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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA Wednesday, Feb., 17 2021 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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<https://zoom.us/j/95876172481>

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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 Dec 16, 2020
4. Public Comment

Old Business

1. Discussion and possible action on approving 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.

New Business

2. Discussion and possible action on updating and possibly making changes to the Operating Rules of this committee.
3. Safety Tip of the Month
4. General discussion on any other Committee matters.
5. Meeting adjournment

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JOINT BOARD AND PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Meeting by Zoom

- **Members Present: Bob Brostoff, Saif Mogri, Steve Randall, Brad Vanderhoof, Tony Scarce, Margery Brown, Faye Barta, Marie Javdani, Daniel Ostreicher**

Guest: Antoine Kunsch

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- 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.
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- 2. Quorum established.
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- 3. Approval of October 21, 2020 Minutes
- Minutes approved.

Comments from Chair and Co-Chair

No Comments

4, Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Old Business

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

Mr. Kunsch made a presentation regarding the wildfire prevention program. They will come and review the vulnerability of your home and the surrounding landscape. The evaluation time is an hour to hour and a half. They have worked mainly with single family homes are open to working with HOA's. The grant runs until 2027. Steve Randall had an evaluation done for his home and recommended everyone to have the evaluation done.

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.

City Council created the resolution on August 4, 2020. Basically, few cities within the County sell the fireworks which are then used in cities, such as, City of LA where the fireworks are banned. The motion was approved unanimously, and a CIS will be created and brought to the Committee at the next meeting for approval.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on regarding RYLAN training and sets of Emergency Preparedness Kits.

Bob Brostoff discussed the RYLAN Program. He mentioned that if 5 or 6 individuals take the training in a block, they will be provided an Emergency Preparedness Kit which includes some basic first aid items. Bob will contact all the Neighborhood Watch Captains to gauge the interest in the RYLAN training. This training will be provided on zoom.

8. Safety Tip of the Month

Saif Mogri made a presentation on the pitfalls of excessive screen time for children during the pandemic.

9. General Discussion on any other committee matters.

Need to add Margery Brown on the website. Daniel O showed interest in joining the committee.

10. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Committee Meeting Date: February 17, 2021

Board Meeting Date March 4, 2020

File # :	20-0002-S2122
Title :	RULES, ELECTIONS. AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
Type :	Recommended for Council Action
City/County/State :	Los Angeles/Los Angeles County/California

Summary :	The City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 Legislative Program 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.
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Type :	Recommended for Council Action
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PS&EP Position :	
Vote :	

“YES” Vote:	Means to support City Council’s Legislative Program that the County of Los Angeles considers adopting an ordinance to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the county.
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“NO” Vote:	Means to oppose City Council’s Legislative Program that the County of Los Angeles considers adopting an ordinance to prohibit the storage and sale of consumer fireworks in any location within the county.
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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

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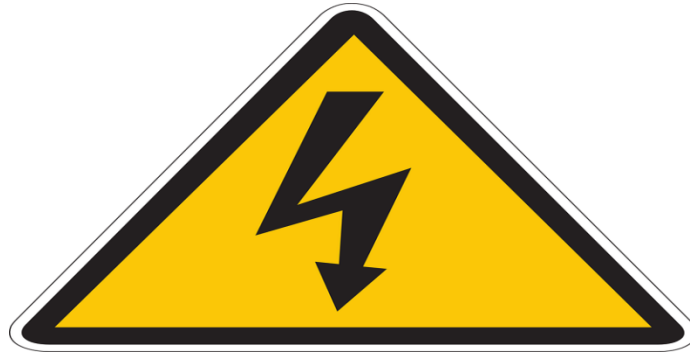
Revised ~~9/18/2019~~ February 17, 2021

The MISSION of this Committee is to:

- A. Interface with the Los Angeles Police Department, the Los Angeles Fire Department, hospitals and other agencies on matters relating to the safety of the Stakeholders
- B. Assist stakeholders in organizing such groups as Neighborhood Watch and Map Your Neighborhood (MYN/RYLAN)
- C. Conduct forums on public safety and emergency preparedness.

These rules may be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a majority vote of the members present provided possible action on the committee operating rules is announced in the agenda ***with the exception of rule 5.***

1. The Chair(s) of the Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Committee are: Co-Chair Bob Brostoff, Co-Chair Saif Mogri
2. Additional officer(s) appointed by the Chair(s).
Secretary none
3. Members of this committee shall be appointed or removed by the Chair(s).
4. WHNC Board members and WHNC stakeholders are eligible to serve on this committee.
5. The committee ***members are: shall consist of 9 members. Current board members,*** Faye Barta, Dan Brin, **Anthony Brosamle**, Bob Brostoff, Bonnie Klea, Saif Mogri, Steve Randal, ~~Alec Uzemek~~, and Brad Vanderhoof
6. A quorum shall consist of ***5, a simple majority of the total number of committee*** members.
7. Voting rights shall be accorded to committee members only.
8. For this committee "serving actively" is defined as participating in a minimum of two committee events per calendar year.
9. The writing and posting of agendas shall be the responsibility of the Co-Chairs.
10. The taking and posting of minutes shall be the responsibility of the Co-Chairs.
11. The preparing of yearly reports summarizing committee activity shall be the responsibility of the Co-Chairs. These reports shall be provided to the Communication Committee each year by June 30th.
12. Committee members must not miss more than four (4) meetings in a 12-month period or they will be subject to removal from the Committee.
13. Committee members including officers shall not claim to be, or give the impression of, speaking or communicating by any means on behalf of the WHNC without approval from the Board.
14. Committee members including officers shall not make any representations to or requests of the Board or any other agency, on behalf of the Committee, without approval from the Committee.
16. The parliamentary process is to be governed by "Rosenberg's Rules of Order: Simple Parliamentary Procedures for the 21st Century."
17. All meetings, discussions, and communications pertaining to the business of this committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Brown Act.
18. This committee shall abide by the WHNC Code of Civility. This code shall apply to all committee members, whether they are members of the WHNC Board or not.
19. This committee will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Chaminade High School Condon Center 2nd floor conference room unless rescheduled.



Household Electrical Safety

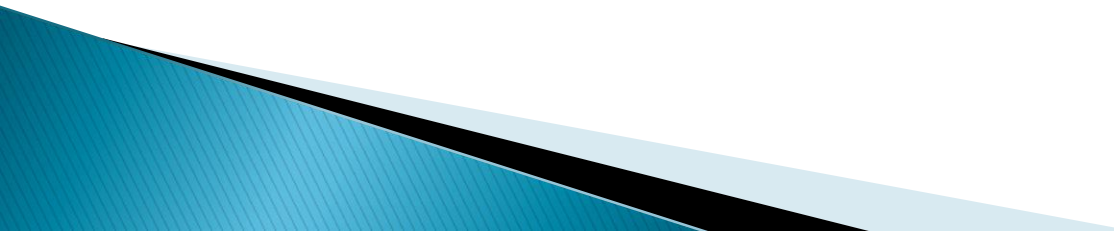
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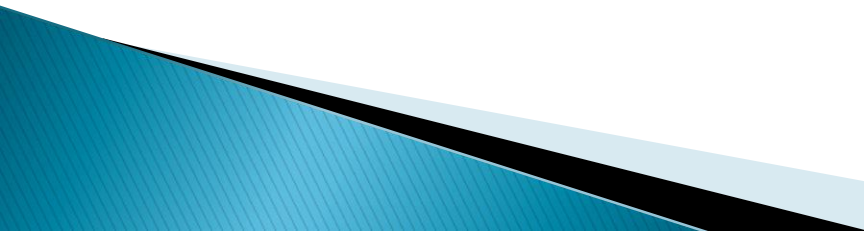
January 20, 2021

Saif Mogri

Introduction

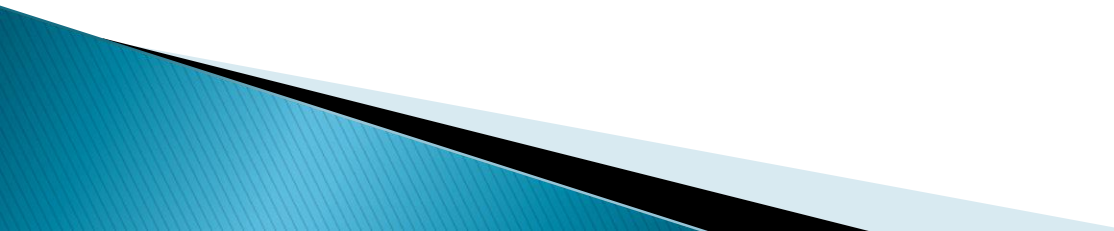
- ▶ The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that 31,000 home electrical fires occur every year, and with over 180 cases involving electrocution or electricity-related incidents that could have been avoided, home electrical safety is too important to ignore.
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Read the Wattage

- ▶ Check that you're using the correct wattage in all your fixtures and appliances.
 - ▶ Using the right bulbs can prevent electrical problems, so check all lamps, fixtures and appliances to ensure you're using the correct wattage. If a light fixture has no wattage listed, use 60-watt bulbs or less. For unmarked ceiling fixtures, choose 25-watt bulbs.
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Don't overload your outlets

Every outlet in your home is designed to deliver a certain amount of electricity; by plugging too many devices into it at once, you could cause a small explosion or a fire. If you have a lot of things to plug in, use a power strip (an energy saving one of course!) that can safely accommodate your needs.



Replace or Repair Damaged Power Cords

Exposed wiring is a danger that cannot go overlooked, the NFPA wrote. If you see the protective coating on a wire is stripped away, be sure to replace it or cover it with electrical tape as soon as possible.

Avoid Extension Cords

Running extension cords through the house can trip up residents; this can cause injury and damage to the wire or outlet if it causes the cord to be ripped out of the wall.

If you find yourself using extension cords very often, consider having an electrician install new outlets throughout your home.

Children Safety Tip

Toddlers and small children are very curious—and they love to explore just about everything.

Parents of small children should put tamper-resistant safety caps on all unused electrical outlets.

In addition, all loose cords should be tidied up and put out of reach to avoid kids tugging on them.

