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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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This meeting is open to the public. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

1. Call to order
2. Establish Quorum
3. Approve minutes of Oct 21, 2020
4. Public Comment

New Business

5. Presentation by Antoine Kunsch, of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, regarding free analysis of wildfire prone properties in West Hills.
6. Discussion and possible action on creating a CIS on CF 20-0002-S2122, encouraging the City of LA asking the County of Los Angeles to eliminate sale and use of fireworks throughout the county of Los Angeles.
7. Discussion and possible action regarding RYLAN training and sets of Emergency Preparedness Kits.
8. Safety Tip of the Month
9. General discussion on any other Committee matters.
10. Meeting adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Meeting by Zoom

- **Members Present: Bob Brostoff, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Tony Scarce, Dan Brin, Margery Brown, Faye Barta**

Guest: Marty Olinick

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- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:18 PM.
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- 2. Quorum established
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- 3. Approval of September 16, 2020 Minutes
- Minutes approved as amended

Comments from Chair and Co-Chair

No Comments

4, Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Old Business

New Business

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Stakeholder Complaint regarding LADWP Power Outages

Bob received an email from Mr. Marty Olinick regarding the recent LADWP power outages during the heat wave. Marty stated that LADWP has never upgraded the equipment since the heat wave of few years ago. He had received a letter in 2007 that the equipment would be upgraded. Marty recently wrote a letter to Marty Adams, General Manager of LADWP. He also filed some claims for lost food etc., but the claim was denied and asked to sue in small claims court. Steve Randall said that he had installed a backup generator in his home which kicks in during an outage. Faye Barta recommended submitting a CIS on Council file 20-1073, where LADWP has been asked by Energy, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice Committee to report on the outages, it was unanimously agreed to submit a CIS regarding this matter.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Neighborhood Watch Groups

There have been only 4 or 5 Neighborhood Watch groups that have been started by the WHNC Board members. Dan Brin suggested putting this on the Operations Committee Agenda rather than writing an email to the Board members to initiate Neighborhood Watch groups in their neighborhoods.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on writing a letter to Councilman John Lee re: Reactivating RV parking Areas (CF 20-0147

City of LA had mapped out where RV's could be parked ion City of LA which had been revoked recently. The City is reactivating parking enforcement since it was deactivated due to Covid19. Dan Brin mentioned that there is no Council file regarding this matter and will not gain any traction due to Covid 19. It was decided not to move forward on this action.

8. Discussion and Possible action on amending Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness operating Rules

Margery Brown and Anthony Scearce will be added as members of this Committee. Bob Brostoff wanted to amend the rule where it would allow all WHNC Board members and up to Stakeholders to be members of this Committee. There was a lot of discussion on the operating rules without any conclusion. This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Items 9 and 10 of the agenda were tabled since another WHNC was scheduled for 7:30PM.

11. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE



The **Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains** is offering **FREE** home evaluations through a new Home Ignition Zone Evaluation Program. This program is available to homeowners in Los Angeles County, Simi Hills, and part of Ventura County.

WHAT IS A HOME EVALUATION?

A home evaluation is a **review of the vulnerability of your house and landscape** to wildfire and ember-ignition.

During this assessment, a trained evaluator will:

- ✓ review defensible space and home hardening principles
- ✓ make **specific recommendations** for your property
- ✓ discuss **sustainable fire-wise landscape** with CA native plants.

Learn more about how to prepare for wildfire at defensiblespace.org.



HOW TO BOOK AN EVALUATION?

You can book online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yyx82qpg>. Evaluations take between 60-90 minutes and are performed by trained staff and volunteers.

For more information contact the Community Resilience Coordinator of the RCDSMM at akunsch@rcdsmm.org



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to, or pending before, a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the storage, sale and use of consumer fireworks is illegal within the City of Los Angeles, while the storage, sale and use of consumer fireworks is not illegal in certain other jurisdictions within the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, consequently, large quantities of legally and illegally obtained fireworks find their way into the possession of City residents who proceed to use them illegally before, on, and after Independence Day, July 4th; and

WHEREAS, these rampant illegal uses have in recent years posed a growing threat to the serenity, air quality and fire safety of numerous neighborhoods within the City and the ability of the City to fully police these illegal uses is impeded by their widespread nature; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, fireworks-caused fires created more than 100 fires and 3000 calls to the Los Angeles Fire Department, including a brush fire in Shadow Hills , a car fire in Koreatown and apartment fires in Reseda and Northridge, plus fireworks-related problems in various other Los Angeles County locations; and

WHEREAS, these fireworks also created noise nuisances that interfered with the quiet enjoyment of many residents and frightened many companion animals, some of whom ran off and became an issue for the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services to deal with; and

WHEREAS, the most effective way to deal with the cross-jurisdictional availability of problematic consumer fireworks in jurisdictions where they are illegal would be for the County to pre-empt local laws and make them illegal on a Countywide basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its ^{2019-2020 State} ~~2020-2021 local~~ Legislative Program a request that the County of Los Angeles consider adopting an ordinance deleting Exception 4 of Section 5601.1.3 of the County Code of Ordinances so as to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the County.

PRESENTED BY: _____

PAUL KORETZ, Councilmember, Fifth District (verbal)

SECONDED BY: _____

BOB BLUMENFIELD (verbal)
Councilmember, 3rd District