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**MINUTES of the PMHCC GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, April 10, 2021 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Via Zoom Webinar**

ROLL CALL 10:06 AM

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell “The Chair” called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM took Roll Call attendance:

Kimmarie Johnson Roussell, President - PRESENT

Alison McBeth-Featherstone, Vice-President – PRESENT

Tara Perry, Secretary – Leave of Absence

Tonia Knightner, Treasurer - ABSENT

VACANT, Parliamentarian

MaryAnne MacDougall, Sergeant at Arms - PRESENT

Bishop K. Donnell Smith, Business Rep. – EXCUSED ABSENCE

Kim Yergan, Angeles Mesa Rep. – Not present during roll call, joined meeting at 10:32 AM

Robbye Davis, Hyde Park Rep. – EXCUSED ABSENCE

Derrick Solomon, View Heights Rep. - PRESENT

Eleanor I. Smith, Senior Rep. – Not present during roll call, joined meeting at 10:30 AM

Fern Ray, Youth & Education Rep. - ABSENT

Michelle Dixon, Non-Profit Rep. - PRESENT

Julia Smith, At-Large Rep. - PRESENT

Pastor John M. Culpepper, Faith-Based Rep. - ABSENT

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORTS 10:11 AM

Committee Chair, Shawn Davis gave her report and included the concern about the Ralphs closure at Crenshaw & Slauson.

GOVERNMENT REPORTS 10:11 AM

Captain Neal, 77th Division reported about crime statistics in the 77th Division in 2021 and compared the numbers with this time in 2020:

- 12 homicides in 2021 vs. 10
- 26 rapes vs. 44
- 250 robberies vs. 280
- 573 aggravated assaults vs 490
- 861 violent crimes vs 824
- 169 shots fired incidents vs 87 this
- 77 shooting victims vs. 30

He also gave an update about the Slauson/Crenshaw shootings in the alley and at the nearby Liquor store. He reported that SLO Andre Dixon got the Liquor store fenced. Will continue to mitigate gang issues in the area.

A stakeholder asked if the numbers reported include Officer shootings of individuals. Capt. Neal reported that they have not had officer shootings in over a year.

SLO, Gary Verge, 77th Division reported about a lawsuit against property 60th & Brynhurst which is a gang location. They made 67-gun arrests and approximately 3 shootings at the property. Litigation against the owner for security at the property. He is trying to work with the owners of the property to get them to comply. If they do not comply, they will start lawsuits.

Westside is active and trying to get it down.

SLO, Paul Eveleth, Southwest Division reported on crimes in the area, and shared a map of crime from the last 3-4 weeks. He gave an update about one residential burglary, and commercial burglaries on Vernon, a theft at Crenshaw High School, and a stolen Chevy Silverado.

A chart was also shared with crime statistics for the Southwest area, which includes Officer involved shootings., The chart can be viewed at: www.lapdonline.org/use_of_force

A stakeholder asked about managing the people doing car donuts in the streets. He referred to stakeholders to the Los Angeles Slow Streets program has info about speeding and donuts, and to communicate to South Traffic Division.

PRESENTATIONS 10 :47 AM

Hans Beischel, shared a visual presentation about LAPD Metro Division "*Big Lies, Bad Policy and History of Harassment*"

- Funds: 54% of cities fund / \$54 billion dollars
- Alternatives to LAPD: refer to <https://dontcallthepolice.com/los-angeles/>
- History of Metro from 1926
- Metro Training
- Who is Metro Division & what they do

He confirmed he got his information from

Council District 8 11:13 AM

Dina Andrews, Senior Field Deputy reported gave a brief overview about Reimaging Los Angeles. She also reported on the following:

- Crenshaw/Slauson alley will be gated and owners will have keys. Owners of Marathon property for demolition and mixed-use development.
- Ralph's update: Councilman did put forth a motion to support workers to exercise authority under charter 217 to determine why Kroger has closed stores and is supporting an ongoing investigations.
- Rental Assistance is available.
- Encouraged the use of LA311

Alfonso Ruiz, Field Deputy Supervisor for Holly Mitchell introduced himself and provided his contact information: 213-705-7610.

Ron Macias, Construction Relations Officer with Metro provided an update about the Metro project. There's 2% of work remaining (e.g. installations, testing, lighting, escalators). Park Mesa Heights from 48th – 60th will be restored and paved. City will work in 2 phases: They will work one side of street at a time in one direction and do lane closures. Final paving will be full street closure. Anticipated date of work is about mid-May.

A stakeholder raised concerns about sink holes and the quality of the green fencing around the train. It was confirmed by Dina Andrews that she tried to get the fencing changed, but it is considered permanent until it breaks down on its own.

Left turn gates will be added but if the community wants more, then send requests to Dina Andrews quickly.

Action Item #1 12:05 PM

KimMarie Johnson-Roussell moves to extend the meeting 30 minutes.
Approved by acclamation.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORTS 11:36 AM

Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee 12:14 PM

Ian McMillian provided a visual presentation about the Social Equity Program. LA is in the largest market in the world for cannabis and discussed not letting low-income communities being left behind. Contact Ian at 310-213-7281.

A meeting was announced for April 22nd at 6pm with Empowerment Congress West (on empowerLA website)

Prosperity Market & Feed Crenshaw 12:25 PM

Carmen Dianne, Kara Still Prosperity Market gave a visual presentation about fighting the impact of food insecurity. info@prosperitymarketla.com.

- Providing Free produce boxes and hot meals, Sunday 4/18 & Sunday 4/25 11an – 1pm and wants to use the PMHCC space to hold event.
- Provided information of who is involved in the organization (Dorothy Faye Pritle, Olympia Auset, Nicole Steele, Lauren Halsey)

NC Elections Update- Joselin Alvarado, City Clerk Office – no show

PUBLIC COMMENTS 12:38 PM

In the absence of the City not attending the meeting to speak about NC Elections, the Chair asked the community and board members who are not running to volunteer to disseminate information about how the upcoming election and how to get ballots.

A stakeholder raised the concern about the complications of registering online.

There was a discussion about a Candidate Forum.

ADJOURNMENT 1:18 PM

**Alison McBeth-Featherstone moved to adjourn.
Seconded by Kim Yergan.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM