

**Los Angeles Police Department
Van Nuys Area
Community Police Advisory Board Minutes
June 13, 2024
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Attendees:

Sergeant II Maria Pedroza
Senior Lead Officer Mariana Romo
Senior Lead Officer Jose Saldana
Senior Lead Officer Kristan Delatori
Senior Lead Officer Michael Perez
Senior Lead Officer George Lara
Officer Brian Franco
Officer Cristian Valenzuela
Officer Evlin Akserelian

Co-Chair Penny Meyer
Robert Danelen
Robert Cupples
Wendy Barnard
Jorge Banos
Marilynn Bradbury

Andrew Mulkeen
Michael Browning
Penny Gilbert
Don Lestrangle
Brian Patton (CD6)
Arus Grigoryan (CD 2)

Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Co-Chair Penny Meyer. She welcomed all those in attendance.

Captain's Crime and Divisional Update:

None.

Committee Reports:

Blight Abatement: Helped the Events Committee with the Van Nuys Division Carnival. They will be having a cleanup June 22, 2024, at the Van Nuys Civic Center.

Teen CPAB: Will be assisting with Van Nuys Civic Center Clean up on June 22, 2024.

Events: Van Nuys Carnival was successful. The next event is the Van Nuys Division 2nd Annual 5K on September 15, 2024.

SLO Reports:

Officer Romo - Officer Romo advised members that there has been a rise in burglaries in her area. One of the suspects is a possible Sherman Oaks resident. She has been known to be selling the stolen items online. Officers are doing their investigation on the suspect who can be involved in a bigger burglary ring. Officer Romo reminded members to report anything that could be suspicious.

Officer Saldana - Officer Saldana has had a rise in motorhomes and transients underneath the freeway overpass on Hazeltine Ave. and Riverside Dr.

Officer Perez - Officer Perez advised there was a "Cruise Night" scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th which no one showed up to. There has been a recent rise in graffiti in the Van Nuys Recreation Center which 311 has been contacted for clean-up. He is looking into possibly having the center install some form of camera system for security. He also has a scheduled clean-up on June 22, 2024 with the Blight Committee and Teen-C-PAB to work on the Van Nuys Civic Center.

Officer Delatori - Officer Delatori advised there has been a rise in burglaries in her area. Most of the burglaries in her area are occurring during the mid to late afternoon. She advised members to talk to their neighbors, get to know them, and keep each other in the know. Any kind of camera or lighting system will help with deterrence.

Officer Lara - Officer Lara announced that CD 6 has had the highest 311 requests for clean-ups in the city. The property at 7111 Sepulveda Blvd. has a new owner. He will be meeting with the new owners to discuss monitoring and cleaning up the location. There will also be a new trespass letter created. He advised member to continue staying in contact with their Senior Leads regarding vacant properties which can lead to possible squatting issues.

Officer Franco - Officer Franco has been having issues with transients/encampments around Sepulveda Boulevard and Oxnard St. He has been working with LA Housing and the CIRCLE team with housing and cleaning up the area. He is also working with CHP to clean up encampments alongside the freeway.

Officer Valenzuela - Officer Valenzuela stated there has been a rise in graffiti in his area. He advised members to take a picture and contact 311 for graffiti removal. He informed members regarding issues with vehicles that are unregistered or have expired registration tags parked on public streets. He asked members to educate their families and neighbors about making sure their vehicle registrations are up to date to avoid tickets and possible towing.

New Business:

None.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

None.

Government Representatives:

Brian Patton - Brian (CD 6) spoke about 7111 Sepulveda Blvd. It was sold and has a new owner. They have been working with LA Housing for cleaning up and housing three transients so far. They will have a security system set up for monitoring the property. The Care+ will be cleaning up the bridge area off Raymer St. He passed out information about a few events and clean-ups coming up for the month of June.

Arus Grigoryan - Arus (CD 2) announced that Summer Night lights in North Hollywood starts June 22nd until August 24th. She also distributed information about neighborhood services and upcoming summer events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

The next CPAB meeting will be July 11, 2024. Notification will be sent to members and posted on social media.