

Community Council Governing Board

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Via Zoom Webinar

ROLL CALL

10:12 AM KimMarie Johnson-Roussell “The Chair”, called the meeting to order.

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell read roll call attendance.

TREASURER UPDATE

Roozbeh Kaboli, Treasurer, provided an update.

- Raised the question of moving forward with installing the 120 signs that have already been produced and are currently stored in the office.
 - *Need to decide if signs should be installed with current messaging.*
- Vendor Update: Option to enter into a contract with Wendy Moore for webmaster services. Contract can be terminated with 30 days notice or will otherwise end on June 30, 2022 (end of fiscal year).
- City is going through a RFP process for new vendor services.
- City confirmed receipt of amended budget. Funds are expected to be received within the next few weeks.

Roobeth asked that stakeholders come to the next meeting with ideas on how funds can be used for effective and impactful outreach initiatives. KimMarie posed the question if mailers should be revisited as part of outreach efforts.

LAPD REPORTS

SLO, Gary Verge (77th Division), reported on recent crime activity.

- Grand theft auto has decreased
- (2) shooting incidents reported; Nov 27th dispute between two family members resulted in 3 people shot and Dec 8th, a shooting was reported at the Mobile gas station
- Gang activity continues to be monitored

Other topics included:

- Office is extending hours for malls to minimize smash and grab activity during the holidays
- Officer Verge announced his retirement and this was his last meeting. He will be in the office through the end of March. Another officer will take his place but in the meantime, officer Dixon remains a point of contact. The community thanks Office Verge for his service.

Upcoming Community Events

Holiday Festivities

Tuesday, Dec 14, 5pm - 7pm

6407 10th Avenue

Toy Drive organized by Project 43

Saturday, Dec 18

684 S. Crenshaw

SLO, Paul Eveleth (Southwest Division), reported on recent crime activity.

- Increase in cars reported stolen; Kias and Hyundias are being targeted
- Increase in car break-ins and cadillac converters stolen from Honda CRVs
- Number of reports shootings has gone down

Other topics included:

Issues with the homeless encampment continue (43rd Pl & 11th Ave). Trying to change parking regulations to minimize RVs parked too close to Leimert Park and residential areas. The goal is to be more preventative than reactive.

SLO, Andre Dixon (77th Division), reported that homicides are up. He provided the details of a shooting that took place on 59th & West Blvd. There was a robbery at a retail store that involved 5 juveniles. The store clerk/employee was shot 9x. Four of the five suspects have been arrested and a source has identified the fifth suspect. Stolen items were found in a vehicle associated with the robbery.

Upcoming Community Events

Winter Wonderland

48th & Budlong (District 9)

Friday, Dec 17

10am or 11am start

Wednesday, Dec 22

Office Dixon dressing as Santa Claus and giving out toys to kids in parks.

GOVERNMENT & OTHER REPORTS

Jasmine Desenclos from Council District 8 reported on 311's, homeless outreach efforts, and sidewalk repairs.

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President, asked if the community council meeting agenda could be posted on the outside of the Council District office at 54th & Crenshaw. Jasmine will inquire and confirm.

Amber Elton & Yoobin Kim from Council District 8 City Sidewalk Repair Program attended the call and gave a presentation.

- 2021 year to date: 494 repair requests received and 112 completed.
- Complying with the settlement agreement, the priority for repairs is for those with mobility disabilities to ensure ADA compliance.
- There is a dedicated website for sidewalk repairs: sidewalks@lacity.org

Jasmine reported that the Metro has installed cameras on Crenshaw between 40th & 59th. 500 people have received warning letters. On January 3rd, citations will begin. KimMarie, Allison and other stakeholders expressed concern about a possible issue with cameras not working properly. Board members and stakeholders expressed that the issue with the cameras must be addressed and resolved immediately before citations begin.

Jasmine asked that stakeholders let her know about upcoming events so that she and the district can support, i.e. if events need tents or transportation for an organized field trip. She asked please allow at least 2 to 3 weeks for the processing of requests for Certificates of Recognition.

Upcoming Community Event

CD8 Winter Wonderland - Baldwin Hills

Saturday, Dec 18 3pm - 7pm

*Pre-registered event

REPRESENTATIVE AT-LARGE UPDATE

Julia Smith, At-Large, provided an update. We were defeated for the redistricting map, but will remain vigilant in the new year.

NOMINEE FOR SECRETARY

KimMarie introduced her nominee for the Secretary position, Lauren Brown. Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President, asked for Lauren's commitment to assuming all responsibilities of the Secretary position, specifically meeting note taking. Lauren acknowledged and agreed.

The board will officially vote to appoint Lauren to the board on Tuesday, Dec 14.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chandra Mosley, stakeholder, expressed concern regarding the 120 signs previously referenced in Treasurer Roozbeh's update. Roozbeth clarified that the signs in question are not being positioned as neighborhood watch signs but rather outreach signs. He also explained that DOT has the ultimate authority to improve the install of said signs and that the signs in question are separate from that of the sign project that Chandra Mosely is spearheading.

SLO, Paul Eveleth expressed the need for the community's help. ATVs and dirt bikes on Crenshaw are illegal and dangerous. If you have any neighbors with youth participating in this activity, please encourage them not to do so.

Paris, stakeholder, shared the opening of a new Foot Locker retail store. She is working with Foot Locker's community activation and events and extended the invitation to the Foot Locker grand opening and ribbon cutting in January.

Chandra Mosley, stakeholder, shared an update for Neighbor Voices and encouraged community participation in petitioning for more local control in determining where developers can build multi-unit properties. She has 1200 petitions and asked anyone interested to reach out to her directly for guidelines to getting signatures for the petitions.

She provided her contact information:

Chandra Mosely
323-823-4566

Devon Williams, youth representative, announced an event for the Hanks Produce Giveaway on Sat., Dec 18.

ADJOURNMENT

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President, moved to adjourn. Seconded by KimMarie Johnson-Roussell. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.