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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00pm

Fire Station 83 Community Service Room

4960 Balboa Boulevard Encino, CA 91316

1. Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian at 7:13 pm; present were Kenneth Silk, Hi Hand, and Sharon Brewer. Excused Absence: Sherman Gamson and Diana Crews. Unexcused absence: Hal Sullivan. With committee's unanimous approval, Chair appoints Sharon Brewer a voting member on the Public Safety committee.
2. Approval of June committee meeting minutes has been moved to August.
3. DWP's water conservation ordinance restricts lawn watering with automatic sprinklers to Mondays and Thursdays, before 9am and after 4pm. DWP measures also limit watering my hand with a flow-control nozzle on any day before 9am and after 4pm. These measures will clearly pose a safety hazard to our community as excessive dry vegetation can increase the risk of wildfires. Councilmember Greig Smith introduced a motion seeking exemption of people with disabilities and homes and businesses located in high fire zones from these watering restrictions. The Public Safety Committee supports Councilman G. motion and seeks the support of the Council.
Motion by Kenneth Silk and 2nd by Hi Hand:
Recommendation to support Councilmember Greig Smith's motion directing LADWP to report back on the feasibility of exempting certain disabled residents, commercial and residential properties in high fire severity zones from water use restrictions under the Emergency Water Conservation Plan Ordinance.
Unanimous support
Hayvenhurst Avenue will remain open between Ventura Boulevard and 4714 Hayvenhurst Avenue. All roadways, except where closed, will be subject to regular parking restrictions. There is no parking on Hayvenhurst Avenue between Ventura Boulevard and Libbit Avenue. This means that all vehicles, including media vehicles, will be subject to parking enforcement, up to and including citation and impound. Some media outlets have indicated that they have negotiated a parking agreement with local residents. Private written agreements

are acceptable only where the concerned vehicle and equipment are entirely removed from the roadway. Cable runs should be properly covered for pedestrian safety and should be off of the landscaping of the other property owners. In the event of an emergency, such as a fire, all vehicles must be capable of being moved within five minutes. This means that a properly trained and licensed driver, equipped to operate the respective vehicle, must attend all vehicles. Media crews are requested to bag and remove their own rubbish. To minimize radio interference and health and safety concerns, Satellite trucks must have licensed operators. A copy of the licenses must be on site.

5. LAPD West Valley Update: On July 10, 2009 two bank robberies occurred with minutes of each other. The first was reported about 12:10 p.m. in the 22000 block of Ventura Boulevard in Woodland Hills and the second about 30 minutes later in the 17000 block of Ventura Boulevard in Encino. The suspects left behind an explosive device and took off with an unspecified amount of US currency. The suspects are still at large.
6. As there was no further new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.