

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, January 7, 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, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Jamila Hasan, Mike Mandel, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: Scott Epstein (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. Scott Epstein

Scott is a candidate for the CD5 seat and took this opportunity to introduce himself to the board. He is the current board chair for the Mid City West Community Council. His website is www.ScottforLA.com

o CD5 Update from Angel Izard

Angel reported on a number of updates from Council District 5 Office. There was an anti-mask protest at Ralphs and Century City Mall. LAPD was present to keep the peace. The State has announced a \$500 million business Covid relief package. The website to apply for mini grants is www.carelieffgrant.com. Councilmember Koretz recently put in a few motions (sentencing enhancements for hate crimes, child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, sex trafficking). SB 9 and SB10 housing bills are coming down the path. Councilmember Koretz put in motions for the city to oppose these. He put in a motion to request a \$5/hour increase for Grocery workers when the city is in a moderate or higher Covid risk status. A motion passed to provide Pet Medical care for low-income residents. He put in a motion requesting LADBS create a report to enforce the municipal code for clean up on construction projects that are delayed. He also put in a motion to seek a reduction in costs for Tiny Home projects. Angel discussed the current Covid vaccine schedule.

B. Approval of minutes for December

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

C. 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. Margaret's only question was about a homeless count in Cheviot since there are not many PEH in this area.

D. West LA Community Plan

Mark was going to check to see if the comment period is still open. In his absence Bob said he thought the comment period is still open although the Planning Department has not received that many comments.

E. Cell tower issues

Jim reported that there is an agreement (among residents) on what the issues are and the location of the cell towers. He has reached out to Verizon and they are trying to schedule a meeting.

F. Tree Project – Bob had a conference call in December with some city officials, Westside Neighborhood Council and the two residents overseeing the Tree Project. There is some movement. The first step is to remove 30-40 dead trees near McConnell/Forrester. They think it will take about 90 days to get through the permit process. Since Mayor Garcetti has the goal of getting two trees planted for every one removed, things are going in the right direction. The McConnell residents back in 2017 were offered a choice of 3 types of trees.

Steve inquired if any of the tree discussion included trees along the golf course. Bob said the city commits to taking care of these on a regular basis. He thinks it might be Rec & Park. It was noted that there are many dead trees in the par 3 golf course.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership – The President’s letter and dues envelope were mailed yesterday.

B. CPAB update – In all of WLAPD area, our area had the largest reduction in crime comparing 2019 to 2020 (14% reduction in Part 1 crimes). Margaret suggested we recognize our SLO Chris Baker for his efforts. Cindy will reach out to him to see what is allowed within LAPD.

C. Vista Del Mar – no update although Steve reported that there is a proposal by a private group to convert the existing the utility field at VDM to a turf field with lighting.

D. Discount Cards – all agreed to put these cards on pause this year.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

On the financial statement, the storage fee showed up as twice the amount. It was paid at the end of December, but it counts toward 2021. There was some discussion about the material in storage. How long do we need to keep it? Margaret agreed to join Bob in going through the contents.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.