

<p>Culver Crest Neighborhood Association Minutes of the General Meeting November 18, 2009</p>

1. Meeting called to order: 6:35pm
2. Neighborhood Watch: Lt. Dean Williams
 - a. One reported theft of mail
 - i. be careful about outgoing mail, and be careful about those credit offers, shred those!
 - b. 911 calls used to go to CHP, now go who knows where?!? System is in flux, so recommendation is to call CC dispatch at 310/253-6244 or 310/837-1221
 - c. graffiti abatement, etc. 310/253-5555
 - d. Q: how can I get CCPD involved in a noise offense that is technically not in CC, i.e. WLAC?
 - i. A: CCPD should be able to go to WLAC
 - e. Q: Need more refrigerator magnets
 - i. A: last batch came without phone number on them, believe it or not!
 - f. Q: how are the home security inspections going?
 - i. A: 4 Culver Crest homeowners so far have gotten CCPD to inspect their houses, but there seems to be a backlog for house visits (security audits well received so far, though)
 - ii. FYI, people trained in home security will assess where your home is vulnerable.
 - iii. Home alarms are mostly an emotional purchase; they need to be permitted
 - g. Q: We have a CC fire alarm permit, but it hasn't been updated
 - i. A: IT changes are to blame
 - ii. You get 4 times per year for false alarms
 - h. Theft of recyclables: small crime leads to bigger things; but they're also from out of the area; city is also using collection of that for self-funding. It is a municipal code violation.
 - i. If you see someone who even remotely doesn't belong, call CCPD. If you don't tell CCPD, they can't do anything at all. That uncomfortable feeling that something isn't right. **DON'T HESITATE TO CALL!**
 - j. Also hiring folks from Home Depot – insurance fraud/workers comp issues, so beware!
 - k. Thanks to CC Council, \$½ million grant to update radio systems, to be able to communicate with all neighboring law enforcement agencies – uses new ICIS system
3. Culver City Mayor Andy Weissman & Culver City Councilmember Scott Malsin
 - a. Here because chimney sweeper bailed as speaker du jour!
 - b. The city is doing all right, better than many of our surrounding jurisdictions. Some development finally going on, 12 redevelopment projects scheduled before economy tanked, now a good number are going on

- c. City instituted moratorium on oil drilling while they reevaluate scope of ordinance
 - i. 5 members of CC council got sued by PXP, as well as council as a whole
 - ii. preliminary injunction was heard by judge, request for preliminary injunction was denied
 - iii. hope this leads to discussion with PXP, with what they propose for CC as well as CSD area
 - iv. CC was not satisfied that health items in CSD were satisfactory
- d. The state of CA is hemorrhaging dollars, \$21B deficit from last year, that's now at \$23B
 - i. CC is dependent on state revenues; we don't have sufficient revenues on hand to cover shortfall, hence need to look at expenses
- e. Scott Malsin: CC having problem with keeping auto dealerships, properties are smaller than industry standard; big tax revenue generators, will probably not come back
- f. Expo Light Rail under construction, e.g. bridge over La Cienega
 - i. Funding exists to complete it all the way to CC
 - ii. They are building bridge over Washington Blvd, but that makes for delays as it's a bigger construction project
 - iii. Wouldn't be surprised if Expo (about a year behind schedule) first opened at La Cienega before CC
 - iv. Lawsuits around some of the rail crossings have contributed to delays
- g. West of freeway, i.e. B&B hardware area, Crest House is reopening
- h. One of the partners who opened Fraiche is opening up a restaurant in West Culver City
- i. Adding landscape medians, e.g. downtown, Jefferson Blvd.
- j. Q: what is happening w/Town Plaza (the lot across Trader Joe's)?
 - i. A: Developer that city had did not perform in timely manner, it is now owned by CC redevelopment agency, exploring ways to move forward with someone/anyone?
- k. Q: any plans for park & ride at metro station?
 - i. A: There will be an ample amount of parking. We successfully negotiated with L.A. Metro to build parking on their property and add a development including stores, offices, housing, etc.
- l. Q: where is end of line?
 - i. A: phase 1 is Washington & National, next phase is Santa Monica
- m. Q: Westfield mall, what's up with "circus" frontage? Is there any way to restore the classiness; we understood that CC council went along with advertising, but big billboard is advertising a Disney movie, rather than promoting mall
 - i. A: they're contributing \$1/4 million to city by virtue of signage
- n. Q: What's up with the single family lot on Cranks whose house was torn down during landslide?
 - i. A: Not currently up for sale

- o. Q: does it cost more to provide services to the long western outshoot of CC?
 - i. A: Yes, but Costco provides a ton of revenue at its end
- 4. Secretary's report
 - a. motion to adopt minutes (Steve Reitzfeld), seconded (Mark Salkin); vote: all in favor: previous meeting minutes adopted.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. \$5761 in bank, \$500 spent for Halloween party was big recent expense
- 6. Elections:
 - a. We have 11 nominees
 - i. Rich Kissel withdrew his nomination; Steve Reitzfeld withdrew his nomination, Brynn Horrocks declined nomination
 - b. Nominations from the floor
 - i. Rosie LaBriola nominated
 - ii. Craig Jabore's identity clarified: is actually Craig Jablin (not present at meeting)
 - c. Nominees described what their interests and involvements
 - d. Board advisors John Kuechle and Ken Kutcher acknowledged for their tireless service
 - e. 11 Nominees are:
 - i. Mike Bauer, Suzanne De Benedittis, Wena Dows, Khin Khin Gyi, Craig Jablin, Rosie La Briola, Howard Lichtman, Jill McKeon, Ron Ostrin, Mark Salkin, Antoine Durr
 - f. Voting commenced
- 7. West L.A. College
 - a. John Kuechle: WLAC continues to be constant problem, most of the construction has now moved to other end
 - b. The EIR prohibits them from having trucks with backup beeps, we kept writing evidence that it wasn't illegal; went to board of trustees, that college
 - i. They claim that cement trucks can't legally have their backup beeps removed, and furthermore they do not belong to the college (notwithstanding the multitude of days that cement trucks were there in full force)
 - ii. Net result is that they've turned off backup beeping on three trucks, for the duration of a week and a half!
 - c. Sidewalk still closed
 - d. Meeting with them every other week again
 - e. New road goes through some PXP land; college had to delay, due to contaminated soil
 - i. found approx 135,000 cubic yards of soil; they moved it 10 feet to right/uphill?
 - f. We're not very good about calling in complaints to ombudsperson; but when you see parked cars in neighborhoods, keeping logs and call: 626/755-6844

- g. Mike Bauer received certified letter from college, ombudsman is now 24/7/365
 - i. He is supposed to deal with college generated activities (and is supposed to do something about them) and the construction activities (which is a separate duty for him)
 - h. Q: rumor that college will stop left turn?
 - i. A: They asked city for that 2 years ago ; they'll probably ask again
 - i. At board of trustees, we got our 10 minutes, Rocha got 45! Thank you Mr. Rocha for solving all the problems.
8. PXP Oil:
- a. Suzanne De Benedittis: The Oct 15 town hall with Mark Ridley-Thomas, your presence gave him the power to make revisions in the CSD
 - b. Health survey by CCSC, has been asked to work with county
 - i. We're trying to get an independent epidemiologist consultant to read protocol before survey goes to county, then at the end to evaluate results
 - c. CCSC: Citizens Coalition for a Safe Community, working closely with AQMD, make sure that it's more than just us calling
Looking for more folks on our side of hill to get involved
 - d. Salkin: CHC vs. PXP, massive lawsuit against PXP, city is plaintiff as well; trial is coming up soon, just a trial on paper, documents submit, record is about 53,000 pages
 - e. If we prevail, EIR goes back to LA County for review/amendment
9. Old Business – none
10. Election Results
- a. Acknowledgement for Mike Bauer for his term as presidency.
 - b. Jeff Cooper and Michael Landau recognized for helping with vote tabulation
 - c. New board members voted in:
 - i. Mike Bauer, Suzanne De Benedittis, Wena Dows, Khin Khin Gyi, Howard Lichtman, Jill Mckee, Ron Ostrin, Rosie La Briola, Antoine Durr
 - d. Acknowledgement for Mark Salkin's tireless service as the founder of CCNA
 - e. The board will meet soon and elect officers and subcommittees
 - f. Q: can a subcommittee head be a non member?
 - i. A: We don't actually know according to rules, but we have not discouraged it, as we encourage anyone and everyone to serve on subcommittees.
11. Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm