

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, May 7, 2020 via Zoom

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Margaret Gillespie, Steve Herman, Michael Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Cary Gross, Jamila Hasan, Brandon Reif, Mark Sedlander, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: Senior Lead Officer Chris Baker, CD5 Field Deputy Angel Izard, Fredi Levitt

Call to Order

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

I. President's Report:

A. Update from LAPD SLO Chris Baker and CD5 Field Deputy Angel Izard

Chris provided an update. West LA has had 7 officers that tested positive for covid-19. LAPD is currently able to test all employees. *Crime* - over the last week there was a residential burglary on Motor Ave (a checkbook was stolen). His biggest concern right now is homes under construction. There have been 3 break-ins at construction sites over the last week; 2 in the same location. He does not believe these to be work of transients. He suggests residents under construction do a good job of securing the property. Burglary from motor vehicles is up in West LA but down 9% in Cheviot. Generally these crimes are committed by transients doing door checks at night. Regarding the *Cheviot Hills Rec Center*, there is one crime stemming from the park. A male transient tried to slap a jogger; ended up hitting her on the elbow. Police were called to take a report. The transient fled the scene by the time the police arrived. Because it was a low priority crime it was considered a simple battery. It took the patrol car 25 minutes to arrive. There was a question why police did not respond from the park. The call was created at the corner of Pico and Motor. If a crime is committed at the park, Chris suggests reporting that the crime is being committed at the park. Do not give cross streets so the dispatcher can instruct the park police to handle business there. As of 12 noon today there are 28 individuals in the trailers and 36 in the rec center. Over the last week there have been 2-3 individuals kicked out of the trailers due to violating the code of conduct. LAPD has received complaints about dogs off leash at the park. Chris asked residents to be mindful of the code so they don't have to go out and issue tickets.

Angel Izard updated 4 rec center beds available; trailers 28 filled about 80 available. Unhoused folks might be weary of going into housing. LAHSA is trying to get beds occupied. Temp checks daily; one point of entry for the trailers. There's always an LAPD car on duty. City council is meeting twice a week. The council office is trying to do email updates on a regular basis to stay informed. Koretz put in motion to wear masks when outdoors. The County health officials assessing now. The Governor announced a phased process for reopening the state. Rancho Park

golf course is opening Saturday. The Mayor announced this week LA Represents; which offers free legal services for tenant landlord issues or small business assistance.

B. Approval of minutes for March (no April meeting)

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

C. Pandemic-related update and topics (including increased “blast” capacity)

- Margaret has been checking in with rec center staff on a daily basis. It’s very quiet and they are thankful to have a safe place to sleep. Not at capacity. There was a concern about trash on Pico/Motor however it was the result of someone rejected from the shelter. Zero disturbances associated with the shelter. Huge shout out to the rec center folks; running the shelter, very organized. We have been delivering vegetarian food. The rec center director has asked for more cleaning supplies and dishsoap; not enough coming from the city supplies.
- The WNC was contacted to collect cereal boxes; Cheviot Hills collected 108 boxes. WNC, Councilman Koretz, Cynthia Saffir created a script and a list of resources for seniors. Several volunteers reached out to over 3,000 seniors in about 48 hours to provide resources
- We took a board vote to enhance our email blast capabilities using mailchimp. We are currently on the free plan. Cindy added her personal credit card to the profile should we need to upgrade the plan. There may be a way to buy credits when our email output is higher. We reached out to them via email to see if we could buy credits as we move along. Waiting for a response.

D. Revised bylaws

We discussed the bylaws and have a map for the annual meeting.

E. APS issues – NDA, crime reports

The APS crime reports for March and April were emailed to the board. APS has signed the NDA. Bob is waiting to hear back from Vernon about increasing patrols near the park.

F. Rancho Park gas flare update

No update

G. Proposed cell tower/new cell equipment on Motor Avenue

No update

H. Cheviot Medians

No update

I. Board resignation/vacancy

Bob reached out to Cary to see if Mark is still considering stepping in to fill the position; no reply.

J. Golf course construction update

The construction is going to resume in September. When the course reopens there will be a temporary food vendor.

K. Cheviot Tree Project

No update

- L. Bike path update
No update

II. SECRETARY'S REPORT/MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership – membership currently stands at 337
- B. CPAB update Emailed the update to the board on 4-28
- C. Vista Del Mar Not a strain on police resources now; they are adhering to the email policy for runaways.
- D. New/revised Cheviot map Greg has some minor modifications. He will discuss those offline. Discussed annual meeting and how to move forward; is it possible to have it online? Bob will look into that.
 - Discussion about donations to the 3rd annual safety and preparedness fair. The fair will be larger this year as it will include 2 other neighborhood council areas. Gearing up to what can be added especially as it relates to the pandemic. Slated for November 8th; may have to go to a virtual fair. A motion was carried to donate \$1,001 to the fair.
 - Over the past couple of weeks our board voted to donate \$2,500 to responders first; feeding the health care workers. Bob will provide Marty with a mailing address for the check.
 - Reminder to the board that in our next annual update, we should highlight all that we've done financially to support the community.
 - Steve brought up the possibility of creating a few signs as reminders to the community to be friendly neighbors.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

There were no questions about the financial report.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Fredi Levitt was pleased to listen in and hear the enthusiasm about the shelter. She inquired about the trailers and who would be placed there. Margaret provided clarification that these are not for covid positive individuals. Medical sheltering locations exist elsewhere. Anyone who becomes positive is transported from the park.

What is the exit plan? Will the homeless be turned back to the street? The city is working on the exit strategy and will have placement coordinators on site for folks that are interested in resources.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.