

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES (4/25/24 MEETING)

On April 25, 2024 the Public Safety Committee of the SCNC held a regular meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Committee members who were present: *Jeff Hartwick (Chair & Corresponding Secretary)*, *Charlotte Larsen (Board Member)*, *Jerry Lewis (Board Member)*, *Patty Kirby (Stakeholder)*, *Jill Anderson (Stakeholder)*. Quorum established.
2. The chair delivered a brief opening statement, mentioned that the Board passed the burnt-frame RV motion but rejected the autonomous license plate reader motion. The chair discussed the on-going problem of a homeless encampment under the Riverside-Whitsett bridge area. We talked about cooperating with other NCs on public safety issues with spill-over effects.
3. Public comments on non-agenda items. A public comment was made re LAHSA.
4. SLO Shawn Smith was not available; Officer Nguyen was unable to attend.
5. Sheri Herman of CPAB gave an update. CPAB is weighing in on the LAPD Police Chief search. The Police Commission is holding meetings at the different bureaus. The NoHo Division currently is #1 in non-coded calls and #3 in the city for coded calls. From January 1 through April 13, there were 17,339 calls for NoHo officers. A new Tesla service center will open in NoHo in MS-13 gang territory. Stolen cars are up, especially Hyundais and Kias. Coffee with a cop will be held on May 9 at the NoHo Target, 11-1230. There was a recent murder at the NoHo Metro by a homeless assailant. Discussion was then made by the Committee about attributes the next LAPD chief should embody.
6. The first Tuesday of August will be National Night Out. It will be held at Beeman Park. The committee will coordinate with Outreach for this event.
7. Jerry gave an update about the Neighborhood Leadership Team (NLT) progress. A brief discussion was held about Radio 101 training.
8. Discussion of possible motion pertaining to Council File 23-0002-S123, to increase points for speeding over 26 mph above the speed limit, was held. The motion was passed.
9. Discussion of possible motion regarding new street lighting was held. Per Barry Johnson, residents of a given area are required to get together to obtain a light district request. It was recommended to contact the Bureau of Street Lighting.

10. Future topics were discussed, including the Committee for Traffic Safety Coalition, eBike Safety Program, etc.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.