

Culver Crest Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the General Meeting October 20, 2015
El Rincon Elementary Cafetorium

Board Members Present: Antoine Durr, Troy Jackson, Howard Lichtman, Rich Kissel, Margarita Chie, John Romanak, Jill McKeon

Board Members Not Present: Vivian Lesny, Ron Greenspan,

Board Advisors Present: John Kuechle

1. Call to order: 7:23pm
2. Introduction by Rich Kissel
 - a. Introduced current board members
 - b. Publicity through nextdoor.culvercrest.org
 - c. Flyer for free flu shots
 - d. Marycrest Manor (a skilled care nursing facility) is one of our partners for hosting these meetings
3. Oil Fields update
 - a. No new wells drilled in 2015
 - b. 53 wells proposed for 2016, unlikely to be drilled given current oil pricing
 - c. Can't bank the permits from year to year
 - d. Monthly meeting for CAP is this Thursday
4. Other New Business
 - a. Meeting protesting LAX overflights, 11-12 at Culver City's City Hall Saturday October 24th
5. New Principal for El Rincon Elementary, Dr. Shannon Garcia
 - a. moved here from San Diego with two kids
 - b. we have \$100k science labs here at El Rincon
 - c. background is STEM, BS from Cal Poly
 - d. science interest is developed at elementary level
 - e. robotics starting within a couple of months
 - f. new math program called Bridges, cognitively guided instruction
 - g. have an amazing arts program, jazz, theater, choir, so actually a STEAM school, not just a STEM school.
6. Neighborhood Watch: Culver City Police Department Lt. Sam Agaiby
 - a. community relations
 - b. community outreach and partnership, via social media
 - c. NIXLE local.nixle.com/culver-city-police-department — alerts about events
 - d. smart911.com
 - e. facebook.com/culvercitypolicedepartment
 - f. twitter.com/culver-citypd

- g. citizen's police academy
 - h. culvercitypd.org
 - i. crimemapping.com (CC has partnered with neighboring agencies to map crime statistics)
 - j. coffee with a cop, way to talk to officers in an informal setting
 - k. coyotes: do not approach
 - l. not much crime in Culver Crest: a couple of burglaries, sept 14, burglary on Cranks Rd.
 - m. crimemapping.com also lists fraud, e.g. identity theft
 - i. don't throw personal information into trash
 - ii. they even grab mail out of mailbox
 - n. Q: will calling 911 on cel phone reach CCPD or LAPD?
 - o. A: a lot of improvements on 911 calls from cel phones to make sure that they go to the nearest agency based on cel towers
7. School Board Candidates Forum
- a. Kelly Kent, Scott McVarish, Anne Burke
 - b. Ari Noonan from Front Page Online covering the debate, acknowledged for service to community
 - c. Ron Ostrin is moderator
 - d. for questions, up to 90 seconds to respond to question
 - e. Culver City's schools are a huge part of what makes Culver City what it is
8. Candidate: Anne Burke
- a. lived in CC for 7 years, originally from Boston, moved to CA in 2000
 - b. two kids in elementary at El Marino
 - c. was in the tech industry, project manager and business analyst
 - d. college: UMass Amherst
9. Candidate: Kelly Kent
- a. originally: feel like a New Yorker, come full circle as born in Bellflower, out here as an adult in 2005
 - b. came for grad school at USC in neuroscience, starting from Columbia
 - c. is now a professor, teach in Simi Valley, and at Antioch
 - d. want to make education consulting her professional business
 - e. 2 kids, one in Lynn Howe, other in preschool, parents and grandparents live next door
10. Candidate Scott McVarish
- a. originally from L.A., born and raised, Granada Hills, moved to westside at 18
 - b. moved to CC about 8 years ago, chose CC for the elementary schools
 - c. is an immigration attorney for almost 17 years, law school at UCLA (plus undergrad and grad school in public policy)
11. Questions for the candidates (responses not recorded)
- a. what would draw more parents/students to El Rincon?
 - b. why do you want to be a school board member?
 - c. repair or repurpose the natatorium?

- d. ideas about improving the trade school options for non-college tracked students
 - e. what are the most important issues affecting our students' learning?
 - f. what are your qualifications for managing all the bond monies?
 - g. do you have any thoughts on school security and safety? Are they safe? Could they be safer?
 - h. Closing statements
12. Adjourned: 8:43pm