



**C-PAB Meeting Minutes October 16, 2024**  
**Called to order at 12:00 PM**

**Welcome Betty Ley**

**Pledge of Allegiance by Loyce Lacson**

**September Meeting Minutes Motion to Accept: Motioned by Dave Gilman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Weissbarth.**  
**Minutes approved.**

Betty introduced the Captain's Report/Mission Update

**Lt. Menchaca**

- There have been a series of burglaries and robberies with some of the taco trucks.
  - Burglaries – there is a crew going around stealing ATMs, smashing into the stores, chaining the ATMs and yanking them out.
    - Detective has been hard at work and they have made multiple arrests – 4 suspects in custody.
    - Detectives have recovered money and guns that were tied to the burglaries.
  - In this arrest, a suspect was identified any individual responsible for the taco truck robberies at Mission and North Hollywood.
- The detectives are in the process of writing another warrant for another location.
- Overall crime is trending in the right direction.

**SLO's Reports:**

**SLO Joseph Carter Basic Car 19A1**

Provided an update on the overall crime in Sylmar (westside):

- The house where the warrant took place in regard to the burglaries of the ATMs was located in the Sylmar area.
  - Citizens were reporting on the dumping of ATM machines in the area.
- Been working with detectives to make arrests connected to the robberies. Most significant has been the GTAs:
  - Trucks and older Honda's.
- Held a Neighborhood Watch Meeting – decent turn out.
- Followed by Q&A.

**SLO Keith Crawford Basic Car 19A7**

Provided an update on the overall crime in Sylmar (Eastside):

- GTAs continue to be high.
  - They have conducted several arrests and have recovered a few vehicles.
  - Arrested an individual that has been arrested about 4 times for driving stolen vehicles. The individual is on parole.
  - Doing our best to keep the numbers low on GTAs.
- Followed by Q&A.

**SLO Phil Ruiz 19A43**

Provided an update on overall crime in Mission Hills:

- Overall crime is up by 5%. They are up in two categories:
  - Property crimes – GTA (last year it was 93, this year its 97).
  - Theft - last year there were 102 reported, this year to-date its 144:
    - Shoplifting – Target, Vons
- Target is a hotspot for thefts. Currently working the staff at Target to do some problem-solving and collaboration.
- Upcoming up evet – Coffee with a Cop! (Thursday, October 17 at 9am).
- Followed by Q&A.

### **SLO Tracy Ware Basic Car 19A70**

Provided an update on the overall crime in the Arleta area:

- Overall crime is down by 23%.
- Property crime has increased by 11% - the GTAs is the biggest issue (34%).
- Had success with a problematic area – encampment issue.
- One of the taco truck vendors was a victim from the Arleta area.
- New LA County Program – vendor cleanup

### **Homelessness Coordinator - Officer Ryan Writer:**

- There is an upcoming CD7 Operation to address the RV situation.
- Also coming up on October 24<sup>th</sup> a joint operation with CD7, Cal Trans, and LA County to clean up Foothill.
- Events
  - Miracle on Mission
    - Need donations and fundraising for this event.
  - Car Show Fundraiser – November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Government Reps Updates:**

Odalys Gomez, Field Deputy for Council District 6, Councilwoman Imelda Padilla provided an update:

- Orian Ave has been completed.
- Lincoln Ave is in progress.
- Upcoming resurfacing projects:
  - Lincoln Ave - between Roscoe and [REDACTED]
  - Orian Ave – Between Roscoe and [REDACTED]
- The district allocated \$60,000 to Urban Forestry Div.
- Followed by Q&A

Marcela Quintanilla, Field Deputy for Council District 6, Councilwoman Imelda Padilla provided an update:

- District filed a motion to change park hours (sunrise to sunset).
- Care+ Locations for November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Followed by Q&A

Marisol Sanchez, Area Representative for Council District 7, Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez provided an update:

- Upcoming Care+ events in varies locations.
- RV Removals took place on September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Addressed overgrowth of vegetation along the San Fernadno bike pass.
- Working on the lighting issues along San Fernando Rd.

- Working on the illegal dumping – October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Working on sidewalk repairs along Glenoaks and Foothill Blvd. – October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Events – Dia De Los Muertos – October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Followed by Q&A

Lorraine Diza, District Director for Council District 2, Councilmember Paul Krekorian provided an update:

- Proactively installing speedbumps near all the elementary's.
- Accepting nominees for “Veteran of the Year.”
- Upcoming Care+ events.
- Fall Festival - November 15<sup>th</sup>

**Additional Comments:**

Next meeting November 20, 2024 at 12:00pm, in-person.

Mission Hills 19A42 has signed up to handle Nov. lunch and snacks.

**Announcements:**

Pickup flyers that are available

Captain Ruvalcaba is on vacation.

Adjourned 12:32 PM.