

WINNETKA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, AUGUST 28, 2023, 7 PM

WINNETKA CONVENTION CENTER

20122 VANOWEN STREET, WINNETKA, CA.

1. MEETING CONVENED:

Convened at 7:00 pm by Committee Chair Jonathan Vickburg

Pledge of Allegiance: Erick Lace

Roll Call CHAIR: Jonathan Vickburg Present

VICE-CHAIR: Alexander Tsao Present

MEMBER: Judith Giglio Present

MEMBER: Mihran Kalaydijian Present

MEMBER: Erick Lace Present

MEMBER: Juan Lopez Absent

PUBLIC: 3 attendees in house. 4 attendees on line.

MINUTES: Minutes of May 24, 2023, approved. No meeting in June or July—no quorum.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. Gary Morris of Fire Dept Battalion 17 and CERT Coordinator discussed the Community Emergency Response Team program consisting of 7 classes of 3 hours each. Need 25 people to schedule a class.

B. Ahmed Bekir wanted information on the development at 20718 Napa Street (at Kelvin). Referred to PLUM Committee.

3. OLD BUSINESS: None discussed

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by Jill Kline, Economic Development Deputy for Council Member Bob Blumenfield on the Neighborhood Protection Program. Committee meets every other month at the Warner Center Chamber of Commerce.

B. New Senior Lead Officer Sean Taylor was introduced to us by (former) Senior Lead Officer Sandra Zamora.

Both officers gave a report on the crime status. There has been an increase of hate crimes in our area. They will try to organize an “active shooter” program and a “self-defense for women” program. Homelessness up 11% in Los Angeles. Local homeless group assault in Winnetka Park. The longer people are on the street, the harder it is to get them back to work and housing. With evictions now starting, homelessness may go up.

-Burglary and auto crimes down.

-Theft up 25%. Robbery up 25%. Sexual assault up 900%.

Overall July crime stats down 13%. August stats down 5%.

911 center staffing is a big issue. Staffing down. Call volume up (staff positions are available.)

Additional informative venues: Civilian Police Academy, Volunteer Surveillance Team, Community Police Advisory Board.

C. Future presentations discussed. Mihran suggested human trafficking for October.

D. Discussed future public safety events.

5. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None

6. MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 PM

NEXT MEETING: 4th Monday of the Month at 7 PM