Venice Blvd. is closing businesses on Venice Blvd., and it is also possibly causing speeding down Washington Place as well as down alleys.) Rob will also refer this matter to the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.
- Ivan – Since the ShakeOut is coming up, people need to seriously think about whether they are prepared. One needs to be able to take care of one's own basic needs until official relief agencies can get adequate amounts of supplies to you regularly. Ivan said that he would email a PDF to Rob of critical websites by tomorrow along with a possible logo for the Committee on Health and Public Safety.
- Announcements: the Aging In Place Sub-Committee will present a program with Dementia Friends of California here at Windward School next Tuesday at 6pm.

3. Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: the Minutes of the September 13, 2018, meeting were approved by acclamation.

4. Standing Reports and Updates from Sub Committees

- a. Aging In Place Sub-Committee and Speaker Series: see above.
- b. Bike Mar Vista Sub-Committee Updates: report by Rob.
- c. Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee News: report by Ken
 - i. Ready Your LA Neighborhood (RYLAN)/Map Your Neighborhood
 - ii. Great CA Shake Out – Oct. 18.
 - iii. Westside Village Preparedness Fair “Resilience: Preparing for Recovery”, Oct. 4. Rob shared that he will upload a video that he took of the panel to the MVCC website.
 - iv. Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair – Sept. 29. Rob suggested that we rent buses to take people from MV to the fair next year.
- a. Review of MVCC BOD Approved Admin Motions for Public Health and Safety
 - i. Committee Chair, Liaison to Resilient LA, Mission Statement, Emer. Prep by Zone, Committee mission statement. Ken was approved by the Board of Directors to be the Resilience Liaison for MV to Resilient LA.
- b. Review of Funding Motions to the MVCC Board of Directors from the Public Health and Safety Committee – report by Rob. The following requests were approved by the Board of Directors:

- i. LAPD Winter Wonderland - \$1,000. Funded.
- ii. Refreshments for CERT Classes co-sponsored by MVCC - \$300. Left off agenda.
- iii. First Aid Kit Supplies - \$500. Funded. What to purchase?
- iv. High Visibility Vests - \$1500. Funded. MarVista.org Cares, on the back. Logo without the sun. Only one color: black. To Outreach Committee.
- v. Coffee with a Cop by Zones - \$600. Funded.

6. New Business

- a. Funding Motion to support the cost of renting a room at the Coffee Connection for meetings of the Emergency Preparedness Sub-Committee - \$250 (\$25 x 10) Rob moved, Ken seconded.

Approved by acclamation.

b. Neighborhood Watch Materials/Notebooks

- i. Rob made a presentation of several ideas for discussion and feedback to recruit more Block Captains and increase participation in Neighborhood Watch:
 - 1. a) Neighborhood Safety Walks. b) Map Your Neighborhood/Emergency Preparedness for your Block. c) Dog Walker Watch: a popular program in some places; we could empower these people and give them vests or bandanas for their dogs (Rob had a sample). d) Rob distributed materials from National Neighborhood Watch Program and suggested that we could create our own NW guide. e) Ask LAPD to help us publicize quarterly Block Captain meetings. f) Do a launch to the leadership (Zone Directors, Neighborhood Associations, potential block captains) with the possible title "We're Stronger Together – Neighborhood Watch", "Block Captains Building Community". g) February 2019, Have a Valentine theme in February 2019: "Get Close(r) – Know Your Neighbor"; "Safer Communities"; "Making Connections"; "See Something – Say Something"; "Leading the Way". (In response to a question Rob stated that to his knowledge there are only two containers of emergency preparedness resources in MV: Westdale [on the MV Elementary campus] and Hilltop [on the North Venice Little League field]). h) Make a food and refreshment request for Block Captain events. i) Give a Block Captains a workbook, a manual, and a vest. (Rob distributed the 5 Points of Contact document from the LAPD, which includes the names and contact information of the 4 Senior Lead Officers for MV.) j) Hold a Zombie Pandemic event: when someone is prepared for the Zombie Apocalypse they are also prepared for emergencies/disasters. It was decided to plan this for Halloween 2019 and connect it with next ShakeOut, putting a link on our website.
 - 2. Next steps – revisions to materials, outreach, recruitment and calendar of events.

c. Administrative Motion - Review and approval of Public Health and Safety Committee mission statement. Ken led a discussion of the draft mission statement, which was pared down to the following:

- i. The MVCC Public Health and Safety Committee is committed to building a more resilient Los Angeles by addressing the needs of our most vulnerable stakeholders and neighborhoods. Our proposed actions are intended to convey safety and security while building resilience to both the impacts of unexpected catastrophic events and chronic underlying stresses.
 - 1. Safe and Thriving Angelenos
 - 2. Strong and Connected Neighborhoods
 - 3. Prepared and Responsive City

4. Pioneering and Collaborative Partner. **Adoption was tabled until the November meeting**, when Ken will also talk about City Resilience Plan.
- d. Rob reported on the Mar Vista Bike and Safety Fair – 10am to 2pm on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Richland Avenue Elementary School (11562 Richland Avenue, LA 90064). Participating organization include: the California Highway Patrol, the National Park Service, CERT LA, Velofix, LAPD, and LAFD (near confirmation). Activities include: walk-in rollers, jump bikes, Lime scooters, helmet giveaways, water bottles, bike swap and repair, a bike rodeo, boosters to do a car wash, and bike shops for people to try out different kinds of bikes. The event is geared for both kids and adults and features partnerships with all elementary schools and promotion on social media.
- e. Public Health and Safety Events and Outreach Opportunities
 - i. Small Business Saturday is part of the Mar Vista Art Walk on November 24. There will also be a LAPD Toy Event with a Santa Sleigh Stop on Grand View in December (Rob will bring photos to our November meeting).
 - ii. Outreach will continue at the MV Farmers Market by Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee to promote the Great CA Shakeout.
- f. Development of SMART Goals for Committee. Here are some initial brainstorming possibilities:
 - i. A Block Captain on every block.
 - ii. Neighborhood watch meetings conducted at least once every other year for every block.
 - iii. Regional CERT trailers and trained citizens in all parts of Mar Vista
 - iv. Host at least one CERT class annually in Mar Vista.
 - v. Development and dissemination of emergency plans and community contacts with local LAPD/LAFD
 - vi. Enhancement of partnership and support of Historic FS 62 project and program.
 - vii. OTHERS

7. Future agenda items:

- a. Cool blocks Sustainability Program – www.coolblock.org
- b. Presentation to MVCC BOD re: Resilient LA program
 - i. <http://www.resilience.la/#intro> ii. <https://www.lamayor.org/Resilience>

8. Public Comment. Items for discussion at the November meeting: homelessness, NW, LA County Public Health (typhus, flu, mosquito). The goal is to have takeaways at every meeting.

9. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Frese
Co-Chair