

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the General Meeting Thursday, June 3, 2021 Via Zoom

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

Directors not present: Mark Ackerman, Jamila Hasan, Mike Mandel, Brandon Reif

Guests: Chris Baker (LAPD SLO), Angel Izard (Field Deputy, CD5), Parliamentarian James Stewart and ~ 6 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 on the process of the evening.

II. Crime Update from SLO Chris Baker, LAPD

Chris provided a snapshot on crime for the area. For Violent Crime our numbers are similar to last year. There was one robbery (March) where a couple was robbed at gun point while sitting in their vehicle. The crime is still being investigated. This is uncommon from our area. There was one sexual assault; occurred at Vista del Mar. For Property Crimes, we are at the same level as last year. There was a cluster of crimes on Butterfield (a home under construction). Contractors have been asked to secure areas under construction. There was a recent burglary on Motor Ave where a safe was removed going through the back sliding door.

In comparing our numbers to Beverlywood they have more than double the burglaries. Chris said we should be pleased with our security patrol, APS and LAPD. APS is a great partner in fighting crime. LAPD deployment has not been what it should be (due to officers leaving the profession). LAPD is being resourceful (i.e., horseback patrol in Beverlywood). The one area where the numbers are up is in Car Theft. In two of the five auto thefts, the keys were in the cars. His ask of the community is to place cars in garages if possible.

III. Update from Angel Izard, CD5 Field Deputy

Angel has been promoted as the CD5 Homelessness Liaison. She is still our Field Deputy. She put together a map of the homeless encampments within CD5. In the past there were care teams (including sanitation). Due to budget cuts within the department during Covid, CD5 only has one day a week with Sanitation. The biggest thing happening in the city right now is that the prohibition against encampments is not being enforced. Prior to any such enforcement, the City must prove that they have offered a bed for people experiencing homelessness. CD5 presented over 60 properties to the City Attorney's office & Chief Legislative Analyst's office to review for temporary housing. Most of them were denied primarily because of size. They are looking for 13k sq ft for buildings and 20k sq ft for lots. We have come up short. Council Member Koretz put in a motion to have them reconsider. They are trying to get this motion heard in the homelessness and poverty committee as soon as possible. They put together a homeless working group to identify more location options. We need housing (motels, building, hotels, etc). Angel encouraged people to submit ideas to the council office. A question was asked about the West Los Angeles Homeless Organization. The Council Office provided a significant donation to their organization. Their outreach has not started yet but should be launching soon. Another question came up about the surplus of money from the State. Angel was not in budget committee meetings, but she did say that things will be healthier than last year. Money to address homelessness will be coming from the Federal Government, State Government as well as the City. The City of LA will be allocating almost a billion dollars.

IV. Recent activities from HOA

Bob provided the group of attendees a list of ways the HOA has supported the community efforts since the last general meeting in August. Those included:

- Continued support with cleaning supplies and grocery items for the trailers at the park until they were dismantled in November.
- Assisted with a towels, blankets, reading materials drive for the people that were housed at the park.
- Our board was active with CD5 in identifying potential sites for housing the homeless.
- Margaret organized a sleeping bag drive.
- Overland Elementary School parent organization - Friends of Overland took a substantial hit during the stay-at-home orders. Our board donated to their organization.
- We have worked with neighborhood residents who have concerns about some of the cell tower equipment being installed/upgraded.
- Keeping the community updated on the Drill Site at the Park.
- Jim Gilbert is working with the City to redesign the medians
- The Tree project is slowly becoming active again. Removal of dead trees.

- Covid testing/Vaccine Updates
- Donation to the Safety & Preparedness Fair
- Work on the bike path is now resuming

A question came in about the lighting upgrades in the neighborhood. The city has hired a subcontractor to replace the conduit to upgrade the lighting to LED.

V. Revised Map & Minor revision to bylaws

We added 12 homes that face Manning that are below the APS Patrol sign and “Welcome to Cheviot Hills”. This change requires approval by membership. Since the map is attached to our bylaws, it requires membership approval.

VI. Elections

Bob explained the election process. Our Parliamentarian, James Stewart was present on the call to oversee the process. Bob explained that an email will be sent in the morning to those members current on their 2021 dues. There are seven board seats up for reelection. One board member will not be returning. He introduced the six board members present. After candidates briefly introduced themselves, a call for nominations from the floor was made. Renee Dernburg submitted her name as a “write-in” candidate. She will be added to the ballot. Renee has been a resident since 1974. She has an interest in keeping the neighborhood a desirable place to live. The email will contain a link to the voting poll. Current members will be voting on the minor map modification and the slate of seven board candidates. Polls will remain open until Sunday 6/6/21 at 6pm.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment. Bob closed the meeting with community members. The board remained on the call to discuss board business. With the upcoming July holiday, the board made the decision to have the meeting on July 8, 2021. We are trying to figure out how to have an “in-person” meeting with The Griffin Club. The board decided to have a Zoom call for July and to explore a hybrid or “in-person” meeting in August.

A question came up about the redistricting process. Margaret said the committee is making progress. The minutes for the May Board meeting were approved and will be posted to the website.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.