

Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council
Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Meeting
March 25, 2024 7 P.M.
Held via Zoom webinar

1. Welcome/Call to order/roll call: The Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Committee Chair Frankie Mays. Roll call determined that a quorum of three was present: Frankie Mays (Chair), Arvie Powell, and Rosalie Preston. The other Committee members (Eric Bailey and Jackie Jackson) had excused absences. In the absence of Eric, Rosalie offered to take the minutes.

2) General public comment on non-agenda items that are within the Neighborhood Council's subject matter jurisdiction: There were no public comments.

3) Approval of the November 27, 2023, Committee Minutes: The minutes were not available so this was tabled until the April 22 meeting.

4) Reports

a) Community Police Advisory Board meetings/conference calls with LAPD: A CPAB meeting via telephone was held on March 21 with Frankie Mays attending. In the Southeast LAPD area, there have been a lot of stolen cars and stolen parts used to create new vehicles, in particular Kias and Hondas. The non-profit Children of the Night has been working along the Figueroa corridor and been able to remove 33 sex trafficking participants from the corridor and help them to obtain skills so they can get other types of work and get away from their pimps. Signs about support services for those involved in sex trafficking have been posted but are sometimes taken down. Alert Children of the Night so they can replace them. ABL is a navigation for the homeless at Figueroa and Manchester which provides lockers for property of the homeless and showers. National Night Out will be held on August 6. There is a stakeholder who uses Zoom to assist people who are applying for rental housing on how to complete the applications. The next in-person CPAB meeting will be held on March 25 at Fire Station 64.

b) Emergency Preparedness Alliance: Frankie is still not getting the emails for the monthly meetings. Rosalie will investigate.

c) Neighborhood Disaster Response drills: Rosalie suggested picking a date for one of the in-person drills in the West Adams or Palms areas and carpooling to learn what they are like.

5) Planning for emergency preparedness within HGNNC: The Emergency Management Department will be speaking about emergency preparedness at the April 23 General Membership meeting held at the 116th Street School. CERT training will be offered soon at Fire Station 64 as a 4-hour Saturday class. Block leaders throughout the HGNNC area are needed to help their neighbors prepare for emergencies.

6) Discussion of other public safety/emergency preparedness issues, including street calming measures: Arvie said that there have been no updates on getting the bollards installed at the 135th Street/Hoover Street intersection to slow traffic.

Garrett Rodriguez, District 1 stakeholder, said that the Merit Tract will be holding a Neighborhood Watch meeting on April 2. The former resident of the Merit Tract, John Ross, who returned, squatted in a vacant house, and ended up assaulting a U.S. Postal worker, has

been arrested, with charges filed with the Federal Attorney General after a resident's video of the assault was broadcast on local media.

7) Announcements – next Southeast LAPD CPAB meeting will be March 25

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. Next meeting will be Monday April 22, 2024.

Minutes taken by Rosalie Preston, Committee member

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