

CHEVIOT HILLS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, March 1, 2018

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Colleen Mason Heller (Vice President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Jim Gilbert, Margaret Gillespie, Cary Gross, Michael Mandel, Brad Matthew, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Catherine Gerst, Steve Herman, Mark Sedlander

Guest: Jerold Steiner

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Celebrate Israel Festival

Adee Drory provided information about the upcoming Celebrate Israel Festival on May 6th. This will be the 7th year at Rancho Park. The festival draws between 10-15,000 attendees throughout the day. Last year numbers were down because of the rain. This year the festival will be starting at noon. There are amusement rides, a petting zoo, pony rides and camel rides (new addition). Approximately 6-7,000 people stay for the concert at the end however the crowd clears out within an hour of the end of the concert. The roads will reopen at 8:00pm. Ticket sales are online (60% of sales) and at the door (40%).

Set up: Fences will go up on Wednesday however the park will remain open until Saturday night. The service road by the petanque courts will be closed beginning on Friday. The removal process is pretty quick and most things are removed by 2pm on Monday.

Parking: Fox Studios and other parking structures nearby. Shuttles are provided. In 2017 3,000 cars were parked at Fox. DOT posts parking restrictions on Motor, Monte Mar, and Lorenzo. They patrol the area and gives tickets. JCL puts up signage directing drivers to the parking structures. Some board members expressed an interest in seeing more traffic patrollers to keep festival attendees from parking on Motor Ave.

Rental fees and keeping money at the park for repairs: Adee indicated that it costs her organization approximately \$20,000 to rent the park for the event. She also indicated that she pays the City of Los Angeles \$87,000. She agrees that some of the money should stay at the local Recs & Park. She acknowledges that the condition of the fields is poor. She stated that she would email Charles Singer, Superintendent of Recs & Park and cc Bob to open the dialogue.

B. Review/Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February meeting were approved.

C. Gregg Spiegelman agenda items - follow-up

-Bob provided a follow-up to the LAFD Station 92 request to dedicate a plaque in memory of firefighter Kelly Wong. In order to place a plaque at the base of a tree, the city requires that the homeowner apply to the Bureau of Engineering. The particular tree that Captain Cooper inquired about may not be the best tree as that homeowner may not follow through with the application process. Bob is going to research other trees on the block planted that day.

-Pico Beautification – In February Gregg Spiegelman inquired about repairing a sidewalk on Prosser near Pico with Pico Beautification funds. Colleen indicated that there are no discretionary funds available in the pre-programmed Pico Beautification grant from Metro. It was noted that CHHOA participates in two programs to provide perpetual annual funding for local agencies. Both the California Community Fund and Friends Of West LA (FOWLA) distribute money earmarked for schools, parks, libraries, police and fire.

D. Cheviot Zoning update, CD5 survey

The city council vote on zoning was supposed to take place on 2/16. Councilman Koretz requested a three-week continuance to accommodate meeting requests on this subject matter.

E. APS Status/NDA

Bob previously circulated an electronic draft to the board for comments. The NDA was approved by the board.

F. Bylaws revision update

Board members received an electronic copy incorporating both Margaret and Andrew's suggested edits/comments. A considerable amount of time was devoted to discussion on the proposed changes. The final markup will be posted 30 days before the annual meeting.

G. Cheviot Hills Park

Steve sent an email expressing interest in what the Celebrate Israel Festival commitment will be going forward. He would like to see a commitment to a park improvement fund.

H. Neighborhood comments from dues envelopes

Bob distributed four comments submitted via the dues envelope. One comment addressed the condition of the original concrete street. Asphalt has been used to repair the road however this has created hazards. It is very likely that due to the cost of repairs this road will not be repaired by the city. The other three comments were related to traffic. Unfortunately WAZE uses real-time data to divert cars onto our neighborhood streets.

II. Secretary’s Report/Membership:

Membership currently stands at 121 paid dues however there may be a delay in data processing.

The 2018 CHHOA Discount Card is almost ready for printing. Trixie’s Pet Depot was replaced with The Stalking Horse.

III. Financial Report:

The February report has not been generated.

IV. Other Business

A. Landscaping of Medians Update

Jim brought hard copies of the “adopt a median” forms. He will forward an electronic copy to board members that request them.

B. Neighborhood Filming: no update

C. Cheviot Hills Tree Project – no update

D. Neighborhood Watch/Security

We have a partial email list of block captains. Cary searched the HOA email platforms and could not find any email information on the block captains. The next step is to obtain the hard copies from Gregg Spiegelman.

E. FOWLA – no report

F. Cell Tower –no issues

G. Expo/Bike Path –

Jerold indicated that he hasn’t received information in a while from the CD5 office.

He indicated that bicyclists are confused on the bike path direction; they are going up Walavista looking for a cut through. He is concerned about their safety as cyclists are on the wrong side of the road getting to Northvale.

H. FOO/Schools

Brad as the schools committee chair announced that Overland will be holding their annual gala next week at the Le Meridien Hotel. In the past the HOA has donated money to the Friends of Overland organization. A motion was carried to donate \$1,000 to Friends of Overland in support of the programming they provide for the elementary school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.