

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, March 4, 2021 via Zoom

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Mark Ackerman, Margaret Gillespie, Jamila Hasan, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Steve Herman, Mike Mandel, Brandon Reif, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: Megan Bycel, Lynne Slattery Schroeder (Friends of Overland)

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Presentation on behalf of Overland/Friends of Overland

Megan is the President of the FOO Board. FOO raises money to support various programs (Overland in Motion, Computer Lab, Science Lab). Lynne shared a video of the programs at Overland. Money is raised twice a year (annual drive and annual auction). Because of Covid, fundraising is about \$200k less than what is ordinarily raised. They are on a major outreach to community and corporate entities to close the gap. There are banner ads to show support. They have reached out to our HOA to consider a donation. Donations of \$5,000 or higher receive a banner recognizing the support as well as recognition in any digital communication to the parents. After the two presenters left the meeting, the board had a discussion and vote on a contribution. A motion was carried unanimously that given the unique and difficult circumstances this year we voted to approve a \$5,000 contribution. This is larger than our typical contribution, but we wanted to show our support for Overland. Andrew will follow up with Megan and Lynne with our decision. We will follow up about banner contents and placement to maximize neighborhood viewing (Ashby and Manning). There was some discussion about Castle Heights Elementary in which anyone living east of Motor feeds into that school. Bob will reach out to Allyson Saunders to find out what CCCHA contributes to Castle Heights.

B. Approval of minutes for February

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

C. Follow-up to presentation by Sean McMillan (West LA Homeless)

Steve Herman provided an email update. WLAH Organization agreed to have The People Concern hold our donation in lieu of putting our money in an escrow account. It is unclear if Steve has had discussions with WLAH Organization on the timeline. Bob will email Steve. Margaret agreed to draft a cover letter to accompany our donation once the timeline is determined.

D. Cell tower issues

Jim reported that a meeting was held with Verizon. They had a health expert to report on the impact of cell waves on homeowners. They provided estimates of what RF waves would be within the closest homes. Those estimates were well under the federal mandates. Now that the towers are up and running, they have proposed to send someone into the homes to gather measurements once they receive approval from management. They also agreed to do some cosmetic improvements (paint to match wood pole); perhaps shift the location of the antennas. The homeowners that had some damage to their property during installation are putting together photographs and estimates. Verizon agreed to look at this. Mark Ackerman added that the Bureau of Street Lighting was dictating that there are constraints on where cell towers can be installed. Could they use more desirable streetlights if these are going to be popping up all over the place? Jim would like to explore other options (similar to Beverly Hills).

Medians

Jim updated the board about the medians. The city is ready to re-explore redoing the medians. They previously sent us designs of other medians. Perhaps we can speak directly with the designer. He is waiting to hear back.

E. Tree Project – Bob said there is nothing new; just waiting for the time estimate.

II. SECRETARY’S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership – Stands at 284; membership sign ups have stalled. Perhaps a mid-year notice to the neighborhood.
- B. CPAB update – Previously sent the board info on 911 calls. Yesterday the call focused on domestic abuse. Beginning March 14th there will be an LAPD task force for drag racing to do more speed enforcement.
- C. Third Annual Westside Safety & Preparedness Fair – March 7 – this Sunday!

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

No questions on the financial report.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.