

Culver Crest Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the General Meeting September 18, 2012

Board members present: Khin Khin Gyi, Jill McKeon, Steve Reitzfeld, Rich Kissel, Mike Bauer, Wena Dows, Rosie LaBriola, Antoine Durr

Board advisors present: John Kuechle,

1. Call to order: 6:50pm, hello and welcome by Khin Khin Gyi
2. Treasurer's report: \$4200
 - a. Expenses for meetings, e.g. signs, food
 - b. taking suggestions on how to spend money!
3. Neighborhood Watch
 - a. Lt. Iizuka, Culver City Police Department
 - b. CCPD had open house, thank you for attending
 - c. Crime stats:
 - i. Part 1, reported to state, e.g. robbery, homicide, arson, burglary, theft, car theft, aggravated assault
 - ii. Part 2, not reported, identity theft, simple assaults
 - iii. Part 1: Jan-Sep, 11 part 1 crimes, incl. car and residential burglary, car break-in on Cranks, petty theft on Flaxton, robbery on Galvin, garage burglary on Whitburn
 - d. Lock and secure homes, don't offer a crime of opportunity
 - e. Solicitors are often casing houses
 - f. Distraction burglaries, one guy will knock on door while second guy goes around back; demand ID and Culver City business license
 - g. Emergency preparedness, water, food, supplies; don't keep it in garage, as it may be destroyed in an earthquake
 - h. Lindberg Park neighborhood has a NERT program
 - i. Culver City Blackboard Connect, a sort-of reverse 911 setup to notify residents of urgent events
 - j. culvercitypd.org, NIXLE system nixle.com
 - k. Q: Are red light cameras are still active? A: yes, still active, program is productive, and has resulted in decrease in injury collisions
4. Vice Mayor Jeff Cooper and Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells
 - a. AQMD had all day symposium on hydraulic fracturing; folks from DOGGR attended, plus industry and environmentalists; City attorney and head of public works represented Culver City
 - b. Measure Y
 - i. Attempting to get budget under control since 2008, early retirement, renegotiating labor contracts, cutting general expenditures by up to \$7m

- ii. We've cut what can be cut without impacting services in a substantial way
- iii. Without further revenue, we're at a juncture where city operations will be distinctly impacted
- iv. Previous councils have really taken time to pare down expenses; many attended budget workshops soliciting public input on options for cuts and revenue
- v. Since May, council voted unanimously to put a ½ cent sales tax measure onto Nov. 6 ballot. Sales tax will expire in 10 years.
- vi. In the next few months, will create a public advisory committee on city's finances, to keep community involved with revenue issues, efficiency concerns, etc.
- vii. If we don't pass Measure Y in November, we will have to cut services.
- viii. Jeff Cooper: many different items on ballot in Nov. will be requesting money; actually did polling on whether ½ or ¾ cent is more palatable; will affect residents and non-residents alike
- ix. Renegotiating medical benefits with employees, retirement pensions
- x. 80 fewer employees than 1 year ago
- xi. State removed redevelopment agencies, ours included, causing loss between \$6m to \$7m;
- xii. People expect high level of service, e.g. police response time, which is exemplary
- xiii. Intention is to replace monies we lost by loss of redevelopment agency
- xiv. Q: could the CC Measure Y flyer (which contains no advocacy) be sent out by CCNA?
- xv. Looking for endorsement from our neighborhood association
- xvi. Fundraise: this Friday evening, happy hour at Joxter Daily's, looking for donations to help the campaign
- xvii. Lawn signs, ads, to get the information out there and educate people on this measure
- xviii. Q: why 10 years A: 5 years wasn't enough time to make a difference; emergency funds will be depleted within 2-4 years
- xix. Measure has Chamber of Commerce support!
- xx. When you start cutting services, things start to fall apart, and you stop having a business friendly atmosphere
- xxi. Q: how do you figure that ½ cent = \$6m or \$7m? A: looks at tax revenues from last several years
- xxii. Q: have you factored discouragement, e.g. going to LA Target vs. one in CC? A: polls indicated that ½ cent was not discouraging. Even cities that raised it a whole cent, there was limited noticeable impact

5. CERT, Michael Landau

- a. Informal poll about having taken CERT:

- b. CERT is Community Emergency Response Team, opportunity to be self reliant in case of major disaster
 - i. Provide for self and family for 3+ days
 - c. Though Katrina is an example of where things can take much longer
 - d. Class is held 3x per year, next available class is in March
culvercitycert.org or via culvercity.org
 - e. Michael helps train the medical operations, first aid, splint, head to toe assessment; fire suppression; search and rescue, go into building that's somewhat unsafe to help find victims and bring them out; how to lift a heavy object (cribbing, training tool is a big concrete chunk from Santa Monica freeway); then last Saturday is drill of putting it all together; ham radio operators are also super useful, and will always get through if you have battery power
 - f. Being a member of CERT, different activities throughout the year, Dec. 7th drill; California Shakeout, not just about having 'OK' signs in windows
 - g. First aid training at Eco Station
 - h. Q: hours involved: A: 22-25 hours total over a Tuesday evening and 3 Saturdays
 - i. City is divided into 3 districts, corresponding to fire stations; each district has 3 groups
 - j. The Lindbergh park have really come together in their own group, are super well organized; difficulty is we're hilly vs. on a flat area where it's easier to get together
 - k. CERT has 3 districts, within each district there are blocks of neighbors called NERT (neighborhood), and then BERTs (business in area like Raintree)
 - l. Q: minimum age to attend: A: 16
 - m. Anyone can contribute; intent is to take you out of need category and into the asset category
 - n. Red Cross is not involved, it's supported by the fire fighters of Culver City
6. PXP / CAP update by John Kuechle
- a. John is co-chair of the CAP, the Community Advisory Panel, meets on 4th Thurs. of month
 - b. New drilling plan is open for comments available
 - i. www.inglewoodoilfield.com
 - c. Has made many comments that have impacted what PXP does
 - d. 49 new wells planned, more than they've ever drilled; settlement agreement entitled them to some bonus wells based on good behavior
 - e. they've drilled 16 so far this year
 - f. most critical item is (as result of settlement) had to do a study of fracking, which is then to be reviewed by independent consultant
 - g. Oct. 15th is date of annual PXP meeting
 - i. 6:30pm Knotts Presbyterian, they will be bringing specialists, good time to ask super technical questions

- h. Q: didn't settlement agreement trade capping/abandoning for new drillings? A: Ken Kutcher and John pushed for that originally, but it got removed from ordinance, as very few wells are ever truly abandoned
 - i. Q: suggest/encourage board to pass a resolution to express desire that city pass a ban on fracking, that state pass a ban on fracking A: board needs more information what this implies/entail; we can add this to the next meeting's agenda
 - j. State voted it down; proposed legislature bill that did not pass
 - k. Intent is to show community support for banning fracking
 - l. Result of conference is on AQMD website
 - m. Discussion of fracking, webinar
 - n. Q: this seems like a job for a subcommittee
 - o. Q: no question that sending out information about what's happening next door, but let's make sure that the information is relevant to what's happening next door
 - i. Ron Ostrin will head the subcommittee, John Kuechle will be part of it
7. New Business:
- a. Measure Y: should we send out information? Discuss, agree or not agree to endorse? We have a history of endorsing specific items on rare occasions.
 - b. Concern about redesignation of large portion of Culver Crest being in a Very High Level Fire hazard zone.
8. Minutes approved, motion made, seconded, passed.
9. Meeting Adjourned 8:37pm.