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, 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