

CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Minutes for the Board Meeting

May 2, 2024

Griffin Club

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Renee Dernburg, Ellen Doyle, Margaret Gillespie, Steve Herman, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Mike Mandel, Marcie Newby, Andrew Oelz, Brandon Reif

Guests: Gigi Decavalles-Hughes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

I. President's Report:

A. Approval of minutes for April

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

B. APS revised contract

Bob said we are going to continue paying what was approved until circumstances require us to do something else. Marty said the recent invoices have the 3% increase. Bob was going to speak with Vernon or his operations person to confirm what we are currently paying for.

C. CCNTMP Fund 47M

A few board members had a call with CD5 to discuss fund 47M. George Hakopiants and Vanessa Saldana were on the call. They were unable to answer questions about planned uses of the fund. We told them we would like to request funds to use for traffic counts. This is under the purview of what the money can be used for. They will consult with Gary Gero and get back to us.

As we continue the discussion with CD5, we need to voice our concerns on how to use the funds from our community perspective. Jim has been designated the point person to come up with a proposal on our needs. Bob will reach out to Jim to discuss the plan.

D. Fox Expansion

No update other than a reminder about the upcoming Fox Lot invitation for the newly renovated New York Street scene.

E. Cheviot Hills Centennial Celebration, Sunday June 9th

We have raised a decent amount of funds to cover the full cost of the event. We are working on getting Mayor Bass to attend. We will have two food trucks (Chicken King, Taco Cartel) and a Mister Softee ice cream truck. All members current on dues will receive free ice cream. We increased our expected attendance to 500. We are working the flyer, yard signs and an email that will go out soon. We need the support of those board members in town. Our local resident DJ Reed will be the first band and the second band is grammy-nominated, California Feetwarmers.

F. Pick Pico

We are set to have a booth at Pick Pico. We need board members to staff the booth, 11-3. We are primarily there to answer questions, sign up members, give flyers to residents.

G. Community Based Housing Initiative/Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RNHA)

Mike sent an email that United Neighbors has reported that groups opposed to single family neighborhoods are upset about the removal of housing overlays in these neighborhoods in the Housing Element. The Planning Department is getting a lot of push back from these groups. The Planning Department wants to hear from everyone about how they feel about single family neighborhoods. United Neighbors will start a campaign to inundate the Planning Department with their thoughts.

United Neighbors are starting a campaign aimed at the Council Members against the removal of "date of ownership" criteria for Faith Based Organizations. They will continue to push for guidelines for ED 1. They are also aware that there are some issues with Community Plans and will follow up with that.

H. Westside Draft Plan

There is a call with the Planning Department about the draft Westside Plan Update. The purpose of the call is to understand why there is a proposed downzoning from R1V2 to R1. The President & VP of CCCHA and the President of Beverlywood will also be on the call to listen and learn how this came about.

II. Secretary's Report/Membership

Membership – current count is 381. Do we think the doorhangers were beneficial? Some board members felt they were useful in interfacing with the community. Perhaps the centennial event will help increase membership.

Elections – coming up June 6th. We need to come up with topics for the Councilwoman to address at our general meeting. Jonathan Weiss will present at our annual meeting providing highlights about the origins of our neighborhood.

Other outreach from residents – A neighbor/block captain reached out regarding a house on Anchor Ave. She received notice about a hearing involving two lots across the street. The owner has two side by side lots with a house above on Krim. He is trying to split the lots to have 3 single family homes. There was discussion that while we do not have CC&Rs we could still take a look at this and weigh in.

III. Financial Report

There were no questions about the financial report.

IV. Public Comment/Other

Gigi described her background. She is interested in taking over an upcoming vacant seat. She recently retired. She has lived in Cheviot since 1998. She worked at the City of Santa Monica since 1997 in finance, redevelopment and as the finance director. She knows a lot about the inner workings of the city. She has a background in urban planning and housing and affordable housing is important.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.