

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

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

ATTENDING: Committee members Jeff Brown, Kevin Glynn, Paul Kuszynski, Sharon Lake, Paul Lerner, Lois Luger, Ernie Mauritson, Stefani Poretz, Liz Sterbenz, and Nancy Vimla; Guests Bob Abrahams, Larry Bogatz, John Darnell

Paul Lerner called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting.

There was one public comment, from Bob Abrahams, who spoke about the impact of the recent heavy rainstorms on the Mid City West community.

The Committee discussed the possibility of canceling its April meeting, due to the Easter and Passover holidays, and closures of the NCJW building. The Committee then voted unanimously to cancel the April meeting.

The Committee reviewed the CERT course underway at the Beverly Center's Community Room. Turnout for the course was high, and additional people enrolled in the course in the aftermath of the major earthquake in Japan (which happened two days after the first class).

Paul Lerner brought forward a budget motion to support the new Neighborhood Team Program (NTP) of CERT. Larry Bogatz, a volunteer CERT leader, spoke about the types of first-aid supplies that would be useful for NTP volunteers to have in the aftermath of a disaster. Larry suggested using SOS Survival Products of Van Nuys as the vendor for the first-aid supplies. Committee member Ernie Mauritson offered the Farmers Market as a central location to store the supplies until they would be needed. After discussion, the Committee voted unanimously (10-0) to request that the Board approve \$1,100 for the purchase of first-aid supplies.

The Committee also discussed a budget motion to provide funding to Pacific Graffiti Solutions for pro-active graffiti removal. Concerns were expressed that community members would not know that the Council had supplied funding for the graffiti removal, so Sharon Lake suggested adding language to the motion that PGS workers wear t-shirts saying "Graffiti Removal Sponsored by Mid City West Community Council." With this amendment, a budget motion for \$1,900 was approved unanimously (10-0).

After brief board member comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.