



**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name:

Beautification & Public Safety Committee

Chairperson:

Jennifer Clark

Meeting Date(s):

August 28, 2024 & September 4, 2024

Report Date:

September 5, 2024

1. Summary of Activities

● **Meeting Attendance:**

Members Present: Chair Jennifer Clark, Vice Chair Jennie Palluzzi, Zaid Daz-Arias

Absent: Dylan Meneses (both mtgs)

Others Present: Stakeholder Amy Smith at Aug mtg

● **Key Topics Discussed:**

Beautification CIPs and the approved \$10,000 budget; Public Parks Assets; Unarmed Model of Crisis Response in partnership with LAPD; Public Safety on Victory Blvd & on METRO; and Damaged sculptures on 170 at Sherman Way

2. Ongoing Projects/Initiatives

● **Project Name 1: Griffith Observatory Coin-operated Telescopes (RAP)**

○ **Status:** In Progress

○ **Details:** Letter of support to RAP to purchase the 18 Telescopes and provide free access to use of them by Angelenos and Visitors

○ **Next Steps:** Jennie to write the letter and present it for a vote at the Sept Board mtg

○ **Challenges/Concerns:** None

● **Project Name 2: Unarmed Model of Crisis Response Pilot Program (UMCR)**

○ **Status:** In Progress

○ **Details:** Council File 20-0769-S6 - Committee reviewed updates on the Pilot and the recently approved extension of an additional year in the current Pilot area.

- **Next Steps:** Committee is considering a CIS in support of expanding the program to all Council Districts.
- **Challenges/Concerns:** Program requires more time to review the data collected and reports presented.
- **Project Name 3: CIP - Utility Box Art Mural(s) Program**
 - **Status:** In Progress
 - **Details:** Consideration if this should be the primary CIP for our Fall 2024 efforts; Decided that there will be an Artist Call for Designs and not just Invite only; \$400 Stipend per box for up to 25 boxes; Consideration and approval of providing an application for a Micro Grant to assist Youth with purchasing the LA City required Certificate of Insurance if they do not have it and their design is chosen; Consideration and approval of the recommendation from Outreach & Youth Engagement to also have a Design Competition for Youth: Elementary, Middle, High School category
 - **Next Steps:** Finalize Application & Create Online Submission Form for Sept 12, 2024 posting; Select Designs in October; work with Outreach & Youth Engagement on planning Design Competition for the Spring
 - **Challenges/Concerns:** Volunteer time in planning & distributing the application; Criteria of Selection for Designs; Verifying locations of Utility Boxes needing a Mural and getting DOT approval; Applying for CD2 Matching Grant in time to be processed and approved.
- **Project Name 4: METRO Safety concerns**
 - **Status:** Ongoing Discussion
 - **Details:** Review recent fatalities and safety concerns, especially on the Red Line at the NoHo and Universal Studios/Studio City stations. Review pilot Required Exit Tap Program at the NoHo Station. Review the new Metro Ambassadors program.
 - **Next Steps:** Continued Discussion
 - **Challenges/Concerns:** None at this Time
- **Project Name 5: Lars Hawkes Sculptures on 170 @ Sherman Way off ramp**
 - **Status:** In Progress
 - **Details:** Damaged in Oct 2023, Insurance Claim still with City Attorney's office per CD2 representative Jeff Camp
 - **Next Steps:** Continued Follow up with CD2 & City Attorney's office
 - **Challenges/Concerns:** All Communication with City Attorney is done thru CD2
- **Project Name 6: CIP - Lankershim Slopes Mural and/or Beautification Project(s)**
 - **Status:** In Progress
 - **Details:** Location on Lankershim between Sherman Way and Vose; Four (4) Retaining Walls on either side of the railroad overpass; Consideration if this should be the primary CIP for our Fall 2024 efforts; if there will be an Artist Call for Designs or Invite only; Art Installation(s) & Bus Stop Seats
 - **Next Steps:** Continue working with CD2 Arus and Jackie; Research more info on area to discuss options further
 - **Challenges/Concerns:** Volunteer time in planning and managing the project; Applying for CD2 Matching Grant in time to be processed and approved.
- **Project Name 7: Victory Blvd Speeding & Related Fatalities & Property Damage**
 - **Status:** In Progress
 - **Details:** Traffic Collisions at Beck & Vineland resulting in fatalities; Speed a Contributing

Factor; SLO Gonzalez noted at the Aug Board mtg that the Van Nuys Traffic Division is the one over this issue, committee would like to meet with them and find out more information

- **Next Steps:** Continued Follow up with CD2 & SLO & Van Nuys Traffic Division
- **Challenges/Concerns:** Lack of enforcement; Lack of provided solutions to slow vehicles on major streets.

3. Upcoming Events/Meetings

- Committee meeting on Oct 2, 2024

4. Budget/Resource Needs

- **Current Budget Status:** \$10,000 for Community Impact Projects (CIPs)
- **Additional Resources Needed:** None at this time

5. Other Relevant Information - Possible Future Agenda Items

1. Beautification Items
 - a. Sanitation - Trash Cans on Public Right of Way (PRW)
 - b. CalTrans Retired Road Signs - Sculpture Garden
 - c. "Hidden Stairs" near 11975 Sherman Way
 - d. Median Beautification Projects near Sherman Way & Laurel Canyon
 - e. Story Walk - Written Art Beautification Project
 - f. Art Scavenger Hunt
2. Public Safety Items
 - a. Traffic Calming measures on Major Streets that can not have speed humps. Primary issue is 3 recent collisions & 2 fatalities on Victory Blvd.
 - b. First Responders Map overlaid with NHNENC boundaries
3. City Services Items
 - a. MyLA311 - New App launches Feb 2025 & supporting LA City March 11th activities
 - b. LADWP - Accessing Graffiti adjacent to their property