

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MID CITY WEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

Held at the NCJW Building, 543 N. Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90036

*ATTENDING: Committee members Tara Brown, Kevin Glynn, Lois Luger, Ernest Mauritsen, Liz Sterbenz, Nancy Vimla*

*Guests: Matt Randall, LAFD CERT*

Tara Brown called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. There was no public comment.

The Committee approved the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting by unanimous vote.

The committee discussed the possibility of a future CERT class. Matt Randall reported that there is a cycle of CERT classes, with the next round of classes coming up mid-October, and LAFD has probably started scheduling classes. To hold a CERT class, 20-ish people must have signed up, and it must be at a location open to all, with an outdoor area for a fire extinguisher exercise.

Kevin Glynn suggested holding the CERT class in conjunction with a larger event to build interest in it.

The committee suggested that outreach should be targeted at residents in the MCW area, with the message of how to prepare for a disaster. The committee decided to hold a CERT class in January.

Matt Randall mentioned a neighborhood team program that he is implementing with the assistance of LAPD Wilshire Division. The program is to involve everyone in disaster preparation and to recruit from the neighborhood to form teams to hold regular meetings and trainings on emergency preparedness. Their role is to take care of the local neighborhood, so that after a disaster they are organized to report to LAFD, who will then report back to the City to allocate resources. Matt is also working with LAPD to have cadets go through the South Carthay area to provide additional information.

The committee members expressed interest in the self-defense course mentioned at the previous public safety meeting. Tara Brown suggested that Sharon Lake provide more information at the next meeting.

Tara Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm