

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Zoom

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Mark Ackerman, Margaret Gillespie, Steve Herman, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Jamila Hasan, Mike Mandel, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: Jeff Ebenstein (candidate for CD5 seat), Angel Izard (CD5 Field Deputy)

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Jeff Ebenstein

Jeff is a candidate for the CD5 seat and took this opportunity to introduce himself to the board. He is currently the Chief Policy Deputy for CD5. His website is www.jeffebenstein.com and his email address is jeffebenstein@gmail.com.

B. CD5 Update from Angel Izard

Angel reported on a number of updates from Council District 5 Office. Councilmember Koretz put in a motion to do a Covid-19 memorial. Vaccines are currently available for those age 65+; some people are not receiving their automatic email for the 2nd dose. Residents can go to where they received their 1st vaccine. There is another round of small business grants from the state (\$5k-\$25k) for businesses and non-profits. The website is careliefgrant.com; application deadline is Monday. The city has hired Marta Segura, a long-time environmental leader. She is the first director of the City's first climate emergency mobilization office. The LA Police Protective League and the City have come to a tentative agreement. The union is going to defer their salary increases for FY 2021 to 2022. The city will not be doing any layoffs of sworn officers for this fiscal year. Angel highlighted motions put in by CD5: 1) LAPD to address the increase in violent crime in the city. 2) CD5 has asked the City Attorney to look at the municipal code for Covid-19 tenants' rights. 3) Masks on public transportation. 4) Opposition position on environmental rollbacks put in by the previous federal administration. 5) Stop supplying disposable silverware for takeout unless requested. 6) A resolution to support AB15 & 16 (helping tenants during pandemic).

There was discussion about a Judge Carter report that singled out an underutilized non-private parking lot on Motor Ave. Angel is going to follow-up on this and get back to us. Councilmember Koretz requested to remove the park from the list of possibilities. There was further discussion about the West LA Community Plan progress. There is a new person assigned to this project. Naomi Guth is no longer on the project. The new person is Kinikia Gardner. They are still going through the 1,000+ emails/feedback that were received.

C. Approval of minutes for January

The minutes were approved and will be posted on the website.

D. Follow-up to presentation by Sean McMillan (West LA Homeless)

Steve Herman submitted a draft agreement regarding our pledge to the WLAH Organization. The condition to the funding was to provide evidence that they've met 80% of their funding target and a number of deliverables. WLAH Organization came back and said that they have a number of commitments to meet their goal. They asked if we could hold our \$10k in an escrow account. If they don't meet their goal, they would return the funds. Bob suggested that Mike Eveloff might have some insight into this situation. Steve is going to follow-up with some of the attorneys he works with to determine the best course of action. He will bring back any progress to the board.

E. West LA Community Plan

Mark said that comments were officially closed in October, but they would continue to accept any comments. Those may not make it in the official comment summary. There was discussion about doing one last email blast to inform the community.

F. Cell tower issues

Jim spoke to all concerned residents and narrowed down the issues. He spoke to the rep at Verizon and asked for some possible meeting dates.

G. Tree Project– The head person at Urban Forestry sent an email hoping to have a schedule of the dead tree/tree stump removal timeline. Bob is waiting for follow-up.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership – To date there are 282 dues paying members. Marty just mailed Jason another 36 envelopes for data entry. There are not many comments received with the dues envelopes. There were about 25 returned envelopes (bad addresses).
- B. CPAB update – Cindy is following up on options for noise issues in the neighborhood. The Mental Health Evaluation unit presented to the CPAB. In regard to recognizing Chris for his work in our community, he understands that we appreciate his efforts as our Senior Lead Officer. There is no need to formally recognize him.
- C. Third Annual Westside Safety and Preparedness Fair – March 7 – the event is coming up soon. There will be 3 keynote speakers, a number of other presentations. Completely virtual. One more email blast will be sent before the event.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions on the financial report.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Margaret inquired on behalf of Food on Foot. They are looking for storage space to accommodate items from their Amazon Wishlist. She is ideally looking for a 10x10 or 10x20 sqft space. If anyone has contacts through their business or clients, reach out to Margaret.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.