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Items for discussion and possible action:

All comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee.

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Roll call of members: Julie Waltrip, Shelly Schwartz, Bill Barnett, Peter Haber, Rose O'Sullivan
- III. Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: (2) minutes per speaker.
- IV. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): (1) minute per speaker.
- V. Approval of Committee Minutes: April 17, 2024, May 2024- no meeting

Roll call vote:

Items for discussion and possible action:

Stakeholder Public Comment will be taken on each agenda item: (2) minutes per speaker.

Item One: Open discussion and possible action (15 minutes)

SLO Brittnay Gutierrez-SLO Woodland Hills LAPD-will provide updates on issues in Woodland Hills

Roll call vote if applicable.

Item Two: Open discussion and possible action (15 minutes)

Seth Samuels-Office of Councilman Bob Blumenfield-will provide updates on issues in Woodland Hills
Roll call vote if applicable.

Item Three: Update on Neighborhood Purpose Grant from Los Angeles Police Foundation (5 minutes)

The Los Angeles Police Foundation's request for \$3000 for the Topanga LAPD Station community room to replace the non functioning projector and screen. Roll call vote if applicable.

Item Four: CERT class (15 minutes)

Discussion and possible action/vote (see supporting documents)
Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is 7 week class with Emergency responders training the communities they serve in basic emergency response skills. Roll call vote if applicable.

Item Five: Future Action Items (15 minutes)

Discussion and possible action on future agenda items. Assign committee members research tasks regarding topics and resource links for next meeting. Roll call vote if applicable.

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Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

4.17.24

Role Call – Peter Haber not present, Julie Waltrip, Schyler Katz, Bill Barnett, and Shelly all present.

Seth Samuels – no comments

No comments from the public

Approval of minutes from March 20, 2024: Shelly made a motion to approve, Julie seconded, Schyler, Bill, Julie and Shelly all approved

Item 1 – officer Gutierrez not present

Item 2 – Seth Samuels wanted to share some info on efforts in his office for street safety and street racing. Whether it is illegal gatherings or just lots of reporting of speeding vehicles in residential neighborhoods, they are paying overtime for those types of officers to handle this much needed issue. There are very few officers coming out of the academy and the officer pool is lower than they would like it to be. The council office has requested that each location submit information regarding speeding/ racing. Mulholland Drive is a prime spot, also Dumetz, Fallbrook, Shoup, Burbank Blvd, Oxnard in Warner Center especially at night – they are using the task force and also their speed hump/bump program, and each council district submits 25 requests per year of which about 5 are taken care of. If there is funding available they will do more. They also try to install roundabouts. They are also working on bike lanes.

There are also some state laws they hope will help the issue. The first one is a street camera program Assembly Bill 645 – Governor Newsom allows 6 cities across the state to pilot speeding cameras. It's a slightly different monitoring system and technology than existing cameras. They are pushing to get some in the west valley. In other places this has had the result of 70% reduction in speeding.

Assembly Members Gibson and Mersuchi came up with another bill assembly bill 74 increases the penalties for street racers and also for spectators. Seizure of car, revocation of license, and financial penalty for drivers and financial penalty and possible license revocation for spectators. They are really trying to stop this activity by hitting from all angles.

There is a subcommittee specifically dealing with traffic safety issues. One is a cut through reduction in the Randy Ave area, which is one block west of Topanga Canyon off Victory toward the mall – it creates a little triangle that people use to cut through to avoid traffic going to the mall. They have proposed to install speed humps and one way ingress/egress points and safety ballards. It is a signalized pedestrian signal on the southeast corner of Warner Center park as you cross Owensmouth Ave at Mary Lee. That will turn into a three way stop and will put a cross walk with a signal so that during concerts in the park it becomes safer for people to come in.

Julie Waltrep questions: The speed bump is the smallest, a speed hump is bigger, and a speed table means the car can be all the way on top of the bump before it goes back down the slope. All requires engineering for drainage and slope. Each one is unique. It probably will not be done before concerts in the park unfortunately. The city is not shutting down social media pages for street racing, because it can be helpful in finding them, but nevertheless the penalties are intended to reduce the social media presence which increases spectator activity. Officer Gutierrez confirmed that we want to reduce social media influencing others to street race because kids are getting killed and officers are in danger with street racing.

Bill Barnett questions: if there was just one car doing crazy speed would that invoke a street racing penalty? Seth said that anyone driving a car, anybody spectating, those laws will go into effect if it does go into effect at the state level. Los Angeles follows the California code, but it is a chartered city, so it can deviate from the California Code. The charter requires that state laws that come down after the charter is made – we have to adopt a local ordinance with greater enhancement, it can only be more severe at the local level.

Officer Gutierrez now present, returning to Item 1:

She is the senior lead officer for all of Woodland Hills.

Crime stats: main issue is burglaries. We are up 6.4%. last year this time we had 47 burglaries, this year we're at 50. For motor vehicles there were 65 this time last year, 74 this year. Grand theft auto 19 last year, this year 23. Burglaries are largely houses that are not very well lit. They entered through the rear smashing the rear sliding glass window. She is a huge advocate for cameras and lighting. Make sure your house is really well lit. Regarding the grand theft auto, this is hard because we're seeing an uptick in vehicle crime. There was one that happened last week where a gentleman did a delivery, he left his car on and someone ran in and jumped in the car. Officers caught him he had multiple convictions for stolen vehicles. Please don't leave your car running – at that point it's technically abandoned and it's easy to become a victim. The three motor vehicle burglaries involved things left in plain sight, either a bag, cell phone, or other item. If it is valuable take it with you. Regarding the homicide in Woodland Hills, it's still an ongoing investigation, so she can't provide info now. It's a tragic case but as soon as everything is allowed to be updated she will do so. When someone is experiencing mental illness and they commit a crime, they are seeing that the mental health evaluation unit works with CAMP unit (dept of mental health) including an officer and a clinician. They ask them to come out and speak to the individual to try to get them resources and help but a lot of it is voluntary. If they don't meet requirements for a hold they have to go voluntarily. You have to remember LAPD are not clinicians and if the dept of mental health doesn't meet criteria, they can't take them. The dept of mental health has their hands tied.

Julie: what is the mental health criteria? Officer Gutierrez: they have to be gravely disabled and present a danger to themselves or others. A homeless individual can be offered resources but a lot of them are very smart and are choosing the lifestyle and are not suffering from a mental illness that would require a hold. We offer them clothes and resources as does the Goodwill, but it's on the individual at the end of the day and every case is different.

Shelley: how does this play into the new project of unarmed response? Seth: these two programs operate in tandem but when we send unarmed response we can send from our arsenal of resources so it's two different tools in the tool box.

Item 3: discussion on possible action on 501 3C los angeles police foundation - \$2500 for station community room projector and screen replacement

It's used for various organizations and it needs a new projector and screen. There would need to be some amendments required to be presented to neighborhood council. Officer Gutierrez: this room is used for neighborhood watch, police advisory, youth programs, etc where they are teaching the future generation using the powerpoint. It was a big success when the projector was working. It also is needed during open house. A lot of people coming in want to use the powerpoint so they can explain a video or presentation using the projector. Seth: he thinks this is a great idea and very much needed. Public comment: none. Shelley has attended many meetings in the community room and felt the projector was very useful and necessary. We are down so many officers that she feels community education is more

valuable than ever. Julie bringing up a point of order: because Peter Haber is not present, they do expect this to go to a role call vote and Rose O'Sullivan will take Peter Haber's spot for voting today. Bylaws are being revised to allow a 6th member but it is pending as of now. Julie agrees that community rooms are so important and they are a value for all of us, we owe a debt of gratitude for the use of these rooms and we can ensure we don't have any roll over funds at end of year. There is a precedence of tokens of gratitude we have left in the past like water bottles etc, this will be a larger gesture. Bill: this sounds like a great place to put funding. On the grant form it says the expected completion date is June 2025 – is that accurate? Captain Lopez is narrowing this down, other modifications might be expected by that time that are not part of our focus, so we are going to try to get these dates more exact for our specific contribution of screen and projector. Julie: Dana said that line 10a 10b and 10c she will make sure that those dates will all be within the fiscal year and will be reflected by the time it goes to the board for vote. Role call vote: Shelley votes yes, Julie seconds it, Schyler Katz yes, Rose O'Sullivan yes, Bill Barnett yes, Shelley Schwartz yes, Julie Watrep yes – motion passes

Item 4: discussion of possible action since we are a new committee, our long and short term goals, mission statement, and discuss adding possibly some resource links. Julie: feels "Neighborhood Watch" should be capitalized. Shelley: can we remove "transportation" in the first sentence because we touch on it later. Julie: PLUM committee has some overlap in these areas so we wanted to possibly take that out and clarify that yes, transportation is part of what we do, but it is not in our title because it makes our title too long. Review of linked documents and resources – compared to other areas and what they have. We could add some resources to our page too. All parties agree they like the resources page idea. On our next agenda we will ask people to come back with some ideas of links that would be valuable to add to our committee website.

Item 5: Future Action Items

What would we like to see addressed by our committee? Possibly pairing with government relations committee to write a CIS in support of 41.18 to try to get ahead of what's coming in November and let Lindsey Horvath, Mayor Bass, and our councilmen to know our position. Disaster preparedness – there are a lot of LAPD volunteerism opportunities that Officer Gutierrez can explain. Julie - Active shooter preparedness could be of interest. Seth will put together some more information on 41.18's impact in our community. Bill question: what are our vehicles to communicate with the public? Website, emails, tables at events – what other ways can we communicate about safety issues? Shelley: we can sponsor events that have speakers and we will look at other ways we can create more outreach, Zoom board meetings are another option. Julie: also the newsletter, you can sign up to receive it on our website. Also NPGs – we receive their requests and make that an opportunity to vote and help the community. Also CIPs and CISs – CIS is a written report that we would submit. Also community improvement projects. We can invite community members to attend our meetings. We do have an Instagram and twitter as well.

Shelley: crime prevention, disaster preparedness are the top two issues of interest, followed by traffic

Bill Barnett: everyone was careful after northridge earthquake but people have forgotten a lot of that now.

Shelley: digital emergency preparedness booklet, she will send it out to everyone

Julie: constituents have shared that homelessness, crowdedness (including traffic but also parking and long lines and accommodations for growing population), and crime. The murder this week really impacted a lot of people.

Bill: communicating simple stuff to the public to improve safety and decrease crime with simple steps like lights and security cameras.

Schylar: homelessness – there is an increase of encampments under overpasses in Area 7, but for her crime prevention is number 1 because there are now areas that she would stay clear of as a mom of young kids.

Rose: disaster preparedness first because this is an area where I think our committee can make a big impact by sharing information, homelessness as an issue that really effects constituents because it's just very visible on a daily basis now in our community where it wasn't necessarily the case just a few years ago.

Next meeting May 15 11:15am

Meeting Adjourned as of 12:34 pm



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CERT training promotes a partnership between professional emergency services and the people that they serve. The goal is for emergency personnel to train members of neighborhoods, community organizations, and workplaces in basic emergency response skills. CERT trained members enhance the emergency response capability for their area.

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CERT training exercise/skills refresher



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Introduction to disasters, their impact, and the hazards posed by building and non-structural items. Emphasis on the role of CERT in many disaster scenarios.

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Identifying and reducing potential fire hazards, basic fire suppression strategy, fire fighting resources, and fire fighting techniques.

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Treatment strategies for life threatening conditions and the principles of triage.

PATIENT ASSESSMENT

Patient assessment and treatment for multiple types of injuries.

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For class schedules & locations, visit:
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The Los Angeles Fire Department's CERT Program (free of charge) was developed because of the need for a well-trained civilian emergency work force. The CERT Program provides for community self-sufficiency through the development of multifunctional response teams who

act as an adjunct to the city's emergency services during major disasters. When emergencies happen, CERT members can give critical support to first responders, and provide immediate assistance to victims.



LAFD CERT Class Syllabus

	<p>CLASS 1 - INTRODUCTION, EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration • Introduction • Earthquake Threat in Southern California • Personal & Family Preparation • Nonstructural Hazard Mitigation
	<p>CLASS 2 - DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Chemistry • Fire Extinguisher Use • Utility Control • Creative Firefighting Techniques • Hazardous Materials / Placarding
	<p>CLASS 3 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing Life-Threatening Emergencies • Triage • Treating Life-Threatening Emergencies
	<p>CLASS 4 - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS (SESSION 2) AND MULTI-CASUALTY INCIDENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head-to-Toe Evaluation • Treating Non-Life-Threatening Emergencies • Treatment Area Management
<p>If greater than 1 in any area: DO NOT ENTER</p>	<p>CLASS 5 - LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE OPERATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation • Search Techniques • Rescue Methods / Cribbing
	<p>CLASS 6 - TEAM ORGANIZATION & DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Response Team • Incident Command System "ICS" • Psychological "Size-Up"
	<p>CLASS 7 - TERRORISM & HOMELAND DEFENSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Terrorism • Do's and Don'ts During a Terrorist Act • Homeland Defense Tips