



## *Mar Vista Community Council*



### **Public Health and Safety Committee MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday February 06, 2020 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.  
Windward School Conference Room 1030, Building C  
11350 Palms Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066  
Chair: Christine Stemar (christine.stemar@marvista.org)

1. **Call To Order** - Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. **In attendance:** Christine Stemar, Chair, MVCC Board members Holly Tilson, Zone 6 Director and MVCC Treasurer and Airports Subcommittee Vice-Chair and Elections & Bylaws Committee Vice-Chair, Budget Advocate Alternate, Rob Kadota, At-Large Director and Mobility Subcommittee Chair  
William Keith, Palms Neighborhood Council  
Stakeholders present: Bill Pope, Kalani Whittington, Matthew Liston

3. **Public comment for items not on this agenda**

**Matthew Liston:** Said he wanted to be more involved, is a father of 3 lives by the park, just down the street here by the Rec. center.

**Kalani Whittington:** Said last night she had attended the Palms NC general assembly meeting for some reason even though there was a heated discussion over the shooting at the Shell station which occurred in Culver City technically, from a homeless schizophrenic named Victor, everyone wanted to us to remember his name, father of two, per the homeless activist that invaded our meeting. But he resided at the homeless encampment, but it's a drug den because there's been several incidents and two shootings, third including Victor. This activist does not live in the neighborhood and invades our meetings much like MVCC is invaded. Everyone wants to get on board to cheer a victim regardless if he was a schizophrenic, higher than a kite father of two. Palms is trying to pass a motion criticizing the LAPD and forbidding them from attending Homeless sweeps in the future. We all lived through the Rodney King and saw what happened there. It should be noted that we have these professional activists who are running around our westside communities to promote an ideal that our community, the people that live in the communities don't necessarily agree with. I just wanted to call attention to that because we are flooded with a bunch of "everybody gets a ribbon and a trophy millennials" who all want to do the right thing in the name of morality, but these are not people who have had to endure what we have heard for the residents who live on Globe and Tuller for instance, and all they have had to endure. Now we have kids afraid to even walk in Grand View to the school there because of the homeless encampment and the prostitution that they have to navigate to get to their school. Everyone wants to help the little guy, and heaven knows I am that little person, I am a minority person who was forced into disability with my brain injury. By right I should be on the streets too. So there for the grace of God go I, but we have to be reasonable in how we deal with these matters.

**Rob Kadota:** The Argonaut has a link to the LAPD video, I thought it was actually very balanced, they had the 911 broadcast that the operators are responding to, had the videos from the Shell station, and then some of the body cams from at least two of the officers. I hadn't seen it before but I found it to be very educational.

**Kalani Whittington:** Some found it that yes he was threatening, but these activists flooded our meeting, no, no, they had him in handcuffs and you know. I was accosted at the Shell station on Overland, by a homeless person. We have a former NC person who was eight months pregnant, she was attacked by a homeless person. Then she was attacked again by another homeless person when she was pushing the stroller with the baby that she had been carrying the first time she was attacked. She had to move out of our area, which is typical of Palms where people with kids move out of our area, but she now lives in SoRo. And they have an encampment under the 10 and Venice there.

William Keith requested electronic versions of Active Shooter materials.

4. **No Minutes** were presented

5. **Standing Reports and Updates from Sub Committees**

**Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**

**Rob Kadota:** Developing FRS and GMRS radio protocol for this side of the 405. Trying to emulate our Palms/Westside Village neighbors. I was able to connect with Phil from Venice/Berry which is pretty far away from the Palms Westside Village area, that was pretty neat. So, hoping to push that forward to other parts of Mar Vista so we can have radio communications in the emergency program. FMS/GMRS are those walkie-talkies you can buy. Phil who already runs a monthly radio-net-call-in, in the Palms and (Zone 1) Westside Village areas. That is what we are trying to appropriately move into.

**William Keith:** There will also be a hands-on "Two Way Radio Drill" on Saturday, March 14th 10:AM Plan for about two and a half hours. 9733 Venice Blvd., the Culver Palms Church of Christ, plenty of parking. Radios will be provided, to learn protocol and get used to the nuances of the radio.

**Rob Kadota:** It's interesting, its South Bureau and West Bureau. The idea is to build on something that is working.

Ultimately used for emergency communication. Fairly inexpensive Walkie Talkie radios can be used as well higher high-end unites. They are in the evening of the 1st Tuesday of the month. They are designed to practice protocol via check-ins and relay messages. Everyone in the MVCC area is invited to participate. Anyone interested, please contact us and we can help set you up.

**Homeless Issues Sub-Committee:** (The first HIC meeting with the new Co-Chairs will take place on February 19th at the Mar Vista Branch Library 12006 Venice Blvd. 90066 6:30pm - 7:45pm)

6 **Old business**

**Neighborhood Watch**

**Rob Kadota:** We have #75 NW signs, I am the person responsible, I'm the person trained and have had experience putting them up. In the past, the practice has been when there is a community or block that has an active Neighborhood Watch program, meaning they have met in the last year and the Senior Lead Officer can verify that, then I will work with the SLO to put up two signs in that area. One at the two entrances to that block. And we put it up. They say MVCC name NW signs. You will only see them where there are active Neighborhood Watch programs and the Senior Lead ok's it. It's about working with your SLO's in Mar Vista and they would let us know they have a community that's ready for a sign. I am going to a CPAP meeting next week and will mention it, to make sure all the four Senior Leads that interface with us know.

**Holly Tilson:** Adrian Acosta we used to work with used to recommend where the placement should be at the ends of streets. Some old signs need to be replaced. I would like to see NW all over the place that each Neighborhood Watch gets enough, two for each block.

**Rob Kadota:** Clarifying who needs to become involved. The signs will be placed on a first come first serve basis. Rob is the only person authorized to install after proper protocol is followed. It's not standardized, the Senior is in the best position to articulate. I consult with the SL and I go to the area and assess the poles to be used.

**Holly Tilson:** Concerned about how many signs will be in each zone, there needs to be a fair distribution. Get Zone Directors and SLO's and Block Captains to provide a list and send an email, your Zone Director would like to work with you on getting NW signs, please contact them to move this program along. Simple draft, send a letter to the Block Captains, tell them who the Zone Director is and if they would like to NW signs to please contact your Zone Director. Also, if they like to be trained on how to mount them, Rob could volunteer to train them to work with the SLO.

**Kalani Whittington:** Having a written procedure helps promote more usage.

**William Keith:** Tex and Rocko would like a NW and welcome a pleasant environment.

New Five Points of Contact is on the web site. All areas of MV have a SLO.

## **7 New Business**

**Funding Emergency Preparedness 2 Events** the first will be Pet First-Aid the second is TBD. requesting \$1,000. Due to how funding is requested and allotted. This is a request to ear-mark the funds. When the who, what, where and why are determined and the proper event paperwork is complete the motion will be brought back to committee.

## **8 Future Agenda Items**

**Bill Pope:** Asked the group if we are interested in Robbery Prevention training, to hold an MVCC event. Everyone agreed this is a timely and critical topic. Discussion to be continued.

**9 Meeting adjourned** at 7:35 p.m.