

Mar Vista Community Council
Safety and Security Committee
Thurs, January 28, 2010 7pm to 8:30pm
Coffee Connection@ 3838 S. Centinela (corner of Venice & Centinela)
Minutes

Call to Order/Attendance:

Rob Kadota, Bill Koontz, Chris and Mike Holstein, Kathy Owens, Ivan Lee, Steve Wallace and son, SLO Drake Madison, and _____.

Approval of Minutes

Senior Lead Officer Report: SLO Madison commented on New LAPD Chief – Charlie Beck, Budget issues may impact LAPD hiring/training cycles and goals, Chief Beck was a SLO and had a special meeting with all SLOs city wide. The changes he’s implemented to date have resulted in more cops and cars on the street. He’s reduced the central administrative staff and reassigned them into the community. Part 1 Crime in Pacific seen a 3% drop Year to Date, No disconcerting trends – mostly “typical” property crime incidents. SLO Madison spoke at length about local graffiti concerns on Pacific Ave related to probable/known youth – New Pacific Capt. Jon Peters has employed “Car Worksheets” which describe a concern for each basic car unit and asks officers to specifically articulate what they have done to respond to the concern on a weekly basis. This new strategy seems to create greater communication and accountability between officers and assists the SLOs in bringing needed police attention to problems in each of their areas. SLO Madison encouraged attendees to utilize the City of LA’s web site (to <http://anti-graffiti.lacity.org>) to report graffiti. Once the graffiti is removed the citizen is reported to get an email notification that the removal has occurred.

News and Information from Co-Chairs: Rob and Bill

LAPD/CPAB Report – Copies of LAPD’s 2009 Annual Crime summary was distributed, along with updated/current Five Points of Contact and two new documents. One document gives readers information about how to both get and give information to LAPD. The other describes LAPD groups and affiliated organizations. See attached.

New web/email/text messages – www.Nixle.com – strongly encourage residents to sign up for this new email/text notification service being offered by LAPD. Great source of late breaking information to the public around safety and security issues. Is available for areas outside of LA and California.

Spring Carnival – scheduled for March 19-21, 2010 on Culver Blvd and in front of the Pacific Police station. Funds raised will support the LAPD Youth programs like DAPS. Please consider signing up to volunteer at the event.

Old Business:

LAPD Winter Wonderland and Santa Sleigh Program Review

Addition of Grand View Blvd School and painting of Santa Sleigh Stops very successful. Next year will continue to identify locations throughout MVCC with high concentrations of kids and identify Santa Sleigh Stop Sponsors as early as possible. Goal will be to put up signs 3-4 days in advance, provide a copies of the Santa sleigh stop signs for the route, ensure the sleigh doesn’t leave before the posted times, provide sponsors with door tags/flyers that they can distribute to surrounding neighbors and “close” the Santa Sleigh Stop once the sleigh has left that stop. Rob will be bringing the stop signs to the next Pacific CPAB meeting to share with other NCs/Communities.

Neighborhood Watch/Block Captain Development Program

A sample notebook was shared with the group and feedback suggestions made to Rob. A recommendation was made to develop/revise the Block Captain booklet that MVNA had developed and adjust it to reflect a broader focus. The booklet could be used to help recruit people to consider

becoming block captains. Using the Block Captain Notebook was seen as overwhelming and could scare folks away that were contemplating getting involved.

Neighborhood Watch Signs Funding Motion Update/Progress Report
Block Captain Notebook Funding Motion Update/Progress Report

New Business:

MVCC Sponsored First Aid/CPR Course A short conversation developed about offering the community at large free or discounted Red Cross CPR/First Aid classes as a recruitment tool to becoming a block captain, taking the CERT class or more. The Sustainable Works subsidized class has generated a lot of positive attention and involvement of interested residents and a cpr/first aid class might generate similar support and interest. Rob will investigate the costs and bring more information, possible proposal to the next S&S meeting. DONE is also supportive of NCs taking a more active role in emergency preparedness planning. Rob has worked with the West LA Red Cross this past in year in providing a large group CPR/First Aid training session and also utilized them in the Emergency Preparedness training of student staff/first responders at UCLA.

DONE/Empowerment – Expectation to engage NCs in Emergency Response and Planning, CERT program and more.

Block Captain Reports

Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at approx. 9pm