

Culver Crest Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the General Meeting November 16, 2016
El Rincon Elementary Cafetorium

Board members present: Antoine Durr, Jill McKeon, Rob Greenspan, Margarita Chie, Howard Lichtman, John Romanak, Rich Kissel

Board members not present: Mike Doyle

Board advisors present: Ron Ostrin

25-30 neighbors present

1. Call to order: approx. 6:45 (secretary not present)
2. Golden State Water
 - a. Gave presentation about operations (secretary missed first 15 minutes)
 - b. putting in a new water main, brand new water pipe, new feed for hydrants
 - i. Q: will it increase water pressure?
 - ii. A: Probably stay the same
 - c. They do pressure testing at end of project. Current pipes are 4" and 6", replacing it all with 8"
 - i. Q: Is this full amount that you would like to have done, or were there cutbacks?
 - ii. A: as with other municipalities, water infrastructure is very old; we try to come up with 3 year plan to replace the mains that are oldest/most deserving, have lots of leaks. In 3 year plan we do "everything" that we schedule
 - iii. Q: for street repair, you patch, are you responsible for replacing entire street?
 - iv. A: we just redo trench
 - v. Q: material you're using, is it more resistant to earthquakes?
 - vi. A: using PVC, has very good resistance to EQ, unlike older pipes which are more brittle
 - vii. Q: Is new material more resistant to tree roots?
 - viii. A: older pipes are in sidewalk, newer pipes are more down middle of street so roots aren't such an issue
 - ix. Q: Whitburn has some places that have periodic leaks; will new pipes make older smaller pipes break?
 - x. A: newer pipes, given that they're 8", will ease the pressure
 - xi. Q: what is water pressure supposed to be to residence
 - xii. A: 40-120 is spec'ed range, CC lower on top of hill, 70-80 is target

- xiii. Q: we get water quality reports; how much of that kind of testing gets done in neighborhoods like ours? The taste is not the same that it used to be
- xiv. A: just finished series of lead and copper samples throughout the city, all well below thresholds/levels
- xv. A: will get some water quality improvement, as older cast iron has tubercles that bust loose; PVC will never have that as it has no metal to break down
- xvi. A: source of water is 100% metropolitan water district sourced; years ago we had wells as well. We do have a couple of working wells for standby, e.g. disaster
- xvii. A: don't let people get sick or town burn down, so standby wells are for emergency fire
- xviii. Q: how have conservation efforts gone?
- xix. A: City of CC met most of reduction targets, 16% reduction vs. most other areas at 8% or 9%

3. CC public works:

- a. Charles Herbertson is director of public works and city engineers
- b. Mate Gaspar is engineering services manager
- c. <http://www.culvercity.org/city-hall/city-government/city-departments/public-works>
- d. Regarding Golden State Water Co.'s repiping on the Crest:
 - i. they will put down temporary paving after they replace water lines
 - ii. that's not the permanent paving -- they put that in until they get enough of project done
 - iii. then they do the final repaving that's neater and smoother, and city will inspect and sign off on it
 - iv. but there is that period of time where there is a lot of temporary paving, e.g. right now 'til early next year
- e. Mate: painting projects:
 - i. since 2008 the city has paved about 80% of streets on the Crest – this was after city spent money replacing sewer lines
 - ii. Federal Government requires every agency that receives federal funds to have each street rated on scale of 0-100
- f. Streets that are left:
 - i. Esterina (35, will be done Jan-March timeframe after GSW is done)
 - ii. Youngworht, Hill, and Ranch
 - iii. Measure M passed, so CC will see an influx of about \$0.5M for paving
 - iv. Linda way (46)
 - v. Ranch is most heavily travelled street on Crest
 - vi. lower RanchTtellefson junction -- many outpourings from neighbors of places that need work!
- g. major digression onto subject of Coyotes

- i. Marycrest is private property, we can reach out to them
- h. X-mas tree disposal:
 - i. doing things a bit different this year w/holiday trees
 - ii. you can still cut up your xmas tree and put it in green bin
 - iii. 4 different drop-off locations for disposing of trees, located at the major parks within CC
 - iv. Q: can we no longer leave trees out on first two trash collection days after holidays?
 - v. A: no, a separate collector has to go out as normal trash collection is automated, i.e. only handles the regular bins
- i. bike and pedestrian initiative:
 - i. city has bicycle and pedestrian master plan, will be updated next year
 - ii. looking at possible connection between downtown and expo station, e.g. dedicated bike route, something /other/ than cars!
 - iii. Overland Blvd: a lot of concern about traffic, crossing the street, etc.
 - 1. doing a traffic study, what would happen if we did a "road diet", i.e. reduce the # of lanes and put in some protected bike lanes, e.g. 1 lane in each direction + bike lane,
 - 2. i.e. go from thoroughfare to a residential feel street? What is the traffic impact? Studying it currently, but any change is pretty far away
 - 3. Q: does a road diet increase/or decrease traffic, or more specifically, increase congestion?
 - 4. A: it forces traffic to seek alternate routes
 - 5. Q: why flashing red instead of signal?
 - 6. A: community wants it, though traffic level definitely supports having a signal there; community is trying to avoid having it as a thoroughfare
 - 7. Q: back when we had the slope slippage, we lost Tellefson as a throughway, so Ranch was the only way to get up the Crest; at that time it was agreed to redstripe part of the parking in front of Ron Ostrin's house, was indicated as temporary, but the red striping is still there.
 - 8. A: will make note to look/correct
 - 9. Q: after all the construction is done, the entire crest needs restriping, e.g. stop lines, 'STOP' on street, etc.

4. Elections:

- a. 4 open seats
- b. Candidates are: Margarita Chie (incumbent), Rob Greenspan (incumbent), Matt Keller, Scott Chrichton
- c. No nominations from the floor

- d. Rich Kissel: Motion to elect all 4 candidates as a slate. 2nd'ed (unknown). Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Board members elected:
 - i. Margarita Chie
 - ii. Rob Greenspan
 - iii. Matt Keller
 - iv. Scott Chichton
5. CCPD:
- a. Sgt. Jackson from CCPD, traffic, parking, and animal controls section
 - b. Normally Lt. Agaiby is your representative but he is attending a meeting
 - c. crime in the area:
 - i. part 1 crimes (reported to Sacramento: robberies, grand theft, commercial burglary, etc)
 - ii. Jefferson to Playa and Sepulveda to Overland
 - iii. Since August, 2 motor vehicle thefts, 1 on Kellmore
 - iv. Estes robberies (altercation with suspect), 4 at large retailers
 - v. 4 burglaries (all commercial) in Raintree plaza and Menchies
 - vi. 1 on Youngworth
 - d. theft prevention:
 - i. packages, they'll just follow UPS trucks around
 - ii. have it delivered to somewhere where you have to pick it up
 - iii. if you see someone follow a UPS truck call CCPD
 - iv. have not seen many packages swiped off of porches, but there was a crew operating 7-8 months ago that was arrested
 - e. coyotes:
 - i. can't shoot them
 - ii. there is a management plan in place
 - iii. animal control officer out for a few days due to dog bite yesterday
 - f. 911 dispatch system
 - i. in Feb they're moving the dispatch center to a regional communication center, with a dedicated group
 - ii. some CC dispatchers are moving to new group
 - iii. should be no difference in response
 - g. other
 - i. Q: can we cut down on Waze drivers driving recklessly through intersections? We would like officers to write tickets in a more regular/persistent manner
6. WLAC running track:
- a. Jill McKeon:
 - b. CC City council + reps of WLAC, brand new president of WLAC met
 - c. the track is "not fully done yet" even though it's been open to the school's students

- d. WLAC is going to keep it closed to the public until they get a “reader machine”, for distributing cards to CC community for those who want to use the track
 - i. the machine is on back order, so they don’t want to open the track to the public yet
 - ii. general consensus that this seemed very ad-hoc and exclusionary
7. Meeting adjourned: 8:37pm