

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Culver Crest Neighborhood Association</b> <b>Minutes of the General Meeting February 26, 2013</b></p>
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Board Members present: Ron Ostrin, Kyle Jones, Antoine Durr, Howard Lichtman, Khin Khin Gyi, Suzanne De Benedittis, Wena Dows, Mike Bauer, Rich Kissel

Board Advisors present: Rosie LaBriola, John Kuechle

Board Members absent: none

1. Call to order 7:11pm, approx. 35+ neighbors in attendance
2. Minutes from previous general meeting approved
3. Treasurer's report:
  - a. Balance of \$4225.34
  - b. Approximately \$400 in expenses since then
  - c. Dues being deferred, as we are exploring what dues might be for
  - d. What might we need contributions for?
  - e. Working on getting EIN number for our organization, will follow up with that in near future
4. Neighborhood Watch report, Lt. Ron Iizuka
  - a. Lt. Iizuka is department spokesperson, in charge of red light camera program, terrorism unit, and city council liaison, amongst many other roles
  - b. Disaster preparedness is a huge looming issue; not a matter of **if**, but of **when**
  - c. If major earthquake, they're not a comin', as they'll be busy dealing with higher priority issues, i.e. don't expect timely emergency services
  - d. Since January, only one crime, burglary on Flaxton last week, got in through an open window
  - e. Lock cars, criminals are opportunists, looking for easy targets
  - f. Encourage you to call if you see someone suspicious
  - g. Q: had incident on Jan 20, officers came out there on Esterina, 2 officers pulled up, it was nighttime, lights flashing, lots of excitement, given what's happening in our city, how can we help you better identify correct suspects? Call had come in from neighbor that someone was soliciting in the neighborhood
  - h. A: as police officers, we don't have a crystal ball; if someone calls that there's someone suspicious, get as much detail as possible, description, male/female, white, black, Asian; we are taught to take control of a situation, so may get overbearing at times, and if acting without precise information, may cast an overly wide net; very hard to determine friend or foe in an instant; CCPD does not do racial profiling, but ask someone who's completely new at policing to determine the correct approach in a split second; sometimes it's not

correct. Definitely ask for a supervisor if situation goes in a way that is not desired.

- i. Q: Ron, every time you have more jobs, how many officers left in CC
  - j. A: 106, down from a high of 134; similar to other communities; have 10 vacancies, not enough qualified candidates as they can't get past the background check; out of 100 candidate they hire maybe one or two
  - k. Q: Old police chief used to issue concealed carry permits, new one not any more and Sheriff's department is now in charge
  - l. A: Is darn near impossible
  - m. Q: Is there any political will to overrule this approach?
  - n. A: Is in Sheriff Baca's hands
  - o. Q: Does carrying help law enforcement?
  - p. A: no answer; guns hurt and kill people;
  - q. Q: People who come around to sell stuff need a permit, but do folks who are getting signatures/money for a petition?
  - r. A: No; but if you're not comfortable, call CCPD; municipal code is on the web
  - s. Q: what is response time:
  - t. A: upwards of 3 minutes
5. Sidney Kamlager, Holly Mitchell's representative representing the 54th district paid a surprise visit
- a. Have not been here in a while, say *hello*, give us a call if you have any issues at the state level
  - b. 5 staff members in addition to Assemblymember
  - c. Have put together a survey, state went through a redistricting process, have new boundaries and new numbers, want to welcome ourselves to the new communities in the 54<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Couple of events: March is women's month, opportunity to talk about health
  - e. Feb 28 6-7 Healthcare reform tele-townhall
  - f. March 6 7-9 at tom bradley family center Healthcare reform and small business
  - g. Workshops designed to cover issues like cost containment, tax credits, etc.
  - h. March 16 Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Breast cancer screenings, March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Q: is the survey available online?
  - j. A: No, but we could, but we're trying to get them back asap
  - k. Feb 22 was last day to introduce bills, and the Assemblymember has 12 bills that she's authoring and/or co-authoring, but will be putting forth a bill on fracking
  - l. Don't have any actually bill language, as 22nd was last day to get the bill placeholder serial number, e.g. AB122, then fill in details shortly thereafter

- m. Last session, all bills she sent were signed, ergo 100% record!! Is now seen as Messiah of bills, and hence being bombarded, even from folks outside the 54<sup>th</sup>
  - n. 310/342-1070 is office number;
6. Emergency Preparedness:
- a. Failing to prepare is preparing to fail (John Wooden)
  - b. Educate what you can personally do as an individual to be prepared
  - c. Begin discussions: as a community if we want to develop some community resources, and if you want to have CCNA devote some resources towards that
  - d. Nothing happens with ideas, need action, hoping that some of you are interested in helping out
  - e. Have formed a subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness
  - f. Presenters:
    - i. Christine Parra, emergency preparedness coordinator for CC Fire Department
    - ii. Michael Landau, neighbor, CERT
    - iii. Dr. Ira Diamond, coordinator of Lindbergh park disaster plan, have model program that we may want to emulate
    - iv. Vendors were not able to attend
7. Christine Parra, CCFD:
- a. Daytime population of almost 100,000 but 40,000 residents
  - b. 18 firefighters at any given time
  - c. When the big one happens, doesn't it make sense to have a plan in place
  - d. There might be key service providers living in neighborhood
  - e. In disaster, community is going to be extended family
  - f. What does the city do in a disaster? Example is a 7.8 earthquake that lasts for 2 minutes
  - g. Activate emergency operations center, recall staff to support whatever needs are
  - h. First responders are going to do a windshield survey
  - i. Every single piece of apparatus will begin a drive through district, each through pre-designated routes; looking only, taking inventory of the city (situational awareness) get big picture
  - j. Hope to have half the staff in there, and start sending out resources; resources will be depleted fast, and call in for mutual aid; LA County for operational help
  - k. Will not be able to stop for injuries, first priority is to get the assessment done
  - l. Practice during the annual October drill
  - m. Q: How long does the windshield survey take?
  - n. A: About an hour assuming no mobility issues
  - o. Q: Both police and fire?
  - p. A: yes
  - q. Q: did it happen during Northridge quake?

- r. A: yes
  - s. City has 3 Red Cross approved shelters: senior center, vet memorial, teen center (all near Overland and Culver)
  - t. Curfews may be implemented
  - u. Different scenarios e.g. zombies ;- ) are practiced using incident command system
  - v. Info to citizens: cable channel 35, local a.m. station 1690, website, city has Facebook account, twitter account, and emergency notification (reverse 911) black board connect;
  - w. Handout: how to put together a family disaster plan; disaster supply kit;
  - x. Having a communication plan
  - y. Personal workplace disaster kit, duplicate in car, as you might be at home, in car, or at work if a disaster hits
  - z. If you have a listed phone number, you are already in our database; recommend you put your cel, email, etc. into the database
  - aa. Kits can be assembled from things at 99c store, but kits can also be purchased pre-assembled, have gotten many things at costco.com
  - bb. Water preparation
  - cc. Q: have 40 gallon poly barrel fed from rainwater, plus purification; organization on Westside will install it for you
  - dd. This is the value of community organization; ability of each of us to contribute is a powerful force to organize us
  - ee. CCNA started 9 years ago, Ron only had the idea, Mark Salkin provided the force to launch it
8. Dr. Michael Landau, our CERT representative
- a. Certizens!
  - b. Joel Falter with Culver City CERT, is vice president of CERT, VP or ham radio group, instructor of CERT class
  - c. SHIFT happens!
    - i. Understand why you need to prepare
    - ii. Get you thinking about risks
    - iii. Encourage you to implement a personal plan at home and at work
    - iv. Stop procrastinating
  - d. No water for 8 days in Chatsworth after Northridge earthquake
  - e. All neighbors stood in line 2-3 hours to get water from Sparkletts, he had a 55 gallon drum
  - f. Everyone is at risk of becoming a victim of an earthquake
  - g. Not if, but when, in next 30 years
  - h. We are long overdue, major earthquake anytime now
  - i. Most people are not prepared
  - j. 7.8 on Southern San Andreas fault, shaking lasts for 3+ minutes, that is 15 times longer than Northridge (which was 15-18 seconds)
  - k. I5, I10, I15, SR-14 will be cut off
  - l. 101 is only one that does not cross San Andreas

- m. 600,000 buildings may be damaged, 1600 fires
- n. Water distribution system will take 6 months to repair
- o. L.A. basin traps earthquake waves, as well as Oxnard area, due to seismic geometry underneath
- p. Magnitude is energy at epicenter of earthquake, intensity is what you get where you are, very dependent
- q. La Cienega is swamp, soft sand, very soft ground, lots of shaking
- r. Who are you going to call? 911!?!? Good luck! No phones
- s. In Chatsworth, windshield survey didn't happen until 2nd or 3rd day
- t. First responders will be very slow
- u. Family plans are set up to depend on me, and me only
- v. Damage is predictable and preventable
- w. Disaster plan: 7 steps
  - i. identify hazards
  - ii. create a plan
  - iii. assemble disaster supplies kit
  - iv. identify home/office for safety weaknesses and fix them
  - v. protect yourself during an eq - drop, cover, and hold on
  - vi. check for injuries
  - vii. when safe, implement your plan
- x. Time change twice a year is a great time to check supplies, etc.
- y. Know where utility shutoffs are, gas valve, water valve
- z. Might have to shut off water due to leak or to contamination compromise
- aa. Fire departments recommend not shutting off if there is no imminent danger, as turning your gas on by yourself is not condoned (due to failing to light pilot lights, etc.) which could create greater danger
- bb. Q: Recommend earthquake gas earthquake valve
- cc. A: Yes; older
- dd. Q: If earthquake, does gas company leave gas pressure on?
- ee. A: gas will be left on, as they don't know where leaks might be; shutting off is a major undertaking
- ff. A: likewise with electricity, not shut off intentionally
- gg. Know where your electrical panels are
- hh. Have many fire extinguishers, triple rated (ABC) check them regularly, turn it upside down, shake it a bit to make sure powder inside is distributed
- ii. Identify dangers inside the house
  - i. beds under windows (glass cutting you)
  - ii. heavy objects over your bed
  - iii. unsecured bookcases and content
  - iv. unlatched cabinets
  - v. flammable materials
  - vi. unsecured large/heavy items next to doors
- jj. Fix or do now:

- i. secure your hot water heater (secured on studs, not the drywall!)
  - ii. secure cabinet doors with latches (useful not just for small children) every dish and glass will most likely end up broken
  - iii. relocate flammable materials/detergents to low safe areas
  - iv. don't put detergent bottles on shelves, this big bottles of Tide, and cap snaps off, and all gallons will spill
  - v. move large heavy objects away from doors
  - vi. keep a pair of shoes tied to the foot of your bed (#1 injury were cut feet)
  - vii. put a flashlight and whistle in them (very powerful way to attract attention)
- kk. Be prepared to be on your own for at least 72 hours, a week is a lot more likely
- ll. At minimum, have:
  - i. water at 3 gallons per person per day
  - ii. non-perishable food for you and your pets
  - iii. extra medication, personal hygiene supplies, extra eyeglasses
  - iv. flashlight, portable radio, extra batteries
  - v. first aid supplies, trash bags for sanitation
  - vi. small tools, wrench, can opener
  - vii. fire extinguishers
  - viii. cash
- mm. Swimming pool water is non potable -- drink it and it will do irreversible damage to your kidneys and health and once the filtration system stops after 7 or 8 days, water will become tainted
- nn. Water storage: 50 gallon drums of water; buy water in 5 gallon sizes as long as the container is designed for long term storage (2.5 gallon at supermarket has 6-8 month shelf life)
- oo. store water in garage off the cement as cement reacts with the plastic
- pp. when you buy water storage systems, come with purification chemicals, good for 5 years
- qq. Your emergency plan should include:
  - i. what to do after an eq - where do you meet
  - ii. out of state contacts
  - iii. family medical history
  - iv. scan important documents and keep on a flash drive
  - v. keep your supplies in a sealed sturdy containers
  - vi. check your supplies twice a year
  - vii. revisit and revise your plan annually
- rr. During an earthquake:
  - i. stay CALM
  - ii. do not run out of building
  - iii. drop cover and hold on
  - iv. do not use stairs or elevator
  - v. if outside, one away from building, trees and power lines

- vi. if driving, try and pull over and stay in your car
- vii. pay attention to what is going on around you
- ss. Remain calm:
  - i. check yourself and others for injuries
  - ii. assess your surroundings - smell gas or smoke
  - iii. get ready for aftershocks
  - iv. evacuate if necessary or told to by officials
  - v. seek medical help for serious injuries
  - vi. do not make unnecessary calls
  - vii. never enter or re-enter a heavily damaged building
  - viii. never attempt to put out a large fire

9. Ira Glass of the Lindbergh park

- a. Taking it to next level, neighborhood wide disaster plan
- b. Neighborhoods that are organized had have a plan survive much better than neighborhoods that do not, thus 2 years ago, Lindbergh park developed a plan, knowing they'd be on their own,
- c. Only resources they'd have access to were resources within their own neighborhood
- d. Would not have normal means of communications - had to think of something else
- e. Developed a disaster committee (7 people, dr., nurse, CERT trained individual)
- f. Divided neighborhood into geographic areas, made 25 block captains and 25 alternates
- g. They know their neighbors that are potentially at need, e.g. elderly, handicapped
- h. Communication packet pre-created, with activation instructions
- i. Find out what resources exist within neighborhood
- j. Network of medical professionals (Lindbergh park has 4 neurologists!)
- k. Disaster medical supplies, now you have to think about it for the community
- l. Needed about \$1000 of medical supplies, had big fundraiser, 7 garage sales!
- m. Vacuum packed and dated them, into mobile suitcases
- n. Established disaster entertainment: need a lot of support personnel, babysitters, calming people down, just to be with people
- o. LA County dept. of health is in 3 year pilot program neighborhood resiliency
- p. Q: How many times did you meet to create your plan?
- q. A: Happy to share! Met quite a few times
- r. Q: Population in Lindbergh park?
- s. A: 500 homes; we also have issues with topography here in Culver Crest
- t. Q: When did you start planning process
- u. A: More than 2 years ago

10. CERT class starts March 5th, has 6 openings, another one in June/July
  - a. Don't get paralyzed with inaction - start with some cans of food and some water supplies, and go from there
  - b. Subcommittee is Suzanne, Howard, Rosie, and Susan Bunten
  - c. Sister Veronica of Marycrest Manor has taken the CERT class, recommends it highly
  - d. We need volunteers for our emergency preparedness subcommittee
  - e. leverage the work the Lindbergh Park group has done
11. Adjourned: 9:19pm