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Public Safety Committee MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, September 29, 2014

Kittridge Elementary School

13619 Kittridge Street

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** –M. Como, N. Lambert, S. Friedman and E. Friedman in attendance.
2. **General Public Comments (see rules above)**
- none
3. **Board Member Comments**
- Stanley Friedman brought up the issues surrounding the area around Laurel Grove, mainly the drag racing and speeding. The issue of cars running stop signs was also raised. We discussed a possible motion for DOT to conduct a traffic study to determine what efforts can be made, i.e. more stop signs, speed bumps, etc to help mitigate the increased speeding and stop light violations. The notion of installing sound walls along the freeway adjacent to Laurel Grove Park was also discussed. Eli Friedman also suggested possibly increasing the lighting at Laurel Grove park to help deter loitering.
4. **Public Safety Booklet - discussion**
A. Public Comment – none
B. Committee Member Comment - The committee discussed the creation of a informative public safety booklet that could be produced in small quantities for distribution.
K Roberts has a contact that can do the design work pro bono. Committee decided initially to have neighborhood watch block captains distribute the books, as well as council members at events. N Lambert presented initial topic suggestions for book content, and agreed to put a proposal together for the committee to review.
5. **5 Steps to neighborhood Preparedness**
A. Public Comments - None
B. Committee Comments:
- Committee discussed the recent Valley Safety Fair that N. Lambert attended, and also discussed the importance of tying CERRT and disaster prep with the neighborhood watch. M. Cuomo raised the issue that crime prevention is reactive at best, where as with emergency preparedness we could actually establish a plan and take preventative measures. Committee agreed to increase efforts to reach out to active members of the community in order to coordinate efforts for increased participation.

7. Neighborhood Watch Program

A. Public Comments – None

B. Committee Comments:

- N. Lambert suggested the committee evaluate where we are with our Neighborhood Watch groups.
- N. Lambert to lead effort in connecting with block captains, identifying gaps in districts, etc.
- Committee also discussed potentially resurrecting the idea of a “safety fair”, with the possible cooperation from LAPD, LAFD and DWP.
- M Cuomo mentioned a community member active on Nextdoor that could be effective in getting the neighborhood watch captains together to help identify our coverage gaps and identify successful methods.
- S Friedman and M Cuomo also raised the idea of increasing efforts to bring in the renters, possibly with the production of a “renters guide” to help them be aware of their rights and responsibilities as renters.

8. Drag Racing

A. Public Comments- None

B. Committee Comments:

- Committee acknowledged increasing community chatter and worry concerning issues regarding drag racing, but again we had no public participation at the meeting.

9. Littering Pot Smokers

A. Public Comments – None

B. Committee Comments:

- Committee acknowledged increasing community chatter and worry concerning littering pot heads, but noted that again there was no public participation at the meeting.

10. Adjournment

- N Lambert motioned to adjourn, seconded by M Cuomo. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.