

CHEVIOT HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, August 8, 2019

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

Directors not present: Margaret Gillespie, Cary Gross, Jamila Hasan, Brandon Reif, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: LAPD Senior Lead Officers Chris Baker and Matt Kirk

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Crime Update – Chris Baker

Senior Lead Officers Chris Baker and Matt Kirk were present at the meeting. Officer Baker provided a crime update. Last year the concern was residential burglary. Last year residential burglaries were at 21 year to date (YTD) compared to 11 for this year. Vehicle theft: last year 1, this year 4. Theft which includes retail and packages: last year 7, this year 12 (a lot attributed to Century City Mall in Officer Baker's area). There is a cluster of burglaries/theft on Butterfield Road. He plans to do a foot beat on Butterfield between Patricia and Manning.

When asked about resolution of crime, Officer Baker said that a crew was arrested in Brentwood that was tied to at least 3 Cheviot burglaries.

California Country Club has 3 cul de sacs that intersect with Manning. Those pedestrian entrances have been closed off for 12 months (keyed entry) which should deter crime.

Vehicle Theft – of the 11 YTD, 6 were unlocked or had visible product displayed. Of the 4 Grand Theft Auto, 3 had the key fob in the car.

Captain Goddard is working out the details of the agreement with Vista del Mar. This location is still the biggest issue Chris has in his area. On average they have 5-6 visits per night. They are on the verge of a new policy. When asked about the extra officers LAPD sent to WLA, Officer Baker stated that those officers reassigned from a desk job to patrol have transferred out.

B. Approval of minutes for July

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

C. Legal review of revised bylaws

There was minor discussion about the approval of the bylaws. Residents present at the general meeting in July were concerned about properties with an accessory dwelling unit.

D. APS issues – NDA, crime reports

We are still not receiving crime reports from Vernon. Bob will update the APS NDA.

E. Rancho Park gas flare update

Mark attended a meeting on July 16th at the CD5 office which included members of the gas flare working group. The group met with Councilman Koretz. There has not been enough progress on the inspections at the drill site. Koretz is excited and supports the recommendations. Mark reported that interim inspections have begun city-wide. Cheviot Park is in the queue. HBOC is on board with the recommendation of the working group. There was discussion of the possibility of harnessing the burn off to power the lights at the park.

F. CHHOA sponsorship of WNC Safety & Preparedness Fair

Registration is open. Email notifications should go out to CHHOA residents.

G. Proposed cell tower/new cell equipment on Motor Avenue

Jim reported that DWP replaced the poles. A different organization needs to transfer the cell equipment to the new poles.

H. SB50, etc.

An email went out the CHHOA residents.

I. Officer Elections for 2019-2020

Bob agreed to continue in the current role as President. Jim Gilbert agreed to continue in the role as Vice President. Marty Bischoff agreed to continue as Treasurer and Cindy Kane agreed to serve as Secretary. A motion was made and approved to accept the slate for a one year term.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

Dues currently stand at 375. Jason mails discount cards to new sign ups. A note about the discount card: Louise's Trattoria is closing. Holy Cow BBQ will be taking over that location.

The new Community Police Academy class is starting soon.

In the process of updating the bylaws the only map we have is pretty old. Cindy started looking at updating it with a cartographer. It is unclear based on the current map where the boundary lines are on some streets. Further work is needed. Storage unit needs to be checked. It may have old maps.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

There were no questions about the financial report. Marty said the signature cards at the bank need to be updated.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Landscaping of medians – no update.

B. Neighborhood filming – Bob received a call from an HBO show inquiring about problem areas for filming. No complaints. The location person was going to check with FilmLA.

C. Cheviot Hills Tree Project – There are hurdles to getting permits to cut down trees that previously did not exist. Public Works is now involved. Bob is still waiting to hear from Fox on funds.

D. Cheviot Hills Park – no update

E. Neighborhood Watch/Security – see crime update above

F. Bike path – no update

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.