

Culver Crest Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting 04-JUN-08

Board members present: Mike Bauer (president), Mark Salkin (vice president), Antoine Durr (secretary), Howard Lichtman, Suzanne De Benedittis, Rich Kissell,

Call to Order: 7:31pm

1. Neighborhood Watch:

- a. Rich Kissell introduced Lt. Ron Iizuka of the Culver City Police Dept.
- b. Update on crimes:
- c. Part 1 crimes, those reported to FBI and DOJ, e.g. nasty stuff + theft
 - i. Shark increase in petty theft, up 51%
 - ii. Violent crimes down 44%
- d. 3 crimes on Crest
 - i. Burglary on Hill St.
 - ii. If you see something, call CCPD
 - iii. "Be a good witness" helps tremendously
 - iv. lock cars – don't create an opportunity
- e. Stressing disaster preparedness
 - i. Make sure you have food
- f. If unhappy w/CCPD service, ask for a supervisor
- g. 911 goes to CHP, then they have to forward it to CCPD; call 310/837-1221, goes to CCPD directly
- h. CCPD is down 7 officers (27,000 law enforcement throughout CA)
- i. Citizen's Police Academy
 - i. First hand experience of policing
 - ii. Twice yearly
 - iii. 10 weeks, Tuesdays 6-9pm
 - iv. must be available to attend all classes

2. Hillside

- a. Howard Lichtman introduced Sammy Romo, Culver City Engineer, who in turn introduced project manager for Hillside on Telefson project
- b. Poured cement (48 trucks worth!)
- c. Had to do it in one day, thank you for your patience
- d. More cement coming for lower retaining wall
- e. 310/253-5619 is direct line into CC project mgr, call if they are starting before 8am
- f. Mid August schedule to finish
- g. Will be a dedication ceremony
- h. Q: how much cement? A: 480 cubic yards
- i. Q: graded flat parcel – the first one the city will sell, buildable area will not change

- j. Q: landscaping for cement? A: up to you
 - k. Q: What does bridging structure bridge? A: 10' sewer line L.A. -> Hyperion, we created a bridging structure around sewer line as we couldn't run steel I-beams into ground as they would have impacted sewer line
 - l. Q: was that line the one that was just cleaned out? A: unknown
 - m. Q: monies from FEMA, etc. A: \$3.2M, w/contingency = \$3.5M project, FEMA, sale of property, insurance \$, city funds
 - n. Q: any \$ left over for resurfacing overused streets? A: quite possibly
 - o. Q: will Telefunken remain closed? A: Yes, until completed, sidewalk still open.
 - p. Complaint r.e. foul language by workers all day long
 - q. Rich Kissell: take message back that NPR started series on our crumbling infrastructure in American cities; observation: in CC, all that stuff gets fixed; in L.A., no such luck – Charles Herbertson is awesome!
3. Science Lab at El Rincon
- a. Jan Gusack presented
 - b. School district – 2 entire classrooms, upstairs in the two story building
 - c. You can volunteer @ school – would like community involved
 - d. Science texts next year to go below 5th grade, so preparation of kids critical
 - e. Grant fell through, soliciting donations to complete lab
 - f. Meeting on June 10th r.e. science advisors
 - g. Went to other school's science labs, "smart words" – technology, science
 - h. Partnership with UCLA, provides us w/materials, Dr. Moldwin
 - i. Goal: hands on experience for kids, staff development
 - j. Q to audience: what kinds of connections do you have? We're trying to present state of the art
 - k. Q: how many \$ short? A: told that we're getting \$100K, need between \$30K-\$50K
 - l. Mark Salkin: requestd contributions, started with his own \$100 despite that he has no kids in school here now
 - m. **MOTION**: donate a sum, put discussion on board meeting;
SECONDED; **VOTE**: ?
 - n. Mike Buaer: School foundation, since 1981
 - o. Q: contact info, A: school's # is 310/842-4340
4. Website
- a. Antoine Durr introduced website, gave highlights of what's there, encouraged people to subscribe via 'subscribe' page
5. Annual Dues
- a. Mike Bauer reminded folks that the \$60 annual dues were in fact due
6. West Los Angeles College
- a. Mark Salkin outlined latest happenings at WLAC

- b. They made promise r.e. tertiary access, decided to use it for CC Bus access!!
 - c. They have added a second temporary sound wall
 - d. Originally told us that they didn't own the land for the berm; after title search initiated by CCNA, turns out that they do own the land (and thus can not abdicate building the berm)
 - e. what the structure will actually be is still under discussion
 - f. Second round of expansion (first round not actually done yet)
 - g. 2 major developments:
 - i. on 10100 Jefferson property, considering offices, retail, grand entrance, elder care, private/public partnership
 - ii. second part is on lot 8, considering new school (current digging is actually an unrelated county sewers project)
 - h. Yet another bond measure, another \$200M-\$300M
 - i. We (CCNA board subcommittee members) have bi-weekly meetings with college
 - j. Q: is there any one else fighting them or just us? A: we met w/all council members, WLAC is on county land, limited interest; now w/new Leahy entrance, it is now a CC issue, thus greater interest
 - k. Q: if we sued college, what would we win? A: \$
7. PXP-OIL
- a. Antoine Durr introduced Ken Kutcher and John Kuechle
 - b. Ken described latest events
 - c. (Editor: these events are covered in depth on website (www.culvercrest.org))

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Shopping carts

MOTION to ADJOURN; **SECONDED**; **PASSED**; meeting ended at 9:26pm