

# CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes for the Board Meeting Thursday, September 8, 2022 Via Zoom**

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Renee Dernburg, Steve Herman, Mike Mandel, Greg Pulis, Brandon Reif, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Margaret Gillespie, Jamila Hasan, Marcie Newby, Andrew Oelz, Mark Sedlander

Guests: Mike Eveloff, Sean McMillan

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

#### **A. Guest Mike Eveloff, FOWLA (possible CHHOA Donations)**

Mike presented to the board on some of the activities of Friends of West LA (FOWLA) and how we might help support the needs of our two LAFD stations and West LA LAPD Station.

FOWLA is currently supporting 4 different Fire stations and are expanding out to underserved areas. Staffing is their biggest issue for LAFD. The city is shutting down 50 companies (an engine, a truck, a rescue) each day due to staffing. They are not being supported by the city. Mike recently put in Wi-Fi for a station because the City wasn't doing this. He suggested we put money into FOWLA for our 2 stations and as needs arise, the money is earmarked. LAFD in total is down about 120 fire fighters every shift (that translates to 50 companies).

LAPD has similar staffing issues. FOWLA just put on a beach party for LAPD. The West LA station always has needs. It can be as simple as needing lunch while covering a protest or specific needs in their station.

Both groups are challenged from a resource standpoint and morale is low.

FOWLA coordinated "Responders First" to feed responders and restaurants were supported early in the pandemic.

Any donation from CHHOA through FOWLA will be earmarked specifically for LAFD and LAPD. Board Members of the HOA should be present for any of the photo opportunities for these agencies.

So far, FOWLA has given \$330,000 to Overland Ave Elementary and \$3.8 million total to all organizations defined in their original mission (facility funds for parks, schools, libraries, LAFD, LAPD).

The remaining part of the conversation was about ideas to connect with community – without being political, we should consider notifying our stakeholders of registration/voting deadlines. Voters will be selecting Mayor, City Controller, City Attorney and CD5 candidates.

Fix the City had a big TOC (transit-oriented community) win in Westwood. The appeal on the Expo plan is underway. They are filing a Building & Safety appeal on the 10660 Pico/Sepulveda property (massive height increase; 55 units on a tiny strip mall property).

The CD5 HOA coalition is hosting a mayoral candidate forum, 90 minute on 9/17 (Rick Caruso) and 10/8 (Karen Bass). Available to HOA board members only. When a side-by-side comparison is created by this group we can send this out to our stakeholders.

B. Guest Sean McMillan (West LA Homeless)

Sean presented to the board the current state of the union of West LA Homeless (WLAH) Organization. It was born out of the WNC homelessness subcommittee. In their discovery of the homelessness issues for their catchment area, they found drug trafficking and human trafficking. Leaders got together to determine what was working. They used a lot of what the Pacific Palisades Homeless Task Force did because they were so successful (50% placement rate). WLAH was granted 501(c)3 status and they partnered with The People Concern (TPC) to address and not ignore the issues. There has been a great deal of support from the area HOAs and the WNC. The TPC Outreach team is multidisciplinary and began last August. In the entire area of CD5 there are 1,252 unhoused. Of that 465 are sheltered, 757 are unsheltered. In a one-year time span, the TPC Outreach Team has housed 55 individuals. They have helped 2,201 receive some type of service (mental health, medical, relocation). There is a high rate of recidivism. Sean feels that the WLAH response time is too slow. Unfortunately, this burden has been put on LAPD. The territory is 405 (western border); National Blvd (southern border); Beverlywood/Century City (eastern border); Wilshire Blvd (northern border). There are 181 unhoused people in this area. They are trying to zone in on this area; build trust to connect with them services. They are creating a protocol for consistency in their outreach; identifying those clients that want help as well as track those that are resistant to help. They share this info with law enforcement and lobby with county (Supervisor Kuehl) and city council (Paul Koretz) offices. They get a summary report from TPC once a month. Sean will share that with us through Margaret and/or Steve. Sean is working on a protocol for a more timely response. Through 911 there is a therapeutic transport. The nearest station that offers this is the fire station at Crenshaw/Adams.

Steve asked if another full team would double the amount of people being placed. Sean stated that he does not know. If the city could offer a bed for everyone, they could make more headway. It is a start to getting people connected to services.

There was discussion about the County having the deepest pockets as opposed to the city. LA Sanitation is not cleaning up every day. Sean is trying to create a local volunteer task force with law enforcement to clean up campsites.

Greg asked Sean if he is satisfied with placement of 55 individuals. He said no, he thinks it's been effective relative to the population in our area. Many of these individuals came from Westwood Park. The team is focusing on other areas. He is not sure that we could double the efforts without significant government or paid employees to do this work.

Larry asked Sean how to balance trying to provide services/help to those in our community without attracting a greater unhoused population to this part of LA. There are more people being displaced from the mid-city area. He does think that this area is an attractant. There is a fine line. This is a problem that is so complex. At this point, WLAH can only do what they can do.

C. FOO Donation

Check sent and acknowledged.

D. Approval of minutes for August

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

E. West Pico and Rancho Park drill sites

Still no date set on the appeal. A piece of legislation was passed at the state level which will ramp up oversight of drilling. Bob will forward the email to the board. He thinks it's worth sending an email blast to the community.

F. Cheviot Medians

Jim reached out to the person overseeing this for the city (Hector). Jim provided plant options to the board for feedback. Waiting for a response from Hector.

G. West LA Homeless

Sean thanked the HOA for the donation. He stated that when they have community buy-in, they get more attention from the corporate world. Steve will connect with Sean and Margaret to meet the reporting requirements in the agreement.

H. Development on Pico

The project was approved with a lot of variations (5 stories instead of 3; ½ parking space for each unit; 50% increased density and fewer spaces than normal for retail). In order to have standing to appeal you must have a business or residence within 100

feet of the proposed location. Bob is going to check with Margaret to see if there is a possibility of appeal.

**II. Secretary's Report/Membership**

A. Membership – no update

B. CPAB update – There was a recent CPAB meeting; crime is up (Part 1, up 10.6%; Violent Crime, up 6%; and Property Crimes, up 13%). West LA station is down 26 officers. Captain Tom reported on average response times: Code 3 (lights/sirens) 7.8 minutes; Code 2 (no lights/sirens) 27.6 minutes; non-coded is 61.5 minutes.

**III. Financial Report**

There were no questions about the financial report.

**IV. Public Comment/Other**

No public comment although there was discussion about the historic house on Monte Mar Terrace. Steve reported that they are making some progress with the LA Conservancy on getting the historic designation.

There was some discussion about donations. The group felt we need to review what has been received from filming. A subcommittee consisting of Renee, Steve, Jim and Cindy will discuss and make a recommendation to the full board regarding donations to the two fire stations (92 & 43), WLAPD, Riddick Center and Vista del Mar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.