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### **COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - MINUTES**

**Monday, April 23, 2018 6:00pm**

**Uncle Tony's Pizzeria**

**13007 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91606**

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Julie Casey – Chair  
Sloan Myrick  
Thomas Newton  
Cosmo Moore

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#### **~ QUORUM IS 3 COMMITTEE MEMBERS ~**

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#### **1. Call to Order - 6:09pm**

#### **2. Roll Call - Julie Casey, Thomas Newton, and Sloan Myrick. (Public present: Dianna Rose and Deputy City Attorney Tamar Galatzan)**

#### **3. Guest Speaker Deputy City Attorney Tamar Galatzan - regarding influx of Neighborhood Disputes**

- Tamar has brought to our attention that there has been a huge influx in neighborhood disputes resulting in police calls and law suits. She came to the safety meeting to help us generate ideas on how to reduce the issue because a good portion of the disputes could possibly be handled out of court.
- Tamar informed the committee that through the City Attorney's Office there is a free Dispute/Resolution service that the public has not been utilizing and possibly does not know exists. We will have a booth/table set up at the GVGC Summer Festival to educate the public on this service.
- Safety Committee will work with Tamar to try to reduce escalated neighborhood disputes through:
  - Establishing more Neighborhood Watches. This will help the neighbors meet each other and there will be a block captain to hopefully de-escalate problems between neighbors.
  - Create and distribute a “Good Neighbor Information Sheet” that has a list of applicable laws and a list of city departments that manage specific scenarios when applicable instead of calling the police or filing a law suit.
  - After creating the “Good Neighbor Information Sheet”, the Safety Committee will distribute it in the VGNA May Newsletter, at the GVGC Summer Festival on June 3, GVGC email newsletter, possibly Councilmember Krekorian's newsletter, and direct home delivery.
  - Possible Motion
    - MOTION 1: The Safety Committee is requesting the Greater Valley Glen Board approve the creation and distribution of a “Good Neighbor Information Sheet” that has a list of applicable good neighbor laws, a list of what city departments manage specific scenarios that frequently come up in neighbor disputes, and information on the free dispute/resolution service offered by the city attorney's office.
      - Vote:3-yes Julie, Sloan, Thomas; 0-no - Motion passes.
- The committee, along with Tamar and Dianna, also discussed how to reduce speeding and traffic accidents in the Greater Valley Glen area. Tamar said we could request a Traffic Senior Lead Officer and DOT to come to a meeting to address the public's concerns. The committee will work on researching this problem and work on finding a solution.



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#### 4. General/Miscellaneous Safety Matters

- Possible Motions
  - MOTION 2: The Safety Committee requests the Board approve allocation up to \$400 to subscribe to Survey Monkey for 1 year to gather data for the Community Safety Survey and for additional Greater Valley Glen surveys as the need arises.
    - Vote:3-yes Julie, Sloan, Thomas; 0-no - Motion passes.
  - MOTION 3: The Safety Committee requests the Board approve allocation up to \$3,000 to install 7 Neighborhood Watch signs in city approved locations (about \$430 per sign installation). Approved monies and spending is contingent upon how much is left in the Neighborhood Council's budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
    - Vote:3-yes Julie, Sloan, Thomas; 0-no - Motion passes.

#### 5. Items Not On Agenda

- Approve March 2018 Minutes - (Vote: 3-yes Julie, Sloan, Thomas) - Approval passed
- A stakeholder near Hartland Mini Park informed the Safety Committee about a month ago that there was possible drug activity on Varna & Hartland. After contacting the current Senior Lead Officer in that area, Officer Mike Perez, he said he would make random patrols of the area to observe if there are any suspicious activities.
- Cheryl Cashman contacted Julie to invite her to a Community Police Advisory Board meeting, which meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Julie cannot attend the meeting in May, but Thomas from the committee can go. Julie plans on attending the meeting in June.

#### 6. Adjourn - 7:18pm

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***Next Committee meeting will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 @ 6pm  
Uncle Tony's Pizzeria (location subject to change)***