

# CHEVIOT HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Steve Herman, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Margaret Gillespie, Cary Gross, Jamila Hasan, Michael Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Omar Tirmizi

Guest: LAPD Senior Lead Officer Christopher Baker

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

#### **I. President's Report:**

##### **A. Senior Lead Officer Chris Baker**

Officer Baker reported that Captain Valencia Thomas is moving on to Internal Affairs. The new captain for West LA is Vic Davalos. He comes from recruitment, has been an officer for 38 years and was previously the Captain in the Pacific Division.

Officer Baker provided an update on crime statistics year to date and gave a comparison with 2017 data.

##### *Violent Crime:*

2018 – 2 robberies; 1 aggravated assault

2017 – 6 robberies; 4 aggravated assaults

##### *Residential burglaries:*

There is a decrease overall in crime with the exception of residential burglaries.

Most residential burglaries are occurring between the hours of 11am – 5pm.

2018 – 56 burglaries (approx. 1/week)

2017 – 33 burglaries

Some of these are happening at construction sites. They are seeing an increase in burglaries in the commercial businesses on Pico Blvd. Shop owners are using signs “no cash left on premises”. When asked why the increase, Officer Baker sees a correlation with the change in law of Prop 47 (reduced sentences for some offenses) and AB 109. In debriefings with criminals, the risk of getting a few

additional days of probation is worth the amount taken from residential burglaries. Crime in West LA as a whole is up 42%; Beverly Hills is up 32%.

*Grand Theft Auto:*

2018 – 11 (6 of which owners left the key fob in the car)

2017 – 4

*Burglary from Motor Vehicles:*

2018 – 42 (7 of these have a possible link to youth at Vista Del Mar)

2017 – 34

Officer Baker feels that the metro line has had an adverse effect on this. Most of what is stolen includes change, purses left in cars; computers. LAPD approached Vista Del Mar and asked them if they would fund 1 designated car for their property; they declined.

*Rape:*

2018 – 2 (1 spousal; 1 related to a dating app)

2017 – 0

*Theft:*

2018 – 17 (i.e., property taken at coffee shops; phones, computers)

2017 – 21

*2019 Goals:*

WLA has asked for more officers and should know by January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Police Chief Michael Moore is taking all bodies in administration and putting them on the streets. The new Captain has an emphasis on crime prevention.

When asked about homeless, Officer Baker said that they cannot cite the homeless (related to ACLU lawsuit and municipal code 41.18). The homeless are allowed to have their tents up from 9pm to 6am; tents can no longer be searched without a warrant. They are allowed to take space on a sidewalk as long as there are 4 inches for pedestrians to pass by.

Vista Del Mar: The board suggested any future meetings (with LAPD, Council Office) also include a representative from the HOA. Baker will provide the HOA with the amount of money required to fund a designated LAPD car.

When asked what the HOA could do to further tackle the crime problem, Officer Baker suggested Ring Video, license plate reader cameras at ingress/egress, continue fostering the relationship with APS, and provide extra security.

B. APS Status/NDA & Update on extra car

Extra half car is in rotation for a trial six months.

C. Bylaws Revision

Constance Trinh of Neuland Whitney should have the draft bylaws reviewed and return comments by December 17<sup>th</sup>.

D. Departure of CD5 Field Deputy

Candidates are currently being interviewed. A replacement field deputy should be in place by January.

E. Date for January Meeting

The January meeting date will be moved from January 3<sup>rd</sup> to January 10<sup>th</sup> since many board members will be out of town.

**II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP**

Review/Approval of October & November Minutes - The minutes could not be approved since there was not a quorum.

**III. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Not discussed

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Landscaping of medians – not discussed
- B. Membership Dues – no quorum, further discussion needed.
- C. Neighborhood filming – not discussed
- D. Cheviot Hills Tree Project – not discussed
- E. Cheviot Hills Park – not discussed
- F. Neighborhood Watch/security – Officer Baker and Cindy will host a meeting in early 2019 for the block captains.
- G. F.O.W.L.A.– not discussed
- H. FOO/schools – Brandon attended his first Friends of Overland meeting. They are funding a new computer lab. The gala will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. The HOA in the past has made a donation to FOO (to be discussed at a future meeting).
- I. Bike path – not discussed
- J. Cheviot Zoning – not discussed

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The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.