



Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

GRANADA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Monday March 31st, 2014, Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Granada Hills Charter H.S. 10535 Zelzah, Granada Hills. CA 91344
Room A5

GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee Members (Representation Category)

Chair: Ross Turmell (Member-at-Large)
Members: Arthur A. Daush (Seniors)
Dan Wall (Member-at-Large)

Suraj Khurana (Students)
Deron Lopez (Rec. and Cultural Affairs)
Dave Beauvais (Community Org.)

Minutes of the Monday March 31st GHSNC Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ross Turmell at 6:35 pm

Roll Call taken by the Chair

Ross Turmell	Present	Suraj Khurana	Not Present
Arthur A. Daush	Not Present	Deron Lopez	Present
Dan Wall	Not Present	Dave Beauvais	Present

Stakeholders Present

Jerry Askew	Laine Caspi
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LAPD Valley Traffic Division Representative

Officer David Hovey

A quorum was not present so the Chair reminded those in attendance that we can have an informational session and not vote on any agenda item.

Public Comment:

No Public Comment on non-agenda items was made.

Officer David Hovey

Officer Hovey presented a traffic safety update and noted that while Chatsworth and Yarmouth had one recent minor pedestrian/vehicle incident many other larger intersections have recorded fatalities and a high traffic incident rate. Valley Traffic Division has placed

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resources at these high incident intersections. Officer Hovey mentioned that our focus regarding safety at the Food Truck events was a good one.

Discussion regarding the food truck event and public safety.

Traffic control ideas:

The Chair brought web captures of speed monitoring signs sold through several companies. Many in attendance liked the signs and the idea of placing them on Chatsworth Street.

Items from the speed monitoring sign discussion:

1. We can request that a volunteer compile a list of vendors and signs with pricing.
2. If the costs are prohibitive we can use a multi-fiscal year approach to purchase them.
3. There was some concern about the fact that the signs are permanent and what that would do to the aesthetics of the Granada hills shopping district on Chatsworth.
4. Officer Hovey stated that he "liked" the idea of the signs.

The Chair mentioned that in addition to (or in lieu of) the speed monitoring signs the Council could partner with the Chamber and the businesses aligned with the Food Trucks to begin a food truck night volunteer crosswalk guard program.

Items from the crosswalk guard discussion:

1. It is aesthetically more pleasing than the signs.
2. It is impermanent and addresses the need for pedestrian safety during the food truck nights.
3. It is flexible and can be used on multiple streets or just at Yarmouth and Chatsworth.
4. Feasibility and ongoing costs are a concern

The Chair mentioned that Pasadena had recently gone to Pedestrian Scramble (diagonal) type crosswalks along Colorado Boulevard and asked if we should do the same.

Items from the pedestrian scramble discussion:

1. The members and stakeholders felt this idea had less merit than the crosswalk guards and speed monitoring signs.
2. The members and stakeholders were unclear as to the benefits of such a crosswalk configuration and how the city would accomplish it and at what cost.
3. It was mentioned that more research would be needed prior to addressing the idea.

The remaining items on the agenda were not discussed as there was no quorum present.

The informational meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm with no closing remarks.

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