Community-Police Advisory Board Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Hybrid In-person at Pacific Station and Zoom for members, FB live stream for the community

Call to Order: Ron Mito, Civilian Co-Chair

Members Present- 18
Excused- 4
Guest: -1
LAPD Personnel- 10

Approval of prior meeting minutes – Approved as submitted. Motion made by Ron K, seconded by Georgina.

Captain Applegate’s Report-
Islands, Tip-A Cop was a great event.
It's been busy with special events: Mental Health 5K walk at Elysian Park, Special Olympics Plane Pull in Long Beach. Pacific team of 25 moved the plane 12 feet.
Captain Applegate has been in training in Texas at the A & M Extension facility focusing on incident management and different roles in law enforcement.
Pacific update: Violent crime is down 5.2%, property crime is up 9.8%, Part I crime is up 7.8% Everyone at Pacific is working diligently.
Highlights of the property crime: theft from motor vehicles, break-ins of motor vehicles, GTA, and burglary.
Mar Vista has been challenged with burglaries across Ladera Heights because of the type of stores there, Marshalls, Amazon, and Ralph’s. Store security has been instructed not to confront shoplifters. LAPD has had meetings with the managers about the importance of reporting the crime.
Part I- 85-90% property crimes tied to crew thefts. All numbers include LAX. Remember you can pull up stats on the LAPD website.

Sgt. Cook- Saturday, October 21 5:00 P.M. -8 P.M. Truck or Treat in the back of ARTC. Seeking people to participate and decorate their cars and hand out candy. Flyers will be sent out.
Planning 50th Anniversary of the station to be held March 2, 2024. The station was dedicated in 1974. Culver Blvd. will be shut down. There will be a formal inspection followed by formal photos. Static displays and station tours will be arranged. A formal ceremony with V.I.P. and elected officials making speeches with the Emerald Society playing bagpipes. Five months to plan is not a lot of time, clean-ups have already started. Exterior work will need to be done. Pancake breakfast will be part of it. Committee can have community involvement with Boosters and CPAB volunteers.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 2:30 P.M. to formulate a to-do -list. Margie, George, Ron K, and Georgina volunteered to attend.

**Member Concerns:**
Steve: Many people do not report, especially if they have before. Captain acknowledged the frustration level. Nextdoor is NOT the place to make a report. Many crimes can be reported online. Pacific does have volunteers manning phones and calling back victims. Crime needs to be reported.
Vicky: Questioned why the bollards are not up on Oceanfront walk. Rec and Park are working with CD #11 to rectify situation.
Bill volunteered a truck to pick up bulky items.

**SLO Reports**- SLO Ramirez is back full time.
SLO Aceves reported that houses being fumigated are being robbed while the tent over the house is up. Advise constituents to request extra patrol if they are having that done to their house.

**Committee Reports:**

**Events:** Thanksgiving next event. Sgt. Cook will check to see about food preparation requirements. Volunteers are needed. Ideas are needed for sponsors. Is Gulp a possibility this year?

**Emergency Preparedness:** Information previously sent out via email.

**Neighborhood Watch/Block Captains:** Public safety information in the Chat( will be sent out to everyone)
Coffee with Cops – Mar Vista Farmer’s Market – Sunday, October 15, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Time for coffee to be clarified.
Ciclavia- October 15 Civic area, Little Toyoko and Boyle Heights. Rob recommends taking your bike on the Metro to the site.
Block Captains: Thursday, November 9, more information available later.

**Transportation:** Harris working with DOT and CD #11 has had the signals on the road diet section of Venice Blvd. reconfigured so that traffic can flow better.

**Boosters:** Next meeting, October 5, 8:30 A.M. at the station and Zoom
CD #11 – Will Connect with Facility Director at Westchester Senior Center, Kirstin Aceves. Planning a walk through with 15 people.

**LMU: Capt. McAllister** – No report

**Recreation and Parks** – Venice is planning a Halloween Shots and Scare, October 27. The children’s playground will be upgraded next year. Looking forward to new signage. Westchester planning on holding more family events.

Event flyers will go to Ron and he will send them out for distribution.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

**Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

Respectfully Submitted:
Pat Karasick