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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 02-17-10 Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.

Call to order by committee Chair, Tonya Barseghian, at 6:10pm; committee members present Kenneth Silk (Alternate) and Sharon Brewer. Excused absence: Vicki Jarvis. Unexcused absence: Hi Hand and Sherman Gamson. Guests: Chief Malais of LAFD. Stakeholders: Tony Bleifer, Joe Bara and James Guarno. A quorum was not met.

Approval of 11/18/09 minutes moved to next meeting.

Chair distributed the first draft of SMMC letter addressed to Councilmember Koretz and asked committee members for suggestions and/or recommendations. Mr. Silk suggested changing “recommends” to “requests” in the final paragraph. He also noted a misprint of “Kehoe”. Members are to review the draft and Email suggestions to Chair. A copy for review is to be sent to Mr. Rob Glushon.

CERT dates and location have been set: Classes are to be held at First Presbyterian Church of Encino from 6:30pm-9:30pm on 03/09, 03/16, 03/23, 03/30, 4/3, 4/13, 4/20. Members are encouraged to participate. Those who wish to register may Email tbarseghian@ucla.edu or call 818/817.6998. Further information can be found on the ENC February newsletter. As of now, LAFD will not be holding DAC for students.

Councilmember Paul Koretz will host a town hall meeting in Encino regarding high fire severity zones, the DWP Hardship Variance and mandatory water conservation ordinance (date is to be determined). Hardship Variance forms will be available to members of the public at the next general meeting. Chair will announce information regarding details of the variance and the application process.

The medical marijuana dispensaries topic was to be moved to the next meeting, however, because stakeholders were present in concern to the item on the agenda, the committee decided to have a discussion. Stakeholders, Tony Bleifer, Joe Bara, and James Guarno expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the ramifications of the new ordinance which would cap the number of dispensaries at 70 and require the shops to be at least 1,000 feet from schools, parks and other “sensitive” areas. As we did not have a specific action

plan, we informed them of the next general meeting where they could further express their views.

Battalion 10, "A" Platoon Chief Gerry R. Malais updated the committee on strengthening the ties between LAFD and the NCs, with emphasis on emergency preparedness. He would like to coordinate CERT classes with the neighborhood councils to ensure that neighborhoods have the information and tools necessary for emergency preparedness. We informed him of our upcoming CERT training and invited him to the next general meeting to announce his plans and goals to the community.

LAPD: West Valley Update- Police arrested a man involved in a robbery of Circle K in Van Nuys and US Bank on 15900 Ventura Blvd. Police are following leads into a potential suspect(s) responsible for car break-ins at Bally Total Fitness. They are also working on leads to identify a suspect(s) in local residential burglaries.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.