

## West Adams Neighborhood Council, Special Public Safety Committee Meeting 3/13

Roll Call: Eva Aubry, Clint Simmons, Elbert Preston

Meeting began at 6:00 PM

Public comment period prior to LAPD Officer Mejias' discussion:

- Concerns regarding the practices of two business on the agenda who park their vehicles in the adjacent streets and do not adhere to building and safety ordinances or LADOT municipal codes.

Officer Mejia arrived at 6:07 PM

Officer Mejia greeted the board members present and the stakeholder in attendance, Officer Mejia passed out flyers from the LAPD regarding the importance of locking vehicles and hiding valuable items to prevent theft.

Mejia then reiterated that these safety meetings will continue through July (except June) every 2nd Wednesday at the Baldwin Hills Library.

Mejia then began informing the community on recent activity in the neighborhood;

- Two local gangs have been active in the neighborhood, West Blvd Crips (WBC/WestC) and Black P Stones (BLP)
- Feb 8/16/26 and March 10 were dates for recent crimes
  - 2/16, 11:50PM on Hillcrest, shooting at house party with two suspects shooting southbound, LAPD recovered 26 rounds
  - 2/26, early day shooting 1 AM
  - 30th/Hillcrest 1:45 PM-2:15 PM shooting
- Vineyard park has issues with local gang members from WBC going in and out of facilities and loitering the park
- LAPD is collaborating with Metropolitan task force under SWAT to increase partols and reduce gang activity
- February had a spike in vehicle thefts
- Mejia additionally mentioned the value of home security and monitoring systems which have identified individuals who have committed crimes in the neighborhood

Stakeholders/board members then had a question and answer forum with officer Mejia:

- 2857 West View is operating as a paid party home on the weekends
- “Blue” home between Jefferson and Exposition is having loud house parties on the weekends
  - LAPD will use its vice unit to increase patrols and provide necessary resources

- Residents requested LAPD look into two auto shops (Adams/Vineyard and Jefferson/Rimpau) which park vehicles on residential streets
  - LAPD has impounded multiple vehicles despite the constant neglect from business owners
- Concerns regarding individuals sleeping in their vehicles/possible illegal activity near and around the N/S side of Exposition/La Brea before Exposition/Harcourt
  - LAPD cannot remove individuals from their vehicles, but LAPD has seen the same individuals and arrested them at Rancho Cienega Park after hours
- Residents at Carmona/Adams had issues with LADWP vehicles blocking their driveways
  - LAPD will respond to any calls regarding this issue

Meeting ended at 8:00 PM