

# CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, May 5, 2022**

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Renee Dernburg, Steve Herman, Mike Mandel, Andrew Oelz, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander,

Directors not present: Margaret Gillespie, Jamila Hasan, Brandon Reif, Larry Tabb, Omar Tirmizi

Guests: Vernon Rosado (APS), James Ingram (CD5 Deputy), SLO Chris Baker (LAPD) via speaker phone, resident Marcie Newby

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

### **I. President's Report:**

#### **A. Update, etc from James Ingram (CD5 Field Deputy)**

James introduced himself to the group for those that had not previously met him. He said this was his first time in Cheviot Hills and welcomes a tour of the area. Connect Day is scheduled at Westwood Park, May 11; 11am-3pm. He said the volunteer sign ups look robust. He took questions from the group about the steel power poles along Manning. James said that DWP stated that the height is according to the regulations. He said DWP did not know which internal department or division installed them. He is going to try and find out additional information and get back to us. Jim asked for an update on the medians. He said he would email Jim with an update. The plan needs city approval and there needs to be clarification on the maintenance of the medians.

#### **B. Vernon Rosado (APS)**

Bob invited Vernon to the meeting to touch base on security patrol in the neighborhood. Bob worked out the billing questions with Yvette. Vernon stated that we have 2 cars that we share with California Country Club Homes Association (CCCHA). As for the hours of operation, Vernon said we have a 4-hour car in the mornings Monday-Friday. The other car is half split with CCCHA. CCCHA has a dedicated car at night, 9pm – 5am. Since they only have 427 homes in their boundaries, they are able to target their hours. As for crime in the area, Vernon said

its mostly crimes of opportunity. He stated that a uniformed presence in the area deters 95% of crimes. Additionally, yard signs and alarms are a deterrent. Vernon said that he has not seen a roster of owners current on their dues. We reminded him that a database was sent within the last year. After our upcoming general meeting, he will receive a new list. The agreement needs to be updated with the perks that we have told our constituents they gain by paying dues. Vernon confirmed that it includes a 7-day vacation watch, checking for packages and removing flyers from the porch/door.

Update from our SLO Chris Baker via speaker phone

Chris provided some crime statistics, YTD compared to 2021:

There is an increase in property and violent crimes (1 robbery in 2021 vs 2 in 2022 and 2 aggravated assaults). Most of the property crimes are vehicle-related crimes. There were 12 YTD in 2021 and 12 YTD for 2022. They are seeing a cluster on certain streets and are taking extra measures to deal with this. LAPD has seen a group of Chilean citizens that are involved in recent crimes. Two have recently been arrested. They work together to canvass neighborhoods, gain entry in the backyard. Most are targeting the master bedroom and master bath as that is where most safes/valuables are located. Chris reported on the recent car crash on Motor Ave. The teens had substantial injuries and it was found to be from “over-driving”. Chris will help facilitate through DOT and Jay Greenstein (CD5) on any decisions in making that area safer for drivers.

Chris was asked if crimes were being committed at any concentrated times during the day. He said there are not really any concentrated times. Some happen in the later afternoon when parents might be picking up children or still at work and late at night in construction sites.

C. Approval of minutes for April

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

D. West Pico and Rancho Park drill sites

Still no hearing date for the appeal.

E. Cheviot Medians

Still waiting on city approval.

F. Development on Pico

No update

G. CHHOA Storage Space

There are about 20 boxes that need to be disposed of. We need to explore the shredding day that takes place in Culver City on the first Saturday of the month. Bob will solicit volunteers to help once we have a few dates. It is unclear if Margaret has spoken to the leasing office for this storage unit.

H. West LA Homeless

Margaret and Steve are updating the agreement.

I. Annual Meeting/Board Elections

Bob suggested a few dates for the general meeting: June 7, 9 14 or 16. Cindy will follow up with Vista Del Mar to check on availability of space.

Omar Tirmizi will not be running for reelection. Bob spoke to Jamila who would like to continue. Brandon has not responded. Resident Marcie Newby attended tonight's meeting to introduce herself/meet the other board members. She expressed interest in running for an empty seat.

II. Secretary's Report/Membership

A. Membership – No real change in membership. Hope to add more at the general meeting.

B. CPAB update – No update since there has not been a CPAB meeting.

III. Financial Report

There were no questions about the financial report.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.