

**Los Angeles Police Department
Van Nuys Area
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes
April 11, 2024
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Attendees:

Captain III Alejandro Vargas
Sergeant II Maria Pedroza
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana
Senior Lead Officer Michael Perez
Senior Lead Officer Mariana Romo
Senior Lead Officer Joel Gutierrez
Officer Brian Franco
Officer Cristian Valenzuela
Officer Evlin Akserelian

Co-Chair Penny Meyer
Zeferino Agraz
Jorge Banos
Robert Danelen
Robert Cupples
Wendy Barnard
Mirna Chavez

Susan Collins
Andrea Jones
David Kopelev
Arus Grigoryan (CD 2)
Brian Patton (CD6)
Rebecca Gurrola (CD 6)
Christopher Hernandez (CD6)

Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm by Co-Chair Penny Meyer. She welcomed all those in attendance.

Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:

Captain Vargas gave the Division's crime statistics. He stated Van Nuys Division is down in overall crime. He shared tips with members on preventive measures in keeping their homes and vehicles safe. There were two robberies in the Van Nuys area last week. The detectives worked on the two cases and suspects were taken into custody. There have been ongoing issues with transients staying on Sherman Way and Van Nuys Blvd. The circle team is going to focus and work on cleaning up and housing. There was a burglary that occurred at Casa Vega on Ventura Boulevard. Detectives were able to identify the suspect and was taken into custody.

Committee Reports:

Blight Abatement: Will had a community clean up at the 99-Cent Store located at Van Nuys Boulevard and Vanowen Street on March 16, 2024.

Teen CPAB: Teen-CPAB assisted in the community clean up at the 99-Cent Store located at Van Nuys Boulevard and Vanowen Street on March 16, 2024.

Events: Van Nuys Carnival will be held on May 10 through May 12, 2024, on Van Nuys Boulevard between Victory Boulevard and Kittridge Street. Vanguards will be handling all planning and logistics for the Carnival.

SLO Reports:

Office Perez - Officer Perez advised Captain Vargas, Officer Gutierrez and he met with leaders of San Fernando Valley Car and Truck Council and leaders of various Van Nuys Area car clubs, as a follow up meeting, to discuss the Van Nuys Boulevard Cruise Night and future car show events. There is a Cruise Night scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 5pm to 10pm on Van Nuys from Oxnard to Burbank Boulevard. He also mentioned there is a hoarder house which the City Attorney's Office is helping with for cleanup.

Officer Gutierrez - Officer Gutierrez had LASAN CARE clean ups in CD 6 on March 15, 2024. He will also be working with Officer Perez on Saturday, April 13, 2024, for the Cruise Night.

Officer Saldana - Officer Saldana talked about a mailman that was robbed and a master mail key was taken. There might be a rise in mail theft and if anyone has information to contact detectives.

Officer Romo - Officer Romo stated there were two robberies in her area. She advised members to be alert and contact 9-1-1 if they see anything suspicious.

Officer Franco - Officer Franco introduced himself, he is covering for Officer Delatori.

Officer Valenzuela - Officer Valenzuela spoke to the security officer at Ralphs on Sherman Way regarding the recent robberies. They will be working together to target the robberies and thefts.

New Business:

None.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Captain Vargas announced the party for Deputy Chief Ruby Flores will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, and if any of the members would like to attend to let him know.

Government Representatives:

Arus Grigoryan - She thanked all the Senior Lead Officers for helping her with the things she needs and for communicating issues and concerns with her. She stated that there are two hoarder houses in the Van Nuys Area that she is working on with the SLOs. There was a dog breeding permit that was passed for the city which stated that the shelters need to be less than 75% occupied for any licensed breeder to breed. She announced the Summer Night Lights for North Hollywood and passed out information.

Brian Patton - CD6 has a cleanup scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2024, at 9:00am at the Kester Ridge Neighborhood.

Christopher Hernandez - Working with SLOs to clean up Van Nuys Area. He is planning on setting up operations to clean up the RVs and homeless encampments.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be May 9, 2024. Notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.