

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2020 via Zoom

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Margaret Gillespie, Jamila Hasan, Steve Herman, Michael Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cary Gross, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: CD5 Field Deputy Angel Izard, John Mackel

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

I. President's Report:

A. Approval of minutes for May

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

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

Vernon signed the NDA however Bob needs to sign it. There have been no issues related to the park. Bob has asked APS to rotate some of the patrol near the park. APS crime report for May was pretty minor/quiet (i.e., garage door left open). Things have been relatively quiet at the park. There are 90 people in the RVs (out of 101 RVs) and 29 in the rec center (out of 40). As a comparison to Westwood Rec Center, Angel Izard provided the statistics. There are 67 in the rec center (out of 109) and 30 in the RVs (out of 41). City-wide beds, there are 501 rec center beds occupied (out of 862) and 248 RVs occupied (out of 294). There is no proposed date yet for an exit plan. The city is trying to move some of these folks into supportive housing.

C. Board resignation/vacancy

Bob reached out to Cary to see if Mark is still considering stepping in to fill the position; no reply. Steve will help follow-up.

D. Items needed by Rec Center/Park during sheltering

Margaret has inquired about reimbursement for supplies needed at the park. A small group in Cheviot has funded about \$700-800 for vegetarian meals. The HOA has funded some cleaning supplies (approx. \$200). FOWLA has stated money is available and earmarked for the park. It can be used to pay for these items. Angel was trying to work with the park director to get him what he needs. The council office wants him to work with the Park & Rec. It is taking too long for the park to get the supplies they need and there are inconsistencies in what they are receiving. Angel will try to get them some hand sanitizer that a group wants to donate. Further follow up is needed with FOWLA to create a process for reimbursement.

The HOA did a book collection for the park; we estimated that about 600-700 books were collected.

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership – membership currently stands at 367.
- B. CPAB update There are weekly zoom calls with the Community-Police Advisory Board. The Captain reported that part 1 crimes (Homicide, Rape, Burglary, Aggravated Assault, Robbery, Theft, Burglary/Theft from Vehicle, Grand Theft Auto) are down 3% YTD; burglary down 10.5%. GTA is up 42% (keys left in/around the car). Currently 1,000 National Guard are stationed throughout West LA. Stores within Century City mall were looted. Interesting to note that 71 LAPD cars were vandalized during the looting; 39 were returned to service. He wanted to remind the community that officers are out doing the right thing. LAPD is very different; reforms were made in 1992. The training is top shelf. Several businesses have been broken into/looted along Pico Blvd. There are groups that are using guns to defend their businesses. The captain reminded the group that there are civil and criminal liabilities and he does not recommend that.
- C. Vista Del Mar No new update.
- D. New/revised Cheviot map There was some discussion about the southwest border of the boundary line near the freeway. A discussion ensued. The board took a vote and the majority agreed that we should not include the land adjacent to the expo line since it does not include houses. One minor name modification will be made and a date will be added. The map will be brought to the membership for approval at the annual meeting.
- E. Follow-up on Eveloff topics from February meeting No update
 - ❖ There was additional discussion about the annual meeting. Will it be online? Last year's meeting was in July. As for elections, the following positions are up for reelection – Cary's ½ term, Marty, Jim, Cindy, Mark, Jamila, Omar, Brandon and Mike. James Stewart, the parliamentarian will be contacted by Greg to determine how to do this.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

There was no discussion about the financial report in Marty's absence.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Margaret discussed the DWP recent outages (7-10 since last August). She reached out to the power quality group as well as the power reliability group. They are going to look into if we have an infrastructure problem. We don't have the infrastructure for the size of homes in the neighborhood and the demand for power. Some of these outages were due to circuit issues, transformer issues. Common thread for our area is a problem at the distribution center underground at Patricia and Pico. CD5 has also been involved. John Mackel has also been in touch with CD5 about the power outages. He feels that our HOA needs to put pressure on DWP about upgrading the equipment. He will coordinate with Margaret to join efforts. Margaret will send our HOA boundary map to the power reliability group.
- Jim brought up the email that our HOA sent out about the gathering along Motor Ave. He is concerned that people might be coming in from other areas. The HOA is not involved in these but we notified the neighborhood so we can be aware. Angel notifies the director of public Safety to loop in LAPD. This is expected to be very peaceful.
- Andrew brought up the concern for possible reduction in police budget (\$130mm). Angel reported that Councilman Koretz is going to look into this but hasn't taken a position.
- Jamila reported a trespasser; called 911. Bob reminded the group that APS can be called.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.