

CHEVIOT HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, February 7, 2019

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Cary Gross, Jamila Hasan, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb, Omar Tirmizi

Directors not present: Margaret Gillespie, Steve Herman, Michael Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Brandon Reif

Guests: Samantha Vega, Jerold Steiner

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

Samantha Vega is the new CD5 field deputy for our area. She has a background in Political Science and has worked for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. She made a couple of announcements. The Shake Alert LA app was recently launched and she encouraged everyone to download the app. It provides a 3-5 second warning. Councilman Koretz recently introduced legislation for all city venues to provide vegan dining options (businesses get extra points in the healthy choice plan). When asked if she had a chance to debrief with Jack Sripoona, Samantha responded that she has Jack's exit memo and the help of other field deputies in the CD5 office. She provided her email address: samantha.vega@lacity.org

A. Approval of minutes for January

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

B. Legal review of revised bylaws

Prior to the meeting Bob electronically distributed the comments from Neuland Whitney. Andrew and Margaret should review the comments and the board should be prepared to discuss these at the March meeting. The goal is to post the proposed amended bylaws by mid-March for approval at the general meeting.

C. APS issues – extra car, NDA, crime reports

The crime reports from APS have not been consistently generated. The last report was spring 2018. There is no update on the NDA. Bob will follow up with Vernon to see what issues APS has with the NDA as written. Additionally we need to check with APS to see what their patrol route is as some residents have indicated on their dues envelope that they never see patrol cars on their streets.

D. Rancho Park gas flare update

Scott Silver has a meeting at the end of the month to discuss the status.

E. Website update

Cary has updated the website to indicate 2019 for dues.

F. Response to HOA membership dues increase

Some homeowners have inserted comments on their dues envelopes. Many are related to traffic. Those comments will be forwarded to all board members.

G. Inquiry re Cheviot crime from Crosstown LA

A reporter from Crosstown LA (data analysis group out of USC) reached out to a few board members about an upcoming article to be published indicating that Cheviot Hills has one of the highest crime rates (per capita) behind Hancock Park. Jim indicated there was going to be a delay in publishing that article and that he would connect with the reporter.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

The membership discounts cards are ready and will be mailed to those homeowners that pay their dues. Dues envelopes are coming in.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions about the January report. Marty indicated that he is about the pay the storage fee but he would like to obtain the key from Bob to see what is stored in the unit.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Landscaping of medians – Jim saw a crew was cleaning up a median near Pico and Motor.
- B. Neighborhood filming – No update
- C. Cheviot Hills Tree Project – Mark is planning to call Tree People in the next couple of days since others have not received a response.
- D. Cheviot Hills Park – not discussed
- E. Neighborhood Watch/security – Meeting scheduled March 9th with Block Captains and Officer Baker.
- F. F.O.W.L.A.– not discussed
- G. FOO/schools – not discussed
- H. Bike path – Jerold said he is not sure there is funding for the bike path. He spoke of the Northvale Settlement Agreement. The Westside Neighborhood Council is the point person in the settlement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerold discussed the mailing, the dues increase and our agreement with APS. He also pointed out an LA Times article about YIMBYism deserves a chance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.