



**NORTH HOLLYWOOD NORTHEAST  
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Committee Name:**

Beautification & Public Safety Committee

**Chairperson:**

Jennifer Clark

**Meeting Date(s):**

October 14, 2024

**Report Date:**

November 13, 2024

**1. Summary of Activities**

● **Meeting Attendance:**

Members Present: Chair Jennifer Clark, Vice Chair Jennie Palluzzi, Zaid Daz-Arias, Wendy Sotelo (stakeholder member)

Absent: n/a

Others Present: Three Additional Stakeholders

● **Key Topics Discussed:**

Reviewed Designs submitted for Utility Box Art Murals; Damaged sculptures on 170 at Sherman Way, Council Files 17-0676-S2 & 24-1259, and Public Safety on Victory Blvd & on METRO

**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:** Submitted Designs reviewed; \$400 Stipend per box for up to 25 boxes;

- **Next Steps:** Confirm with Intersection locations for the murals; Submit to CD2; Final Approval from LA DOT; Coordinate with Artists their paint days

- **Challenges/Concerns:** 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 needs to be completed by CalTrans or another entity that has access/responsibility since the location is not city property - per 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;

- **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.; DAC process for official Mural

- **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 & Traffic Division

- **Challenges/Concerns:** Lack of enforcement; Lack of provided solutions to slow vehicles on major streets.

### 3. Upcoming Events/Meetings

- Committee meeting on Nov 13, 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