



Pacific Community Police Advisory Board Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Pacific Community Police Station

Meeting was a hybrid with 16 members in person and 9 virtually on Zoom

LAPD: 10

C D #11- 3

Guests: 2

The meeting was called to order by Ron Mito, Civilian co-chair. Self -introductions were made. Prior meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

Captain's Report

Captain Robles, Patrol Captain made the report. Crime was low this month so far. Operating on minimum force due to tactical alert to fire areas. That translates into 7 patrol cars down to 4. Code 2 and 3 calls still being addressed.

Captain Applegate: Arrived from the Palisades Fire Command Post and stated that this fire was unprecedented. Crime numbers in Pacific were good. Officers are working with 520-560 National Guard. Their duties include: manning 39 traffic check points, crime suppression made more difficult with the power off, and response and escort units.

LAFD makes the plan, meet twice a day to review and revise if necessary.

Minutes: Ron K made a motion to accept as written, seconded by Harris; motion carried.

Guest Speaker: Honorable Traci Park, CD #11 Council person

Last couple of weeks have been traumatic. Hoping to address pedestrians on the bike path and other CD issues in 2025. New normal is constantly changing. She has observed incredible acts of service, heroic efforts of LAFD and LAPD responding with community volunteers to help people. There have never been fires like these. CD #11 newest deputies with one day on the job were out begging people to leave, walking people out, dealing with no communication, covered in ash and soot. The next day again doing what needed to be done. Outreach has been made to other communities that have suffered fire damage, Lahaina, Santa Rosa, and Paradise offering advice on how to proceed. Citizens mandate where the money will go. LA Recovery Committee will manage the oversight including debris removal leading the recovery process.

She has resigned from the Olympics Committee and handed it over to Councilman Harris-Dawson. Everything is in crisis mode. Pacific Palisades is a toxic wasteland, cracks in swimming

pools, broken water mains plus the water from LAFD fighting the fires. Councilwoman Park predicts it will be 9 months – 1 year to repopulate.

Q and A

Encampments? There is a push on policies to erase encampments.

Council is unified in recovery. There are major budget implications for the city. The economic impact will be tremendous.

Can Playa be designated a “high fire risk”?

Needs a state level review. Sean will follow-up on that.

What does the Council Office need?

Needs have changed already. Currently need school supplies, notebooks, pencils, home goods, and hygiene items. Right now, the need is for immediate needs which will change to long range.

Recommend gift cards to HomeGoods and Target.

Where can money be sent?

CD #11 Foundation can receive funds.

Neighborhood Councils could donate up to \$1,000.

Rotary of Santa Monica is a clearing House bringing in funds.

Is the Community being ignored?

No, RVs were towed today. LAX Police is on fire patrol. Budget may restrict some operations. In Pacific, normal patrol during daytime, although deployment varies. All hands-on deck: SLO, CRO, Administration, and Detectives are on fire duty. Patrol is last to be called in.

Why were two burglaries in Westchester not investigated?

Captain Applegate was not aware of these incidents. FYI: Westchester has a population of 39,480, encompasses 10.8 square miles, has the lowest population density of LA.

Committee Reports tabled because of time.

Announcements:

Feb. 1. Westchester Senior Center will hold a free eye check.

New CPAB dated stickers will be forthcoming in February.

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Karasick
Secretary