

General Meeting of the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association April 25, 2017

CCNA Board Members Present: Rob Greenspan, Matt Keller, Scott Crichton, John Romanak, Rich Kissell, Mike Doyle, Antoine Durr

CCNA Board Members Not Present: Howard Lichtman, Margarita Chie

CCNA Advisors Present: John Kuechle

Approx. 25-30 neighbors present

1. Call to order: 6:46 PM
2. Mike Doyle
 - a. president, 22 year resident of Culver Crest
 - b. Other board members introduced
 - c. contact list + responsibilities handout
3. Neighborhood Watch
 - a. Lt. Troy Dunlap, CCPD
 - i. Is resident of CC, went to El Rincon and Culver High
 - ii. With CCPD for 15 years, with Oakland PD before that
 - b. New program called "partnership in policing"
 - c. Flyers:
 - i. NIXLE still in effect
 - ii. Facebook still in effect
 - iii. No more smart911
 - d. No more local 911 dispatch center, it's now centralized in Hawthorne
 - e. Officer Marissa Yabko
 - i. First time attending CCNA meeting
 - ii. With dept. for 2 years, assigned to patrol
 - iii. Part of the partnerships in policing team, Culver Crest is her beat
 - f. Develop strong relationship with community, provide personalized service, e.g. vacation residential checks, solicitors
 - i. Open door policy, ask questions anytime
 - g. Reaching out to community, CicLAVia
 - h. Coffee with a cop at Dunkin donuts, 13300 Washington Blvd, Saturday April 29th at 9am
 - i. Marissa.Yabko@culvercity.org
 - i. Q: What is response time with new Hawthorne dispatch center?
 - j. A: Actually slightly faster
 - k. Q: Does 310-837-1221 still work?
 - l. A: non-emergency number, goes to the station
 - m. Q: anything we should be looking for, or know about?

- n. A: Car break-ins going up a bit because doors are being left unlocked as we head for Summer; don't leave anything that might appear valuable
 - o. A: Very rare that they're breaking windows, mostly they just try the doors
 - p. Q: home security systems a good idea?
 - q. A: ring & nest, which is doorbell + more and can ping your iPhone even if you're not home
 - r. A: any type of motion sensor you can activate away from home is great
 - s. A: cameras are very helpful for PD
 - t. A: old school alarms are indeed chased away by loud burglar alarms
 - u. A: The look for newspaper pileup -- "knock knock burglary", if three homes in a row are empty they'll pick the one in the middle
www.crimemapping.com will give you times and locations, but not names of victims
 - v. Q: How many officers does CCPD have?
 - w. A: slotted for 109, currently at 101
 - x. Q: people running stop sign at Overland & Ranch
 - y. A: common issue in L.A., can put in an extra patrol request for the rush hour time slot
 - z. Q: uptick of homeless people
 - aa. A: have seen rise in homeless, have doctor from mental health dept. that rides with officer 4 days a week, they do outreach and talk to homeless
 - bb. A: whole department has gone through training with mental health issues with homeless
 - cc. Q: is normal thing?
 - dd. A: other departments coming to CCPD to see how it's working out
 - ee. A: Dr. Richardson, psychologist
 - ff. A: St. Joseph's also has homeless program, go out with CCPD
 - gg. A: often homeless want to be left alone, they don't want to be confined
4. Golden State Water Company
- a. Update of what's going on on the hill
 - b. Rich Mathis, general manager with central district of Golden State Water
 - c. Linda Cunningham, resident engineer, responsible for tearing up streets, causing havoc, etc. :-)
 - d. Ranch Rd. project, started back in October
 - e. Replacing 4" cast iron with 8" PVC pipe
 - f. Started with higher part of the Crest
 - g. Esterina, Cranks, Youngworth, Drakewood, Flaxton
 - h. about to come out on Ranch Rd., traffic will be tight on Ranch Rd. for a bit

- i. project going a bit slow due to turns and bends
- j. typically do 300' per day, but limited to around 150' a day due to tight turns, needing to be careful w/residential traffic
- k. crew follows with running services from mains, then start switching people over house by house
- l. done some shutdowns on Esterina and Linda, have not done Cranks yet
- m. making a few changes so that lower Crest can be limited to one shutdown
- n. 4-6 hours is typical shutdown, services are switched over house by house, 48 hours notice crews will touch base with each house when service needs to be switched over, most of switching is done at the meter
- o. some houses are getting new consumer lines, including meter box move
- p. Q: are you doing any on Ranch between Youngworth and Cranks
- q. A: no, main on that stretch was replaced in 2005, mains typically last 50 years
- r. Q: what about Molony, Telefson?
- s. A: did that also in 2005 timeframe
- t. Q: lower ranch Rd. will be done
- u. Q: does street get repaved?
- v. A: yes, to CC standard, trench + one foot on each side
- w. A: that hasn't been done anywhere yet; all the paving is "base" paving when patching, but once it's all repiped then they will resurface/redo, that should be end of June/July
- x. Q: hydrants
- y. A: CC fire prevention ordinance says hydrant every 300'
- z. A: tried very hard to keep existing, work with parking restrictions, etc.
- aa. A: will try to place hydrants between two homes to minimize look impact
- bb. water quality updates:
- cc. rates: every 3 years required by PUC to put figures together and submit
- dd. PUC, after 16 month delay of rate case, general rate case in 2014 (aggregated over region, about 500k people), got a decrease
- ee. because of drought, projected to sell fewer "units", so rates will go up due to that because of savings
- ff. 76% of rate is fixed costs, valves, pipes, generators, meters, hydrants, electrical over provisioning, pump stations, deal with power outages, earthquake interruptions, etc.
- gg. 17c/unit decrease related to fixed costs
- hh. 52c/unit increase due to reduced water usage
- ii. GSW has invested about \$8M in water system last year, \$14M in next year for improvements

- jj. around end of year PUC will vote on increase, probably a 4% increase
- kk. water quality: lead is big in news
- ll. water purveyors to take samples at school to see what lead content is at school
- mm. schools need to request it
- nn. then information goes back to school and GSW
- oo. not had one school in CC contact GSW to do this
- pp. please help us out and have school system allow GSW to come in and test
- qq. every year put out a consumer confidence report, will come out in about a month (end of May). gswater.com
- rr. Drought: april 7th, Governor lifted drought emergency, including all those mandatory restriction, except not allowing hosing down of driveway with hose; car washing needs shutoff device; fountains need to use recirculated water
- ss. City has their own restriction in place as well
- tt. Q: has any testing been done what comes out of plastic pipe?
- uu. A: plastic pipe only lasted about 1/3rd as long as copper pipe
- vv. A: how corrosive is water that you've got in there?
- ww. A: Langelier index, you want to be at +1, just barely at non-corrosive side
- xx. A: metro water district, is positive on Langelier index
- yy. <http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/waterres/quality/drinkingwater/langlier.html>

5. Oil Fields

- a. John Kuechle
- b. 2006 most of us didn't pay attention to oil fields, blew over the Crest, John and Ken Kutcher drafted legislation to regulate oil fields
- c. PXP sold to Freeport-McMarran
- d. they sold to Sentinel Peak resources January 2017
- e. retained people at oil fields, but revamped public relations
- f. Daniel Tijamute is oil engineer is new ombudsperson
- g. water release at Yougsworth/Flaxton, during rains it filled up to overflow to start releasing on a dry day (10 Gal/sec for 26 hours, running down Flaxton)
- h. water was tested before being released
- i. did not have contaminants to worry about going into ocean
- j. Fracking: has many variations; high pressure high volume, like what has caused mini earthquakes back east, came up dry here
- k. decided that this field is not suited to fracking
- l. no indication that there will be any success here
- m. gravel packing is another type of fracking
- n. create small well, create sieve at base of well, break up rock around point where oil is sucked out
- o. Culver City is currently working on their ordinance

- p. 1000 acres, 900 in LA County, 100 in CC
 - q. county took 3 years to come up with their ordinance
 - r. just had meeting last week, will come up with draft ordinance
 - s. CC moratorium has been in place for a decade since the 2006 event
 - t. the draft ordinance has boundary line with L.A. county
 - u. no legally enforceable moratorium, since they can't be in place for more than 2 years
 - v. no drilling until next year, but if oil prices stay where they are there won't be any drilling then either
 - w. Q: are the new owners "good people"?
 - x. A: impressed with their forthrightness, but of course they're not doing any drilling right now
 - y. A: have been getting straight answers, which is fantastic
6. LAX Overflights:
- a. Barbara Markoe
 - b. lives at top of Ranch Rd.
 - c. Thursday is milestone, contentious issue with airplanes flying over CC, impacting a lot of people at this point
 - d. Thursday is the implementation of the nextgen system from the FAA
 - e. Thursday, they will start to make moves to narrow the path over CC, and to bring in a lot more planes
 - f. On Sunday, we have a town hall set up with Karen Bass
 - g. If you're worried at all with what you see/hear going on, please attend the meeting
 - h. as vocal as we are (and we did get CC council to file lawsuit against FAA and their NextGen EIR), West Adams has become even more vocal
 - i. we've joined forces with West Adams, they have been pounding on Karen Bass' door, but she has not responded
 - j. LAX has very difficult website to find complaint links
 - k. See flyer, town hall on Sunday
 - l. will have people from FAA and LAX, information doesn't really address needs of westside neighbors?
7. Mail Delivery Issues
- a. lots of reports of incorrect mail delivery
 - b. John Kuechle addressed the postmaster, then suddenly no communication and now a new postmaster, started 1.5 weeks ago
 - c. have set up complaint file, have 60 days to resolve complaint
 - d. our complaint information was too generalized
 - e. send us specific examples so we can add to the log of issues
 - f. contact Mike Doyle to report issues
 - g. report an issue on CCNA website
(culvercrestna.org/subcommittees/mail-delivery)
8. WLAC:

- a. John Kuechle
- b. WLAC has a new president, Jim Nitbaugh
- c. has said many things, hope he follows through
- d. people complaining about count of trash, esp. r.e. attracting coyotes
- e. they've doubled the amount of trash pickups per day
- f. significant was on Stocker, students throwing trash from their cars
- g. Stocker, feeding of feral cats, college took action but it picked up again
- h. asked them to fix fence leaks to prevent cats, make sure no one leaves cat food out there

9. Mansionization:

- a. Rich Kissell
- b. CC City Council has been busy with housing issues, revisions of building codes
- c. CA population is still growing, needs replenishment of housing stock
- d. need to create 180,000 new housing units each year
- e. 10 year period where no new units were being built due to 2008 recession, e.g. no financing available
- f. CA passing a lot of new legislation
- g. trend to bigger homes, changes since 1940's and 1960's, but needs have changed
- h. parents moving back in with their kids
- i. many different cities are adopting new standards, anti-mansionization laws
- j. affects people's views, etc.
- k. in CC discussion started about 3 years ago, last year some codes got created
- l. there's a difference in the need for building standards in the Crest because it's a hillside neighborhood
- m. Brentwood, Pacific Palisades have similar problems
- n. CC working on some new ordinances so that hillside homes are built in a safe manner
- o. S.B 1069, dealing with accessory dwelling units, i.e. granny flats
- p. take an R1 property and add a second unit onto it
- q. in Sacramento they passed legislation to prevent cities from over regulating granny flats, so city have to create new ordinances
- r. new CC regulation from Monday night is a bit more restrictive than state
- s. 45 day moratorium in upper Crest, extended to 10 month, while they finish new hillside regulations
- t. it will not affect you if you're making replacements
- u. will not issue permits that expand square footage or for pools during moratorium
- v. engineering safety, due to hill slides

- w. mini slide along Bernardo and Youngworth due to huge rains, 4-5 houses affected
- x. Q: what is public comment process
- y. A: staff is busy working on draft proposals, will go through planning commission, will be notification for public comment, with multiple sessions available for commenting

10. CERT/Disaster

- a. several members CERT trained
- b. involves 22 hours of training, 1 tuesday night and 3 consecutive Saturdays
- c. at end of 4 classes there's a mock earthquake drill
- d. culvercitycert.org
- e. ccares.net

11. Coyotes

12. Hazardous waste

- a. 7 drop-off points
- b. one in West L.A. near UCLA safe center, Thursday Fridays
- c. Playa Del Rey, off Imperial Hwy, Sat/Sun 9-3
- d. 6/24/2017 is date for CC hazmat waste at Veterans Center

13. Adjourned, 8:15pm