

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Tuesday, July 7, 2020 via Zoom

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Margaret Gillespie, Michael Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Omar Tirmizi

Directors not present: Jamila Hasan, Steve Herman, Cary Gross, Larry Tabb

Guests: Landon Coleman (Haddington Dr), Mark Ackerman (Haddington Dr), James Stewart (Parliamentarian)

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Approval of minutes for June

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

B. APS issues – NDA, crime reports, security at Cheviot Rec Center/Rancho Park

Bob signed the NDA. We need to coordinate how we are going to share current dues homeowners' information with APS. The monthly APS report was shared with the board; pretty quiet. LAPD has pulled the daytime car from the park. They have a car stationed there at night. There was one incident at the park with a shelter occupant however it was resolved.

C. Board resignation/vacancy

Bob will reach out to Mark to discuss him taking over Cary's 2nd year of his term.

D. Items needed by Rec Center/Park during sheltering

Margaret continues to coordinate with the Rec Center staff on the supplies they need and are not receiving from the city. She does two drop offs each week, one with cleaning supplies and the other with food supplies for the vegan residents. While she is away on vacation, Cindy will take over the purchasing/coordinating with the Rec Center Shelter staff.

The question has come up again about the exit plan for the park. Margaret recently contacted the city to see if there is a date certain. A potential date of September 30th was previously provided as a goal to house all of the residents elsewhere. The mayor's office responded that there currently is no plan. They will not close it until everyone has been placed by LAHSA into more permanent supportive housing. The RVs were provided for by state and federal funding. The supplies to run the shelter/RV park are provided for by the city. FOWLA is supplementing what the rec center has difficulty receiving from the city. The arrangement is that FOWLA reimburses the HOA and our Treasurer Marty reimburses the board member that purchases the cleaning/food supplies. All receipts are submitted.

E. Cell tower issues on Haddington

Landon Coleman, resident on Haddington described the scenario that has been taking place on their street. She is reaching out to the HOA to see how best to address their issue. The DWP pole on Haddington is being updated to accommodate a cell network. She along with a few other neighbors would like to stop this work. Some Verizon subcontractors a few weeks ago told neighbors they were going to be putting in some fiber optic cables and do some work on the pole. One of the workers said they were also planning to put up a cell tower (she believes it's 5G). She has made multiple telephone calls and emails to the Council Office. Angel Izard, field deputy, gave her some good resources. Landon was told that the city cannot do anything about it; it is an FCC issue. She was told to check on permitting for this particular tower. Board member Jim Gilbert reported his experience in dealing with this in the past. He pointed out that DWP receives rent from the cell phone companies for placing cell equipment on their poles. In addition, the FCC has taken away the authority for local cities to regulate these towers. The federal government considers this to be critical infrastructure and cities should not limit it but rather encourage it. In addition, a lot of fellow residents have called their cell companies asking for better service in this neighborhood. He suggested that Landon and her group find a contact at Verizon and email them; try to get this story on television. Try to get an appt with Verizon or their contractor. Find alternative locations for this to go (i.e., park). Try a multipronged approach; keep hitting them on many fronts. It is an uphill battle. Get your group together and barrage Verizon with your concerns. You can threaten to sue them. Crown Castle is usually hired to install these towers and sometimes subcontracts out their work. JPA is a joint pole authority. They govern power poles and what uses can be placed on the pole. Try calling them. Check with DWP; they may also know. Jim also suggested that Landon use NextDoor to post information about this. Perhaps she can get people in neighboring areas with experience on this. Margaret suggested Landon reach out to the Westside Neighborhood Council to try and get on their agenda. It was suggested with the Public Records Act to ask for anything that has been filed on this issue. Mike suggested that Landon reach out to our local Congresspersons office since it's an FCC issue. Keep documenting dates, times and statements that workers have made.

F. Discussion re format/logistics for General/Annual Meeting

We brought in our Parliamentarian, James Stewart into this portion of the meeting to discuss how we could hold our annual meeting with the voting element. We discussed the best platform to conduct the voting. We tested the sharing of screens of the various topics we would be sharing with membership. These items will also be posted on the website ahead of the meeting. The voting will take place after the meeting. We discussed which votes we will take (only those present at the meeting or to all homes that have paid their dues). Some concerns are for those that are not tech savvy. James stated the other option is to mail ballots to all dues paying members. There are 378 paid members and that would mean a lot of postage and paper. We could also electronically send the poll to those 378 current homeowners. James suggested that we could have the meeting and all of the discussion that will go along with it. We could tell the residents present that an email will go out on Friday morning. The poll will go out Friday morning and we give membership until Sunday 6pm to vote. We will send it out to all 378 members current on dues. For taking nominations from the floor we would do them as we would normally do and those will be added to the survey prior to it being sent out to membership. A question came up about proxies. Proxies are not allowed unless it states so in the bylaws. It would still be ok to collect name and address, but it will only be used for verification purpose.

G. DWP update on equipment – There is a virtual meeting tomorrow. DWP will share their findings with a small group. A summary will be shared with the board.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership – membership currently stands at 378. The discount cards were mailed to those homeowners that paid their 2020 dues.
- B. CPAB update – no update
- C. Vista Del Mar – no update
- D. New/revised Cheviot map Finalized will be voted on at the general meeting.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no discussion about the financial report.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.