

# CHEVIOT HILLS HOME OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes for the Board Meeting August 1, 2024 Griffin Club**

Directors present: Bob Keehn (President), Marty Bischoff (Treasurer), Cindy Kane (Secretary), Renee Dernburg, Mike Mandel, Greg Pulis, Mark Sedlander, Larry Tabb

Directors not present: Jim Gilbert (Vice President), Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, Ellen Doyle, Margaret Gillespie, Steve Herman, Marcie Newby, Andrew Oelz

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

#### **A. Approval of minutes for July**

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

#### **B. APS contract**

Vernon sent out a letter to the greater Cheviot Hills community explaining what they do and what residents get for paying HOA dues vs. private APS contracts. It is still unclear what a private patrol contract gets a homeowner vs being a paid HOA member.

Bob reached out to the APS bookkeeper to confirm what the HOA is paying for and the break schedule of the patrol officers. There was some discussion about the optimal hours of patrol.

#### **C. CCNTMP Fund 47M**

Jim and Bob will resume their discussion about what kind of request they can make of the Council Office to use 47M funds for our community. There was previous discussion about retaining a law firm. We need to also find out if there is any way we can use some of these funds for Flock Safety license plate reader cameras. The plan will include current traffic studies. We should also consider hiring a traffic engineer to create traffic calming measures. Neighbors have really brought up safety issues in the neighborhood.

#### **D. Fox Expansion**

No update

#### **E. Community Based Housing Initiative/Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RNHA)**

An email blast was sent to the community encouraging residents to submit comments to the Planning Department supporting the Housing Element plan that preserves single family neighborhoods. The comment period was extended to August 26<sup>th</sup>.

F. Westside Draft Plan

Melissa Lim in the Planning Department responded to our emails that requested an explanation on the proposed changes and to provide examples. She indicated that this requires a lot of work and that examples won't be available until 2025. We would like to have Gigi participate in this topic given her background in Urban Planning.

G. Drill Site Update

Bob previously reported that Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky who chairs the Council's Energy and Environment Committee made a motion that the expired pipeline agreement, which the West Pico pipeline operates under, be terminated altogether. It has not been voted on by the full Council, due to their summer recess. In the interim, the oil company responded by submitting a permit to plug 2 of 57 oil wells at the site. Councilwoman Yaroslavsky is meeting with the oil company this week.

H. Anchor/Krim lot split

Bob is putting together a list for Joanne Jackson (Krim resident) why our HOA could not take a position for or against the lot split.

II. Secretary's Report/Membership

**Membership** – current count is 481.

**Neighborhood Watch:** SLO Chris Baker reported that undercover investigations are continuing. There was a recent incident on Bradbury. Suspects jumped over fences. A neighbor captured video surveillance and provided that to LAPD. Chris also said that he feels that Cheviot Hills needs license plate reader (LPR) cameras. He will help us identify key locations. In the interim he has requested a mobile surveillance unit with a LPR camera to be temporarily placed on Motor near the 10 freeway.

**Conversation with Mike at FOWLA re LPR Cameras:** Mike spoke to the City Attorney and some higher level LAPD officers. He feels there might some liability issues with privacy violation. He feels they are not a good business decision. His current plan is to proceed with providing every single-family home a network doorbell camera.

**Flock Safety Cameras:** We had a continuing conversation about these LPR cameras. There are over 600 active users accessing the data at any one time and over 2,000 vehicles that come up on a "hot list alerts." Beverlywood has seen more than 20 arrests using this data.

There is going to be a lot of money coming in to prepare for the Olympics. Cindy spoke to the National Director of Strategy for Flock Safety. Flock and LAPD are early stages of discussing LPR. Some groups within the City of LA are using these cameras to watch for illegal dumping and copper wire theft.

We don't have the funds and will have to create a fundraiser to get started. We have a potential matching grant from a resident. Cindy will connect with SLO Chris Baker and Detective Carrillo on the minimum number and the best location.

III. Financial Report

The financial report will be prepared tomorrow after Marty receives the banking statement.

IV. Public Comment/Other

N/A

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.