

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MINUTES

OF THE
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL
AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

MARCH 20, 1995 -- 6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Land and Chairperson Altschul called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers - Koretz, Martin, Mayor Pro Tem Heilman and Mayor Land.

Commission Members - Devejian, Kemper, McGarva, Saur, Sullivan, Williams and Chairperson Altschul.

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Brotzman, Public Safety Administrator Greenstein, Sgt. Mike Parker, Captain Bill Mangan, Susan Duenas, Neighborhood Services Specialist, Deputy Scott Petz, Deputy Glen Brandon.

ABSENT:

Councilmember - Guarriello

2. **COMMISSION INTRODUCTIONS:** Each of Commission Members introduced themselves.
3. **COMMISSION OVERVIEW:**
Chairperson Altschul gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Commission. He stated this is the newest Commission, the purpose of this commission is to advise the Council on a broad range of public safety issues. Some of the main activities are: the East Side including prostitution, unsheltered populations and perceptions of what makes the people feel safe; local neighborhood issues such as neighborhood intrusions, neighborhoods located close to the nightclubs, concerns of unsafe conditions; neighborhood watch groups; code enforcement; and special activities and issues such as gay bashing.
4. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner McGarva provided an update on Firestation 7. She stated that escrow should start in approximately two weeks, construction will start early 1996, and finish at the end of 1996. Plans for a "latter truck" to be housed at the reconstructed station.

Mayor Land asked the commission if a sub-committee has been formed for residents around the proposed Firestation 7.

Commissioner McGarva indicated that a sub-committee is comprised of Commissioner Sullivan, Commissioner Devejian and herself.

Commissioner Sullivan provided the an update of emergency disaster preparedness. He outlined the responsibilities of the sub-committee, and duties in case of a major disaster. They have also set-up 10 sub-committees some of which are: public information, communications, transportation, health, clerical, supply, and search and rescue.

Mayor Land asked the Commission, the type of outreach the Commission is doing for the Russian Community in terms of disaster preparedness.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that the Commission would be working with the Russian Community Outreach staff to gain participation and further education to the Russian Community.

Commissioner Saur reported on the Neighborhood Watch Groups, including how the watch groups interact with the Commission. She asked the Council to investigate how the Commissions work with each other and asked the Council for a newsletter/memo distributed among the commissions.

Commissioner Williams stated that she feels better participation in Neighborhood Watch groups would be possible, especially with the Russian community, if some of the problems that were brought up were actually resolved, as a result of the group's efforts. Some issues are locking recycling bins, dumping of trash, and the transient problem. The garage on Orange Grove and Fountain, the neighbors are extremely frustrated. Need a better follow-up system. Problems with a specific businesses in the City.

Commissioner Kemper informed the Council of concerns with residents; that the businesses are infringing upon their well being. She suggests an increased notification system, which includes greater than 500 foot radius notification. She added concerns about certain problems in Plummer Park and the negative press.

Mayor Land informed the Commission that some of these concerns could be brought to the Council. She also commented that possibly a sub-committee should be formed to resolve some of the communication issues between the watch groups and the Council. She added that a system should be created to disseminate the information from Council or staff to the commissions.

Councilmember Heilman responded that he thinks the Commission to Commission Memo is a good idea, he also suggested that a copy go to the Council. He shares frustration about the garage on Orange Grove, and stated that perhaps staff must do a better job to educate the public on the process. Councilmember Heilman informed the Commission that code enforcement did follow-up on the East Side, and that again this could be a communication or education problem.

Councilmember Koretz briefed the Commission on trash scavenger issues. He commended the Commission on prostitution issues. Directed the Commission to perhaps coordinate further prostitution abatement activity with the City of Los Angeles otherwise the problems may return. He stated he has had problems with the Transportation Department, in regards to follow-up, and suggests City Management deal with Transportation Department follow-up. Comments on the rash of armed robberies, and solutions with the Commission, such as systems in place at Beverly Hills and San Diego.

Councilmember Martin addressed Transportation issues, non responsive Departments, and communication with the community.

Mayor Land asked the Commission to follow-up with the Council if problems are not getting the attention they need. She stated she also likes the idea of a Commission to Commission Memo.

Commissioner Williams suggested piggyback noticing to property owners, giving their permission to the Sheriffs to arrest scavengers on their property. In addition notice the tenants in a piggyback Rent Stabilization Department notice.

Mayor Land responded she has been in contact with the Post Office and Senator Finestein's office regarding Community policing.

Ms. Greenstein briefed the Council on the WINS program, and possible loss of funding.

Sergeant Mike Parker addressed the Council on the WINS program and the amount of enthusiasm by the community, the City and the Department. The team has the time to address quality of life issues.

Mayor Land addressed the Council and Commission about the crime bill funding in Washington. A letter was sent today to the Senators offices defending the crime bill funding.

Ms. Greenstein reported on progress with the Russian immigrant community, and informed the Council of a Russian immigrant newsletter to be produced by City staff.

Commissioner Devejian addressed the Council on issues from Sunset Specific Plan. He noted that noise and traffic are more widespread now that the Boulevard has developed. Mr. Devejian suggested that the Sunset Specific Plan coordinate with the Commission on issues of security, either public or private.

Councilmember Heilman stated he is troubled at creating different standards for clubs depending where they are, or their clientele. Councilmember Heilman added that the Council has given direction to the Community Development Department to hold meetings with the clubs on the west end of Sunset, to create an assessment district for parking and to replace security contracted individually with more effective and

comprehensive security contracted as a group. Councilmember Heilman gave direction to the City Manager to follow-up with that item.

Mayor Land directed the Commission to report citywide standards for nightclubs to the Council.

5. **SIX MONTH REPORT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DIRECTED PATROL AND THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS UNIT (SPU)**

Nancy Greenstein, Public Safety Administrator, provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated March 20, 1995.

Scott Petz touched on the hotspots of the Special Units Team: prostitution east of Fairfax, noisy club patrons and vandalism on Sunset, cruising in residential neighborhoods, motorcycle noise, aggressive panhandling, auto burglaries, patron and valet parking problems due to a specific club on Sunset, gay bashing, and gambling, transients and drug use in Plummer Park.

Mayor Land and Councilmember Koretz both state how pleased they are with the remarkable cooperation and team work by the Public Safety Division, the Commission, and the Sheriffs Department.

Councilmember Heilman feels all of the items on the hotspots must remain on the list, but perhaps priorities may be shifted. He suggests outreach to the businesses that attract the motorcycle crowd, and perhaps send a letter to all motorcycle owners in the City. Need to be more aggressive on the auto theft issue. Direction to City Manager on further CDBG security programs for parking garages.

Mayor Land strongly recommends that we work with the Hollywood Police Division of the LA Police Department on the Prostitution issues.

Chairperson Altschul addresses the Council on the priorities for the next six months of the SPU team and stated the priorities dictate themselves clearly to the SPU team.

Mayor Land added the Clean Safe Cities program to the list of priorities for the next six months.

Mayor Land in summary: will keep the same list of projects and the Department to prioritize as necessary, put on the list Clean Safe Cities, expand the motorcycle noise issues and outreach, follow-up with Community Development for CDBG funds for parking garage safety improvements, nightclubs possible assessment for parking and security, follow-up with the Department of Transportation to get responses from issues that seem to be backlogged, direction to the Public Safety Commission to work with Mayor Land on a Commission to Commission memo and for the Commission to present

to the Council which Commissioner is on which neighborhood watch for proper communications.

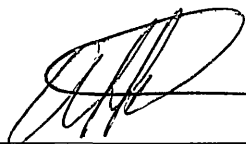
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JEANNE DOBRIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, stated she would have liked the meeting to have been broadcast. Ms. Dobrin thinks Captain Mangan has taken a great hold of this department, she also commented on lack of parking enforcement around the large revenue generating businesses in the City. Commented about concerns with motorcycle noise issues.

7. **ADJOURN:**

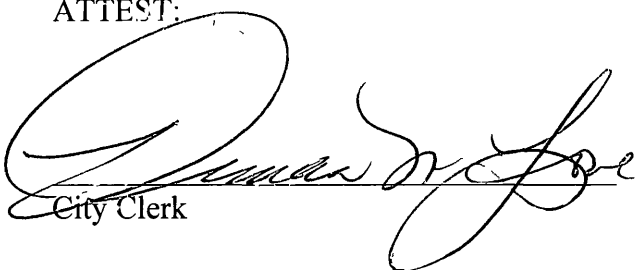
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE 3RD DAY OF APRIL, 1995.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk