

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, February 2, 2023 Griffin Club

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Renee Dernburg, Mike Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis

Directors not present: Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Jamila Hasan, Steve Herman, Margaret Gillespie, Marcie Newby, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Guests: SLO Chris Baker (via telephone), Patricia Macias (CD5 Field Deputy); Sarah Blanchard, Ann Blanchard (residents); Sheida Ashley, Sara Margoshes, Marsue MacNicol (Century Glen HOA)

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. SLO Chris Baker (via telephone)

Chris provided comparative statistics (2022 vs 2021). He stated that there has been a significant decline in violent crime for our area. Those include homicide, rape, aggravated assault. Most of those aggravated assaults were in the transient community. Property crimes are up. There were 33 burglaries in 2022 (compared to 16 in 2021). There were 16 grand theft in 2022 (compared to 10 in 2021). There were 34 burglary/thefts from vehicles in 2022 (compared to 21 in 2021). Most of these were catalytic converter theft. The Toyota Prius is the number one vehicle that was targeted. Chris stated that he looked at burglary data and identified a cluster of burglaries from Overland to Patricia Ave and Cushman to Dunleer. He emphasized extra patrol to Vernon at APS. There is a new traffic officer that was hired that will be doing more enforcement. Officer Moone will attend our March meeting to provide an update. His goal for Cheviot Hills is to continue strengthening our Neighborhood Watch program.

Other updates included partnering with CD5 as there is a new Homeless Outreach Team. He reported that there are too many dogs off leash at the park. There is a zero-tolerance policy. There have been reports of dog attacks and children being chased around. Enforcement will take place.

As a follow up to a home invasion that took place on Patricia Avenue, Chris reported that an arrest was finally made, and property was retrieved.

Finally, Chris is asking for board support. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at and near Century City Mall there has been property damage by a group of teens. Recently windows were damaged at 1901 Avenue of the Stars. He may ask us for an email blast if the behavior continues.

On Wednesday February 8th there will be a “Coffee With A Cop” just outside of Nordstrom (near the café) to connect with businesses and residents. Each day there is about \$4-5k worth of stolen goods shoplifted from the mall.

B. Patricia Macias (new CD5 Field Deputy for Cheviot Hills)

Patricia introduced herself. She is the new field deputy covering the Westside Neighborhood Council as well as the Westwood Neighborhood Council. The Council Office is still identifying a location for the satellite office. She provided a few updates from Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky’s office. There is a new Homelessness Liaison Team that will work with encampments and try to connect them to services. There is a “Clean Up Team” that has been created. They will deal with trash accumulation and palm fronds after a storm. Residents should contact Patty. She will email us a link to subscribe to the Council Office weekly newsletter.

C. Guests: Ann Blanchard, Sarah Blanchard (2720 McConnell)

Ann Blanchard provided an update on the progress of 2720 McConnell. Initially when the home was purchased by a developer, the demolition permit was denied since the home was listed on the Getty Trust. The Blanchard team hired Steven Luftman to put together an application to seek a LA Historical Cultural Monument status to prevent demolition of this property. It was the first home in Cheviot Hills built by Mr. Forrester. The application was submitted December 14th. They are awaiting a response.

D. Sheida Ashley, Sara Margoshes, Marsue MacNicol (Century Glen HOA)

Sheida Ashley, the President of Century Glen HOA recently reached out to Bob via email about an issue surrounding parking for TOC (Transit Oriented Community) projects. She attended our meeting to explain the history, the loophole, and the impact of parking for residents of TOC projects especially within her neighborhood. Examples were presented on 3 new TOC approved projects that could potentially add almost 1,000 additional cars with preferential parking permits. She has drafted a position paper and is seeking the support of our HOA. Several nearby HOAs have signed onto her efforts of amending AB 2097. This amendment would support the goal of developing affordable housing and reducing greenhouse emissions by instructing/permitting cities to enact policies that would further discourage car ownership by the TOC residents.

E. Approval of minutes for December

The minutes could not be approved since there was no quorum.

F. West Pico and Rancho Park drill sites

An appeal hearing will most likely take place later this month or in March.

G. Cheviot Medians

Jim reported to Bob that staff are currently planting the medians and most planting should be completed this week. Other than a few delays here and there from the rain, all is going well. Staff will start to mulch medians next week and the project should be complete by the end of next week or beginning of the following week.

H. Suggested Speed Humps on Motor Ave

This is pretty much a non-issue as Motor Ave is a major artery. Cindy had a call with Mike Eveloff about speed humps and traffic mitigation. He referenced all of the traffic calming measures previously put in place. He said that pretty much everything that could be done to calm traffic has been done. A previous HOA President was able to get the city to agree to limit the number of car trips each day. That has not been enforced. He's going to try and find the documentation for that. He said the HOA could try to enforce that.

He also said any measures put in place also affect local residents.

II. Secretary's Report/Membership

A. Membership – Based on the bank deposits, it appears that almost 300 home owners have paid their annual dues.

B. CPAB update – no update

III. Financial Report

No questions about the financial report.

IV. Public Comment/Other

n/a

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.