

Monterey Hills Local Issues Minutes

December 2, 2021

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Agenda Item 2: Procedural Review

Agenda Item 3: Approval of Minutes

- Approved

Agenda Item 4: Presentations from Public Officials

- Ms. Susie Lopez has been promoted and our representative from Council District 14 is Ms. Cynthia Cruz. The start of Christmas events has begun with the Hermon Tree Lighting and Holiday Block Party this Friday from 5-7. There will also be a Christmas Jubilee in El Sereno on December 11, from 12-6. On December 11, bulky items can be left for pickup in bins in University Hills and El Sereno. Regarding the Figueroa Street Flow Diversion Project, there are concerns from the community about how they were under the belief that the collected water would be treated and turned into groundwater for the area in which it was collected. There are concerns over where the water will go, which is not currently known. The Budd Weiner Park shaded benches are waiting to be installed but are currently delayed because of permits needed from the Department of Building and Safety. The permits should be received by the middle of December or in the first week of January. Installation of the benches will take about 8 weeks. Ms. Cruz will check the rendering for more specifics on the timeline for the bench by the little library. There are still issues with the irrigation in the park and Ms. Cruz will be looking into the issue with Maintenance.

Agenda Item 5: LAPD Hollenbeck Division Report, Current SLO

- SLO Huerta reported an increase in vehicle thefts near Via Marisol just west of us and off of Hermon Park. It is likely related to the break ins on the hill, but there have been arrests made. A community member was concerned about a vehicle left abandoned by Budd Weiner Park, SLO Huerta will check on the car tomorrow. He is usually here in the early morning and is currently trying to get extra patrol time for Monterey Hills and the Hermon because of the threats. SLO Huerta can be contacted at 34863@lapd.online.

Agenda Item 6: Cynthia Gonzalez, Deputy City Attorney and Other Public Officials

- Ms. Gonzalez is currently working with Council District 1 in regard to high fire zones. Ms. Gonzalez was informed by the community of the fire that occurred last week on the top of the hill behind Wilson Summit. Ms. Gonzalez will reach out to the HOA that owns the land about placing signs marking the area as private property and a high fire zone.

Agenda Item 7: POST Alarm Systems Report, Arthur Williams

- Mr. Williams informed us that this is typically the time of year in which there is an increase in vehicle thefts. They are putting more resources into overnight patrols in the month of December to counteract this. Next year they are hoping to do more training in house and from third parties regarding de-escalation techniques. Unfortunately, Mr. Williams is taking a position at another company, and this was his last meeting with us. Mr. Dan Kaufman will be point until a replacement is found.

Agenda Item 8: CERT Report, Patrick Botz-Forbes

- Mr. Botz-Forbes said that CERT is working on monthly pop-up drills, one recently took place in Mid City and

Venice, one in Rose Hills is next. They are working on setting a staging point in front of the Recreation Center by Our Lady of Guadalupe you can sign up at events.ntp-la.org. There are plans to reach out to the Public Safety community of the ASNC to present to the board.

Agenda Item 9: General Public Comment

- None.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

- Next meeting: Thursday, January 27, 2022.