

# Culver Crest Neighborhood Association

## Minutes of the General Meeting January 21, 2014

Board Members Present:, Khin Khin Gyi, Mike Bauer, Suzanne DeBenedittis, Kyle Jones, Howard Lichtman, Ron Ostrin, Rich Kissel, Wena Dows, Antoine Durr.

Board Advisors Present: John Kuechle, Rosie La Briola, Mayor Jeff Cooper

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ron Ostrin, 25+ attendees

1. Neighborhood Watch:

- a. Lt. Allen Azran: Traffic Division CCPD Senior Lead Officer.
- b. Introduced himself in his new position and gave contact info 310-253-6258 and [allen.azran@culvercity.org](mailto:allen.azran@culvercity.org)
- c. Reported that the only crime was a theft of computer equipment from an automobile but not specifically known if it happened on the Crest or at the Mall previously. There was also a possibility of a tampered window screen although not a break-in.

2. West Los Angeles College

- a. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh President, West LA College gave a presentation of the revised master plan.
- b. Now 2 years on the job, he announced the April 19th Open House and celebration of the opening of the new Walking Track.
- c. Also discussed the Storm Water Reclamation Project
- d. College Blvd almost completed, revised bus routes to the center and not around perimeter.
- e. Attendance is up 5% and the school has been re-accredited.
- f. There is a new master plan which includes all curriculum as well as facilities. The building moratorium was lifted and soon construction will begin on the revised plan to match the buildings to accommodate the new curriculum plan for the future needs of the students away from the trades towards technology jobs, sound and video production.
- g. 16% reduction in construction.
- h. 2014-2017 projects are fully funded.
- i. Aviation curriculum remains the same.
- j. NE campus excavation for large building has been re-purposed as the building plan was cancelled due to change in curriculum. The site will become an outdoor amphitheater for public use.
- k. Although designed to direct sound towards campus, there was a concern about noise by CCNA members. There is also an indoor/outdoor dance studio planned, a remodel of the Student and Welcome Center. The Math/Science building is being remodeled. A warehouse is planned near the entrance mostly for plant nursery.

- l. The fire reported on campus was actually not on college property, but was on the Overlook Park property bordering the Oil Field property.
- m. no plan to develop or sell empty land ; not part of master plan and not really part of the college
- n. handout: WLAC construction projects

### 3. Emergency Prep

- a. Captains: Suzanne De Benedittis reports on progress of the Crest emergency response program.
- b. About 30 people from the crest are now CERT trained, which teaches you what to do with your family in case of emergency; another 20 or so have committed to participating
- c. 20 blocks each has CERT trained Captain and some co-captains also in place.
- d. Next step to train the Captains to set meeting locations on blocks and procedure to meet during emergency.
- e. Emergency supply bags also discussed as well as resident surveys.
- f. City is divided into 3 districts (we are district 3) (which matches the 3 fire stations). In CERT we have a meeting spot where we rally once self and neighbors are taken care of.
- g. Carlsson park for district 1, Tellefson for 2, Lindbergh for 3. Each spot has resources available.
- h.
- i. Q: why is our assembly point for district 3 in Lindbergh park?
  - i. A: more central, radio communication easier, better accessibility, meeting room, large open area made more sense. Tellefson park for District 2. Decided to spread things out.
- j. John Romanak talked to water co. two large tanks in event of no electricity. for Culver Crest, pump house on Ranch and Bernardo, driven by natural gas engine (assuming gas but no electricity). Just bernardo is gas, Ranch is electric, has an unconnected generator. It's piped in natural gas, in major eq not likely to work
- k. Emergency prep captains are there to help coordinate resources to needs, and keep officials apprised of the Crest's status.
- l. Board has not asked for dues for over a year now, but will most likely do so again soon to fund emergency preparedness efforts.
- m. Rich Kissel: regarding water issue: in CERT class, if water is cutoff, water heaters are usable as fresh water resources. You can shut off at house and use the untainted water in the water heaters. What would happen in emergency? CCFD claims enough pressure even if power out. Only if multiple fires would water pressure drop
- n. Emergency prep captains acknowledged, almost a dozen!

### 4. Oil Fields:

- a. Thursday is next CAP meeting at kenneth Hahn park, to discuss So Cal Edison's delving into the

### 5. CCNA By Laws:

- a. By Law changes: outline of the changes to stagger the terms of board members
  - b. Staggered terms for members of board of directors, terms are now 2 years long
  - c. This will help organization have continuity to not have 9 board members up for election every year
  - d. After that, 5 members up for re-election, then 4 the following year
  - e. CCNA formed almost 10 years ago, created a united voice for our neighborhood, for example it gives someone for the mayor of Culver City to contact
6. New Business
- a. Skunks: illegal to trap and transport skunks
  - b. only legal remedy is to call an exterminator/pest control professional, they can trap it and transport it to a county kill facility
7. Elections
- a. Nominations from the floor: John Romanak
  - b. Nominees introduced themselves.
  - c. Mark Salkin announced new board members: Mike Bauer, Suzanne DeBenedittis, Kyle Jones, Howard Lichtman, Ron Ostrin, Rich Kissel, Wena Dows, Antoine Durr, John Romanak
    - i. Top 4 vote-getters to serve for two year terms: Rich Kissel, John Romanak, Howard Lichtman/Antoine Durr
8. Miscellaneous:
- a. Culver City Council Candidates Christopher King and Jeff Cooper introduced themselves
  - b. Christopher King
    - i. 9 year CC resident in fox hills, running for city council
    - ii. business owner, CPK mortgage residential and commercial mortgage brokerage
  - c. Jeff Cooper
    - i. Has been on council for last 4 years, solving our economic woes, renegotiated contracts, no more lifetime medical benefits for city council members
9. Closing
- a. Candidates forum is next, on March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Poll to gauge interest in Neighborhood Watch signs
  - c. Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.