

Culver Crest Neighborhood Association General Meeting Tuesday June 12, 2018
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Board Members Present: Antoine Durr, John Romanak, Mike Doyle, Rich Kissel, Howard Lichtman, Margarita Chie

Board Members Not Present: Rob Greenspan, Scott Crichton

Board Advisers Present: John Kuechle

about 20 neighbors present

Call to order: 7:11pm

1. Mike Doyle
 - a. several handouts r.e. coyotes
 - b. acknowledging John Kuechle
2. Animal Officer Corolla Fleeger
 - a. email is best way to reach her
 - b. animal.services@culvercity.org
 - c. nitty gritty of what's been going on recently, won't re-cover ecology (bigger meeting at Linwood Howe)
 - d. seeing a lot of people reporting in about coyotes, what have we seen recently?
 - e. most of the activity/sightings up in the Crest due to adjacency to oil fields
 - f. in May sightings were following ballona creek up to carlsson park
 - g. fighting of coyotes, and deceased animals, esp. cats
 - h. educating bigger area about hazing techniques
 - i. don't take pictures, scream at them instead
 - j. don't want them to be comfortable around people.
 - k. Nextdoor is great, but need it directly from whoever sighted the coyotes rather than just "my neighbor saw this"
 - l. homes with open crawl spaces, checking regarding uninhabited homes
 - m. Coyote Yard Audit Checklist
 - n. best is to let Officer Fleeger know so that she can report it to Fish and Wildlife Dept.
 - o. general sighting report form, finding people aren't really using this
 - p. Coyotes killing cats is not yet a threshold for culling the coyotes?
 - q. Q: what is the situation where you will kill a coyote?
 - r. A: unfortunately only solid way is live bait :-{
 - s. Q: are coyotes night or day critters?
 - t. A: they are both; they are opportunistic, have adapted to be diurnal by watching how we behave

- u. Q: has this happened more since the drought? Should we add a water source?
- v. A: water draws all animals, so more predation, more births, will ultimately raise the # of coyotes
- w. A: by restricting the food source is better approach
- x. Q: recommend carrying a whistle, pepper spray?
- y. A: both are helpful, and if it empowers you, then even better
- z. A: Altoid cans with coins in them is a great way to scare them; goal is to not be complacent
- aa. Q: do they go after skunks
- bb. A: baby skunks, but not adults
- cc. Q: are some fruit trees more prone to attracting animals?
- dd. A: all fruit trees will attract some kind of wildlife, and so the food chain begins; citrus are less likely, but possums and raccoons are still attracted to them
- ee. Q: do they hunt in packs
- ff. A: more likely mother training a pup
- gg. Keep reporting
- hh. tomorrow at Linwood Howe, more detailed presentation and it's near Carlsson Park

3. Lt. Dunlap

- a. Updates on breakins
- b. couple of months back, about 3 breakins, not solved, but since then no new reports, still waiting for DNA to come back, it's not within the hour like CSI
- c. Q: what style of breakins were they?
- d. A: guessing it's the same crew, houses were empty
- e. Q: what is CCPD's policy about drones flying over your house at night?
- f. A: no policy; if they're loud and disturbing your peace, then it's reportable
- g. Q: drones operated by CCPD, do they have CCPD markings?
- h. A: money budgeted, but no drones purchased yet
- i. Q: will they patrol?
- j. A: no, situational based only, e.g. if some other event is happening, similar to if/when a helicopter might be called

4. Sentinel Peak Resources, Amanda Parsons

- a. Introduced by John Kuechle
- b. Two representatives from Sentinel Peak, the oilfield operator
- c. Sentinel Peak is not PXP, nor Freeport MacMaran, nor Chevron
- d. the community relations person for Sentinel Peak
- e. 880 acres, about 10% within Culver City
- f. 650 oil wells on the land
- g. oil well goes up to 9000 feet subsurface, water wells are 100-150 feet
- h. oil well bore is typically about 6" in diameter
- i. those bores are typically 7 layers wide, so that if one layer breaks the next one catches before anything leaks out

- j. 3 things come up: 1) water, 2) oil, 3) gas
- k. 98% brackish water, 2% oil is what comes out
- l. put it in a big tank, let it settle so that oil rises to the top, then water is reinjected back into the same pocket, keeps pressure high and
- m. 54 monument markers that are monitored to see if they are rising or sinking, most are rising
- n. natural gas is sold to gas co.
- o. economic incentive to not have gas leak, so constantly monitored
- p. vacuum system on all well heads
- q. california has the strictest oil field regulations in entire world. Ours is the most heavily regulated oil facility on Earth
- r. catch basins for stormwater where it can settle, and after it settles, filter and treat it
- s. Q: how are earthquakes managed?
- t. A: interagencies, drills, every major city does that
- u. Q: is there air quality monitoring in the Crest?
- v. A: go see AQMD; one station on the fields
- w. Q: how much hydrochloric and hydrofluoric acid is used in the oil fields?
- x. A: with oil wells, you get buildup (scale) on the pipes?
- y. A: acids naturally break down into water and CO2 as a byproduct of removing scale
- z. Q: what disaster bond will drill company provide?
- aa. A: unknown; insured for operations
- bb. those were the prepared questions, then onto the live question
- cc. Q: seen leakages, broken pipes and broken monitors?
- dd. Q: how do you account for the disparity
- ee. A: we are subject and monitored by over 20 regulatory agencies
- ff. Q: how big are the reserves?
- gg. A: 30 years of production; not drilling right now, just operating the wells that exists
- hh. A: USGS estimated 5.4B barrels
- ii. Q: are any violations made public?
- jj. A: all online
- kk. Q: why is my air filter/cleaner (which turns on when it detects particulates)? kicks in mostly midnight to 3am
- ll. A: mostly just pumping throughout the night, have noise and light restrictions during evening hours?
- mm. A: our systems are designed for 100% vapor recovery, scaqmd.com, south coast air quality management district
- nn. A: 1-800-cut-smog
- oo. A: you can get a monitor for the scaqmd for monitoring air
- pp. A: if something is leaking, please, please let us know
- qq. Q: what time do you burn off excess gas?
- rr. A: flaring only in emergency, otherwise everything gets processed

- ss. Q: 300 employees total, 30-40 in field, 30-40 in office, then some 150 contractors
 - tt. Q: what about risk to your employees?
 - uu. Q: what about the community alert notification system? All the online links seem to be broken
 - vv. Q: try to test it from home, need to do it from outside the company
 - ww. Q: a lot of acid has been used, seems like a lot more than what you need to clean pipes?
 - xx. Q: there's much more to the story than the nicely presented story you've presented
 - yy. Q: county EIR and recent EIR pointed out that we're significantly at risk for elevated rates of cancers due to the oil field operations; what's happening? What is the benefit to the human beings and that the community receives in the high risk zones? What's the point of the oil fields if we're sick and dying?
 - zz. Q: since you have so much land, why not develop a solar field?
 - aaa. A: oil is in every plastic product
5. June 20th, Culver City Council chambers, report on where they're at with the data with the Specific Plan
 6. Adjourned 8:36pm