



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Public Safety Committee

Minutes of June 11, 2015 Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Present were George Francisco (GF), Clarence Carter (CC), Joshua Hersko (JH), Keith Harrison (KH), Deborah Lashever (DL)
2. The agenda was approved. (CC/JH; 5-0)
3. The Minutes of the last Committee meeting were approved (JH/KH:5-0).
4. CC asked for reactions to the May Town Hall meeting. Most agreed that it was a necessary “release valve” for frustrations brought to a head with shooting of Brandon Glenn and that some meaningful discussion have arisen with LAPD in the aftermath. Discussion continued with thoughts about the proposed and approved “SafetyFest” and its scope and character and potential rescheduling from originally intended May date.
5. A motion was passed to have the VNC allocate \$1,000.00 for the purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs to be given out upon request on a first come first serve basis to officially recognized Neighborhood Watches who are planning to post them on the public right of way under LAPD and LA city regulations. Limit of 4 signs per NW group. (GF/CC:5-0)
6. Keith Harrison introduced himself and proposed his thoughts on how to create a meaningful plan to implement Emergency Preparedness Plans and Measures throughout the community.
7. Joshua Hersko gave a brief explanation of his “Community Resilience Model” and current attempts to introduce it to LAPD.
8. Deborah Lashever gave a report on the impact of the Costa Mesa storage program for Homeless People’s belongings and its positive impact on public safety in that community and how it integrated with mobile showers and social services to enhance quality and safety of life for Costa Mesa residents.
9. Deborah Lashever gave an report on the status of PacDiv CIT training for officers and a brief explanation of the SMART system of inserting mental health professionals alongside CIT officers to deal with the safety issues that arise within the Homeless population.
10. Brief discussion about the need for toilet facilities and public trash cans occurred throughout the meeting.
11. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.