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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008 – 6:30 PM

Valley Village

20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306

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The public may comment on a specific item listed on this agenda when the Committee considers that item. When the Committee considers the agenda item entitled “Public Comments,” the public has the right to comment on any matter that is within the Committee’s jurisdiction. In addition, the members of the public may request and receive copies without undue delay of any documents that are distributed to the Committee, unless there is a specific exemption under the Public Records Act that prevents the disclosure of the record. (Govt. Code § 54957.5)

The Winnetka Neighborhood Council holds its regular meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and may also call any additional required special meetings in accordance with its Bylaws and the Brown Act. The agenda for the regular and special meetings is posted for public review at **Limerick Avenue Elementary School**, 8530 Limerick Ave., Winnetka, 91306; **Fultan Cleaners**, 20109 Roscoe Street, Winnetka, 91306; **Canoga Park Bowl**, 20122 Vanowen St., Winnetka, 91306; **Albertson’s Food and Drug Store**, 7224 Mason Ave. **Express Pack & Ship**, 7657 Winnetka Ave.

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1. **Call to Order and Committee Members Roll Call.**
All present; except for Mr. Schweizer (excused)
2. **Approve minutes.**
3. **Public Comments.**

4. **State and local government representatives' updates: LAPD, Fire, and any other local, state, or federal officials that wish to attend to discuss items of importance to the Public Safety Committee.**

- 4.1 **Captain Sherman will discuss the new police station in the Winnetka/Canoga Park area.**

Captain Sherman reported that the new "Topanga Police Station" would open in January 2009. The facility is 5400 square feet and will not have a jail. The police will work closely with the community; to start a new culture as this is a new station and the community must feel comfortable with the new facility. PALS, Explorers, Jeopardy and the Reserve Officers will also be on-site. The response time to calls will most likely be quicker since the station is closer. Two graphs and charts were provided for an over view of the police station and the areas that will be covered.

- 4.2 **Senior Lead Officer Maldonado will introduce himself to all committee members.**

Officer Maldonado introduced himself and assured all of us that he would take care of Winnetka and any concerns we may have. He has a lot of experience and is very interested in building the rapport with the stakeholder in the Winnetka community. All members are pleased with his quick response, thus far. We feel confident that he will assist us and guide us in the right way.

5. **Discussion of follow up on Cantara/Oso crime/ public safety issues regarding Chances Bar that faces Roscoe Blvd. and the Recycling Center behind the bar. Review business and residents petitions.**

Per Officer Maldonado, he will contact the "vice unit" to have them patrol the Bar and the Recycling Center. He will update us next month as to what further actions we need to take. He indicated that the community should continue to call vice to complain about the loudness of the music and the public socializing outside of the Bar. Continue to obtain signatures for the businesses in the area and of the residents as well.

6. **Discussion and possible action to address transient/vagrant issues near Norm's Auto Body and the parking of large vehicles on the 7200 block of Quartz Ave. Review progress and response of letter to Chief Moore requesting assistance with the unfinished "No Parking From 11:00 PM – 5:00 AM" signs.**

Per Officer Maldonado, it appears that Saint Joseph the Worker is not 100% in support of the "No Parking Signs". A meeting will be held in order to resolve this on-going issue with the motor homes illegally parked in this location. At this time, the transients are not residing in this location, but several illegally parked vehicles remain on the street of Quartz Ave. He will continue to observe this area.

7. **Discussion and possible action regarding the graffiti on the alley walls near Taft High School. The shooting last month of the student who attended Taft High School has increased more youth to socialize after hours in the alley where the minor was shot. The graffiti has increased as well as youth drinking alcohol in the evenings.**
The area of discussion is 8519 Corbin St. Per Officer Maldonado this area belongs to West North Devonshire. He will relay the message to the proper personnel. The resident that brought this issue to our attention was not an attendance at this meeting. A follow up log was requested at last months meeting, to report how often the youth are hanging out

in this alley and the response from the police. A follow up with the resident will be made as far as what has been happening in the last month.

8. **Discussion and possible action regarding where to place “anti-graffiti cameras”.**
Officer Maldonado will assist us in finding an area where there is a need for a camera. There must be evidence of continuous graffiti and Officer Maldonado will provide this to the committee members. Several locations were addressed; however, they do not appear to be areas that are in high demand for an anti graffiti camera.
9. **Discussion and possible action regarding the increase in graffiti on walls near Oakdale and Covello St.**
Officer Maldonado will observe this location and provide an update at next months meeting.
10. **Discussion and possible action to address future activities such as “Gang Prevention/Intervention” presentation at a local Middle School. Include LAPD and Probation Department.**
The committee members and Officer Maldonado agreed that there is a need in the Winnetka area to advise the parents and school staff of the increase in gang behavior. Ms. Smiley reported that she left a message with the Assistant Principal at Sutter Middle School to see if she would be interested in having such an event at her school. This item will be addressed at the next Board Meeting for approval. This committee already approved this event last month. Officer Maldonado suggested that we invite PALS, Explorers, Jeopardy and a representative for the LAPD Boot Camp at this event. He will assist Ms. Smiley with the correct contact people.
11. **Discussion and possible action regarding an enormous amount of shopping carts in the Penfield St. between Roscoe and Chase Streets.**
Per Officer Maldonado, he suggested that the community contact 311 or look at the seat cover as it should indicate a phone number to call to get these carts picked up.
12. **Discussion and possible action regarding shopping carts on Oakdale Street between Saticoy and Roscoe Blvd.**
Per Officer Maldonado, he suggested that the community contact 311 or look at the seat cover as it should indicate a phone number where to call for a pick up.
13. **Discussion and possible action on homeless problem on Roscoe and Desoto Ave. intersection. There are numerous homeless persons pushing carts and lying down around parking lots, bus benches, and the sidewalks around this area.**
Per Officer Maldonado, he will observe this location and address the transients if necessary. He will provide an update at next months meeting.
14. **Discussion and possible action regarding a resident with a number of cats in and out of the home. Many of the neighbors in the area are concerned about their health and the safety of having too many cats in one home. Spoke with Animal Control regarding this issue.**
Officer Maldonado agreed with Ms. Smiley that contacting Animal Control to report the enormous amount of cats in this location. A phone number was distributed for further assistance to this matter. More detailed information on the various Animal Shelters will be provided at the next meeting.

15. **Discussion and possible action regarding Jamiel's Law. More clarification and understanding for this law that appears to protect gang members who maintain an illegal status.**

Mr. Sims briefly explained this particular law. Additionally Ms. Smiley passed out literature pertaining to this issue. Mr. Sims motioned to approve "Jamiel's Law" as it pertains to amending Special Order 40. Ms. Reye-Dunn seconds it. All board members approved. Mr. Martens had to leave and was unable to vote.

16. **Discussion and possible action regarding the budget for 2008-2009 including future activities.**

It was noted that as the year progresses the Public Safety committee could decide what would be needed as far as future events are concerned. A tentative amount of \$500.00 to begin the budget for 2008-2009.

17. **Discussion and possible action regarding special funding request for the Devonshire Police Station as their officers are in need of gym equipment and a dedicated classroom for simulator training.**

Since many of the committee members had attended the Devonshire Police Station dinner last week, it was clear that we would be interested in donating money to refurbish the dilapidated gym at the station. Ms. Reyes-Dunn motioned to approve (unsure the amount) to Devonshire Police Station. Mr. Sims seconds it. All committee members approved. This will be added to the May Board Meeting Agenda.

18. **Future Agenda Items and other Calendar Events (*All meetings held at Valley Village, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306 unless otherwise noted*): Next meeting: May 20th, 2008.**

19. **Adjournment**

PROCESS FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and Take an Action.

If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a {Proposed} Action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken can only make a motion for reconsideration.

If a motion for reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Brown Act.

PROCESS FOR FILING A GRIEVANCE

Any grievance by a Stakeholder must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall then within no more than 30 days refer the matter to an ad hoc grievance panel comprised of 3 Stakeholders who are randomly selected by the Council secretary from a list of Stakeholders who have previously expressed an interest in serving from time-time on such a grievance panel. The Secretary will coordinate a time and a place, not to exceed 10 days for the panel to meet with the person(s) submitting a grievance and to discuss ways in which the dispute may be resolved.

Thereafter, a panel member shall promptly prepare a written report to be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board to be heard at the next board meeting outlining the panels' collective recommendations for resolving the grievance. The Board of Directors may receive a copy of the panel's report and recommendations prior to any meeting by the Board, but the matter shall not be discussed among the Board members until the matter is heard at the next regular meeting of the Board pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

This formal grievance process is not intended to apply to Stakeholders who simply disagree with a position or action taken by the Board at one of its meetings. Those grievances can be aired at the Board meetings. This grievance process is intended to address matters involving procedural disputes, e.g., the Board's failure to comply with the Board Rules or these Bylaws, or its failure to comply with the City's Charter, the Plan, local ordinances, and/or State and federal law.

In the event that a grievance cannot be resolved through this grievance process, the complainant has the right to appeal the matter to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment for consideration or dispute resolution.