

<p style="text-align: center;">Culver Crest Neighborhood Association Minutes of the General Meeting March 5, 2014</p>

Board members present: Mike Bauer, Antoine Durr, John Romanak, Howard Lichtman, Ron Ostrin, Suzanne De Benedittis, Kyle Jones, Rich Kissel

Board members not present: Wena Dows

Board Advisors Present: Khin Khin Gyi

1. Call to order: 7:12 pm, approx 30 neighbors present
2. Minutes: approved
3. El Rincon Elementary, our hosts
 - a. Principal Brunson:
 - b. We're a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) school
 - c. working with LMU, UCLA, STAR education
 - d. 20 point increase in the API over the last year
 - e. Students are taking the new common core standards tests, 1 year transition where scores won't count
 - f. Kindness Tree in back of cafetorium, random acts of kindness throughout community and school, tree growing rapidly, educating students to make good character choices in their community
4. Neighborhood watch
 - a. Lt. Allen Azran, community relations for CCPD, allen.azran@culvercity.org
 - b. here to report that there is nothing in Culver Crest to report!
 - c. have some things around the Crest, but nothing inside it
 - i. 4 part 1 in wide neighborhood
 - ii. domestic; vehicle left unlocked; couple had bed delivered, possibly stole wedding ring;
 - d. released some crime statistics for 2013, 30% decrease in violent crimes relative to 2012, 4% overall decrease from 2012
 - e. response time right around 3 minutes
 - f. Q: how many officers are you down to:
 - g. A: under 100, but authorized for 105, down ghat 97 or 98, some recruits in police academy
 - h. Q: how many in a shift
 - i. A: day shift (7am - 7:30pm), night shift 7pm-7:30am, city is broken down into 4 geographical areas
 - j. 2 officers per unit per district
 - k. Q: Rich: attended citizen's police academy, fabulous opportunity, is it happening again?
 - l. A: probably; closer to end of summer, nothing definitive yet; try to not do too many

5. Treasurer's report
 - a. \$3396.27 in account
 - b. We transferred account from One West to Chase due to minimum balance requirement, to avoid \$15/month
 - c. Checks need to be made to Culver Crest Neighborhood Association, not CCNA
 - d. Used to collect optional dues of \$60/year
 - e. We now have items that we need to fund
 - i. 10 year anniversary block party (and to highlight the Crest Emergency Prep Program)
 - ii. the Emergency Prep Program
 - iii. grants to El Rincon Elementary, as it is our footprint school, and the better it is, the better our property values are
 - f. Therefore, the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association has restarted its donation program and we now ask our members to make a suggested contribution of \$60.00 or in whatever amount they wish. Fifty percent (50%) of all contributions received after this meeting, until voted otherwise by the board, shall be allocated to support the Crest's ongoing emergency preparedness program.
6. Emergency Preparedness
 - a. program spearheaded by leaders in our neighborhood
 - b. designated emergency prep captains on each block of our crest
 - c. Develop protocols in case of an emergency
 - d. Mike Bauer, Suzanne De Benedittis, or Ron Ostrin can be contacted if you wish to contribute
 - e. Show'n'tell: a 55 gallon drum that can store water long term
 - i. every household should have water, food, light, tools, etc.
 - f. group preparedness, first item is walkie-talkies for the emergency prep captains in case of a prolonged grid failure
 - g. divided the crest into over 20 different zones, each street will have a captain, good portion have already gone through CERT training, most on the board and most of the block captains will be CERT trained over the next few months
 - h. Laurie Romanak: Barrel came from Costco, \$120, flyers available; comes with water pump, filters, you should replace the water every year; \$120 includes delivery
 - i. aiming to do group purchases
 - j. Q: will it hold the water for 5 years
 - k. A: yes (with treatment), but it's recommended to replace the water every year (water the garden with it when you refill it!)
 - l. Q: rodents chew through it?
 - m. A: not on ours so far, says John Romanak
7. Candidates Forum
 - a. Candidates for Culver City City Council

- i. Christopher King, Jim Clarke, Jeff Cooper, Gary Abrams
 - b. – no notes taken –
- 8. Adjourned