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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 01/19/11 Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.

Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian, at 6:05pm; committee members present include Ken Silk, Sharon Brewer, Todd Rubinstein. Late arrival: Eliot Cohen, excused absence: Vicki Jarvis. Guests in attendance include Barry Fischer, Harlan Barbanell, and Laurilyn Barbanell. A quorum was established.

Unanimous approval of 12/15/10 minutes.

Harlan and Laurilyn Barbanell, and Barry Fischer briefed the committee regarding traffic and parking issues along Garvin Drive at Lanai Road during the morning and afternoon, as a result of Lanai Road Elementary School parents' picking up and dropping off students. They reported several instances of public safety concerns, among them, the fact that parents are parking on both sides of the already narrow Garvin Drive and thus prohibiting other vehicles from gaining entry onto the street. There have been many occasions that the garbage collector has not been able to gain access to the street and the trash has been uncollected. The main concern for the residents, whose mean age is 65, is that emergency personnel will be unable to enter the street in event of an urgent situation, due to cars parked on both sides. The traffic problems are primarily during the hours of 7:30am-8:15am and 2:00pm-3:00pm. The residents have tried contacting various offices and the school in an attempt to report the issues and request immediate response; however, their attempts have been to no avail. This has been an ongoing issue for several years. According to the LAFD manual, if the street is less than 20ft wide, then there should be no parking on both sides of the street, and if it measures between 20ft-28ft wide, then parking on one side of the street should be allowed and no parking on the other (same side as the fire hydrant). Residents were urged to measure the width of the street and report back to the committee. In the meantime, the committee Chair is to contact CD5, SLO Trulik, Lanai Road Elementary School principal, LAUSD, LA School Police Department and DOT.

Chair is still waiting for the brush clearance unit Captain to send the MRCA parcel numbers of those properties within Encino's VHFHSZ so that she can forward them to CD5.

According to Helene Regen, there has been a slight improvement regarding the issue of illegal dumping; she thanked the committee for their efforts. Jeff Ebeinstein is also working on illegal dumping issues and is also experience difficulties with reaching BSS investigators. He mentioned that with budget cuts and shortages that we should expect delays. We will continue to monitor the situation and refer the matter to the Outreach Committee. New illegal dumping concerns have been reported at Encino Ave and Killion Street; CD5 and residents have suggesting beautifying the area with plants to deter transients, vagrancy, and further dumping. The residents are seeking to match contributions that CD5 and ENC would be willing to donate.

The committee discussed CERT advertisement; potential advertising locations include ECC, LAFD 83, SOS Survival Products, Providence Tarzana Hospital, Encino Hospital, Smart and Final, McDonalds, Gelson's, Encino Chamber of Commerce and ENC website. We have 183 survival kits left over; food and water expire in 2014 and light sticks in 2011/2012. The committee needs to update the date on the old flyers prior to distribution.

The committee reviewed the Ballina Canyon Neighborhood Watch report prepared by Margie Grossman; topics discussed include the \$100 million in back taxes the city is owed by lessees of Los Angeles city-owned garages, Internet safety for children, and the importance of inspection of proper licenses of brush clearance companies.

At this time, no one volunteered to the secretary position.

LAPD- West Valley: Car break-ins continue to be a major problem.

As there was no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned at 8:15pm.

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The ENC is made up of elected persons who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of Encino.

The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs. The ENC General Meetings are usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the: <u>Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd at 7:00pm.</u>

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