

# CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes for the General Meeting Thursday, August 6, 2020 Via Zoom**

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Mark Ackerman, Jamila Hasan, Steve Herman, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb, Omar Timrizi,

Directors not present: Margaret Gillespie, Mike Mandel, Brandon Reif

Guests: Angel Izard (Field Deputy, CD5), Parliamentarian James Stewart and ~ 15 neighborhood residents

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

#### **I. Welcome Remarks:**

Neighborhood guests were welcomed and informed that the primary purpose of the meeting was the revised bylaws and annual elections.

#### **II. Update from Angel Izard, CD5 Field Deputy**

Angel introduced herself and welcomed the group. She reminded the group that the city did another \$3 million round of microgrant funding for small businesses and non-profits (\$15k grants available) and for micro-entrepreneurs (\$5k grants). The council office just did a grand opening of the first bridge housing in CD5. It is in the Pico Robertson area at the former Grand Motel on La Cienega. Koretz introduced a motion to require masks in public. His motion has a \$100 penalty for 1<sup>st</sup> violation, \$250 for the second and a \$500 penalty for the third violation. The motion has been referred to ad hoc committee for Covid and may be considered as early as next week. The Mayor is not sure he wants to approve that due to the economic hit with Covid. There may be community service added in place of monetary fines. The city may have DOT do some of the enforcement. The Councilman would like community support to garner more support of other council districts. There are big changes coming with the Community Plan. WNC will do 2 special meetings to describe the changes for the plans. The Rec Center is closing as of Friday. In regard to the RVs, they have ceased admission into the trailers. The council office does not have a date that the trailers will be moved out. The council

office will keep us informed. Residents that have other questions can reach out to her at [Angel.Izard@lacity.org](mailto:Angel.Izard@lacity.org)

### **III. Recent activities from HOA**

Bob provided the group of attendees a list of ways the HOA has supported the community efforts since January. Those included:

- Assisting with a towel drive for the emergency Rec Centers set up to bring in People Experiencing Homelessness (PEH).
- Partnered with the WNC in doing 2 cereal drives for the Westside Food Bank
- Collected 600-700 books together for PEH housed in the Rec Center and RVs.
- Shopping for cleaning supplies on a regular basis; thank you to FOWLA for covering the cost of most of these supplies.
- Donated \$2,500 to Responders First
- A number of board members early in the pandemic made calls to Senior Citizens in the area to connect and provide a list of services if needed.
- Made a \$1,001 donation to the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Safety and Preparedness Virtual Fair (November 8, 2020)
- Connected with DWP Power Reliability Group to look at numerous power outages in Cheviot Hills. The summary report can be found on the website. LADWP has made a commitment to upgrade \$2.1 equipment by June 2021.

### **IV. Proposed revision to bylaws**

Andrew explained that at the 2019 General Meeting there was a comprehensive overhaul of the bylaws. We needed a clarification for those properties that have accessory dwelling units (“granny flats”).

### **V. Revised Map**

Cindy shared the original version of the CHHOA map of boundaries. A cartographer was hired to more clearly delineate our boundary areas.

### **VI. Elections**

Bob explained the election process. He introduced those board members present on the call. They introduced themselves. He provided a brief summary for those board members up for reelection that could not be on the call. After candidates were introduced, a call for nominations from the floor was made. No names were submitted. Attendees were told that all homeowners current on their 2020 dues would receive an email on Friday morning. That email would contain a link to the voting poll. Current members will be voting on the minor bylaws amendment, the new map and the slate of eight board candidates. Polls will remain open until Sunday 8/9 at 6pm.

## **VII. Public Comment**

Dan Sherkow asked what the official position of the board regarding the shelter/RVs at the park. Bob explained that we do not have an official position. We did not have advance notice. The park is a designated emergency center; it was going to be activated regardless of the neighborhood concerns. There was a floating target date of September 30<sup>th</sup> as a closing date. It may not be viable. The Mayor has indicated that he will not return residents back to the street. LAHSA has held events to move residents through the housing situation (interim, long-term). There is no firm shut down date. The HOA board will keep the community informed.

Dan has made several calls to city offices. The answers he received are similar to what Bob stated.

Dan Yokich inquired about a “party house” on the corner of Putney and Northvale. It is a rental home. Dan was told that it is just outside of our HOA boundary. It is in the West of Westwood HOA (WOWHOA). He also inquired about the cutoff border, why was Putney not included. Dan was given the history that was relayed via Terri Tippit. There was a group of homeowners on Putney between Manning and Prosser that wanted to be on their own. They are neither part of our HOA or WOWHOA. The Putney homes across from the school are in WOWHOA.

A resident asked if we have noticed any issues with the RVs at the park. He lives near the park and it seems quiet. Bob agreed that it has been quiet. In fact, LAPD has reduced their on-site presence.

Rory O’Malley, is a new resident that resides at 2717 Manning. He thought he was in our HOA because of the location of the sign “entering Cheviot Hills” although he notices on the map that he is not in the boundary. We told him we would look into the location of the sign and determine if the sign should be moved or if we include those houses.

Bob closed the meeting with a reminder to look for an email in the morning.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.