Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council

Public Safety Committee Minutes
Saturday, August 27, 2016
Arroyo Seco Regional Library (Conference Room)
6145 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA 90042
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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08/27/16 MINUTES

A. Call to Order 4:18p.m.

   Rocio Rivas, chair
   Mauro Garcia, Committee Stakeholder
   Tom Wirth, CERT
   Patrick Batz-Forbes, CERT
   Zucely Lee, CERT
   Randy Galeano, Stakeholder
   Jorge Guerrero, Stakeholder
   Jose Gonzalez, Stakeholder

C. [5mins] Updates (Elected Officials, LAPD, LAFD, Community Organizations) NONE

D. [5mins] Public Comments on Non-agenda items only (Limited to 5 minutes max.; 1 minute per speaker) M. Garcia Rams home games having an impact on local policing due to the fact that LAPD officers work security. Need to investigate the impact it’s having on policing availability in Highland Park and neighboring areas due to this situation. Mr. Garcia learned of this situation on a LAPD blog.

ACTION ITEMS

1. [5mins] Motion to adopt the agenda.
   All in favor. Motion passes.

2. [5mins] Motion to approve 07-22-16 minutes.
   All in favor. Motion passes.

3. [10mins; Previously tabled] Discussion and possible action concerning the CERT program and training in the Northeast area; and creating emergency neighborhood groups who can work together in an event of an emergency. Make recommendation to board to support CERT training.
   Patrick Batz-Forbes and Tom Wirth explain the CERT program and need for CERT volunteers to help in emergency situations. Motion to establish a CPR first aid class at Highland Park. All in favor. Motion Passes.

4. [15mins] Discussion and possible action on the public safety issues that Highland Park confronts.
   Discuss collaborations with LAPD, LAFD and city departments to develop safety plans to address public safety issues in the neighborhood, such as Neighborhood Watch groups, traffic safety, Crime Prevention Resource Fair, etc. Make recommendations to create ad hoc committees to address specific public safety objectives.
   Due to the recent increase on property crimes, such as car break-ins and thefts, and home robberies, recommendations to begin discussions on forming neighborhood watch blocks and recruiting block captains.

5. [5mins] New Business-Introduce new issues for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting and request Chair to place item on agenda.
   Rams home games implications on local community policing due to the overtime work of LAPD officers having to work the external security of the stadium.

6. [5mins] Discussion of time and place for next meeting. Meeting on September 17th same location and time.

7. Adjournment 515 pm