

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Georgette Darby, Voting Stakeholder
 Annika Guterman, Board Member
 Tony Zimbardi, Board Member
 Robert Morrison, Board Member
 Brandi D'Amore, Vice Chair
 Michael Connolly, Chair



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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee****Monday, August 22, 2022, 6:30 PM****Webinar ID: 945 9331 3243****<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94593313243>**

Annika Guterman not present at Roll Call; entered meeting at 6:38PM

Welcome

6:31 PM start

1. Roll Call**Attending**

Robert Morrison Brandi D'Amore Michael Connolly Tony Zimbardi Georgette Darby

Absent

Annika Guterman

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were not available at the time of agenda item. Returns to the agenda item throughout the meeting were postponed until Chair Michael Connolly opted to not hear them at this meeting; will be reviewed at next.

3. Public Comment on items not on the Agenda (2 minutes each)

Bill Anderson went to speak on an item for CPAB; was advised to speak at the agenda item

Officer Heather Mata addressed crime stats for HUNC area:

YTD 0 homicides

18% less rape

5+ robberies

+13 Aggravated Assault (AA)

+8 Violent crime

+27 Burglaries

+21% Grand Theft Auto (GTA)

same - Motor Vehicle Burglaries (MVB)

+2200% Grand Theft Personal (based on a dollar amount) (GTP)

Theft down 10%

Property Crime up 11%

Hollywood Division is not receiving 200 additional officers. CD13 has approved 2300 OT hours to 200 extras shifts to work in Hollywood Entertainment Area (HED).

Brandi D'Amore recognized that after she had asked her initial clarifying question that no more questions could be asked as SLO Mata was speaking under this agenda item.

4. Presentation and Question & Answer of the "Buddy System" (by Eric Hecht or other representative), a Hollywood-based neighborhood watch and safety protection program

<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/on-air/neighbors-create-buddy-system-safety-program-in-hollywood/2881741/>

Buddy System link: <https://www.sycobesquare.com/>

Eric Hecht shared his screen with a slide explaining the program they created for their area, the bus they outfitted as a command center/HQ, their interaction with local residents, and the cost sharing structure. He also answered some questions.

5. Discussion and possible motion regarding Council File 22-0928. This is a motion calling for transparency from Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to report on encampment cleans ups of 10 or more people

City Council Motion: http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2022/22-0928_misc_08-12-22.pdf

Robert Morrison shared and explained the motion and presented a draft C CIS which was discussed and edited/amended. Committee debated moving forward on it, and it was clarified that the file is for a report. Stakeholder David Gadd, also had some reticence yet understood the council file better after Mr. Morrison explained.

Motion passed.

Motion Made: Motion to recommend to Full Board a Community Impact Statement (CIS) regarding CF 22-0928. This is a motion calling for transparency from LAHSA to report on encampment cleans ups of 10 or more people

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Motion: Robert Morrison **Second:** Michael Connolly **Vote:** Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0, Recused-0, Ineligible-0

Yes

Annika Guterman Brandi D'Amore Georgette Darby Michael Connolly Robert Morrison Tony Zimbardi

6. Reminder of committee member participation in August '22 Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance (NCEPA) and report at next committee meeting.

<https://empowerla.org/ncepa/>

Brandi D'Amore reminded Annika Guterman she is scheduled to attend August '22 meeting, and that if for some reason she cannot attend, she was asked to contact Commissioner Shaffer to obtain minutes to share with committee at next meeting. Tony Zimbardi is scheduled for September '22.

Ms. D'Amore also asked Michael Connolly to get minutes for October '22 meeting as it will conflict with planned Board Retreat.

7. Discussion of committee mission and outreach goals for the year

Robert Morrison, speaking as president, would like each committee to set realistic outreach goals in recruiting people and getting the word out. Chair Michael Connolly would like to identify and pursue big goals that will help people and for everyone to feel safe, such as a drug and mental health treatment center in the area. Brandi D'Amore brought up that she invites people to the present at committee regularly and would like each member to contribute to bringing people/issues to the committee. Mr. Connolly will work to ensure everyone is participating and be the best chairperson he can be. Annika Guterman would like board to create/look at a central page on the website for information and contacts and the use of social media and help people connect.

8. Discussion of homeless encampments and fire safety

Robert Morrison brought up the power theft and how it can lead to fires and how it may be addressed. The topic was discussed. Brandi D'Amore shared contact info: LADWP watch commander 213-367-0352. LADWP camera monitoring 213-367-9111. LAPD Non-emergency number: 1-877-ASK-LAPD

LAFD Battalion Chief Nicholas Ferrari (Battalion 5, C platoon) spoke about their procedures, staff and equipment that they have to deal with encampment fires. He answered questions on reporting, the effectiveness of fire extinguishers for encampment fires (yes in most cases), if they can be used in anyway to get high (no), and shelf life of extinguishers.

Stakeholder David Gadd expressed concern with the homeless situation around Argyle and Franklin and the power theft and recent fires in that area.

9. Recap of 8/22 Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting

Brandi D'Amore gave an update. Stakeholder Bill Anderson added to the discussion by bringing up the topic at CPAB on the possibility of holding "active shooter training".

10. Reminder announcement about Digital Media Policy training on Wednesday 8/31

Annika Guterman should be able to attend.

11. Committee Member announcements on items not on the Agenda

Robert Morrison highlighted Civic U and having board members attend.

After Annika Guterman asked about update, Brandi D'Amore gave an update on the body found in Griffith Park at the Carousel and mentioned attending the next Griffith Park Town Hall about the road closures scheduled for September 8, 2022.

12. Old/Ongoing Business

Committee welcomed Georgette Darby as a voting stakeholder to committee.

13. New/Future Business

Brandi D'Amore posed the question if future Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings would fall under this committee now that two committees have combined into one. It will be assessed after this years events have been held.

Adjournment at 9:04 PM

Reconsideration: The Board may reconsider and amend its action on items listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place before the end of the meeting at which it was considered or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: (1) Make a Motion for Reconsideration and, if approved, (2) hear the matter and take an action. If the motion to reconsider an action is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: (1) A Motion for Reconsideration on the described matter and (2) a [Proposed] action should the motion to reconsider be approved. A Motion for Reconsideration can only be made by a Board member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action taken. If a Motion for Reconsideration is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Recording Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall all be in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.