

The Crest View

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NOTICE of GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October 19, 2006

* 6:30 p.m. *

at El Rincon School Cafetorium

Please join us for our Third Annual General Meeting
Thursday night (a new night).

ELECTION NIGHT

ELECTION NIGHT: This Month's General Meeting will be centered around electing members of the CCNA Board of Directors for the next year. It's hard to believe but we are three years young this October. Once the Board is chosen, the new board members will choose next years officers at the next board meeting. We are sad to have accepted resignations from Ron Ostrin, our past Vice President and one of our founding members, and from Cathy Finnamore, our Secretary and another founding member. Our heartfelt thanks to both of them for their spirit, time and involvement.

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Anticipated Agenda for October 19, 2006 General Meeting

- A. GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION
- B. READING AND ADOPTING OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT
- D. GUEST SPEAKER- LT. DEAN WILLIAMS, CCPD- UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
- E. LESLIE EKKER- PERSONAL INVITATION TO AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE HALLOWEEN PARTY
- F. CCNA BOARD ELECTIONS
- G. REPORTS ON PENDING COMMUNITY BUSINESS AND DISCUSSIONS
 - PXP OIL FIELDS
 - WEST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE EXPANSION- NEW COMMERCIAL CENTER
 - HILLSLIDE REPAIR
 - SEWER PROJECT
 - TRAFFIC
 - ANY TOPICS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS
- H. NEW BUSINESS
- I. ADJOURNMENTADJOURNMENT

Elections (cont.):

Pursuant to our By-Laws, nominations were made at our last general meeting. There are TEN candidates standing for election to the NINE positions on our Board. These candidates are listed on the ballot in alphabetical order by last name.

YOU MAY VOTE FOR UP TO NINE CANDIDATES

- _____ Michael R. Bauer: Communications Director of CCNA.
- _____ Antoine Durr: Chair of PXP Oil Subcommittee for CCNA.
- _____ Peter Friedman: Treasurer
- _____ Rich Kissel: Head of Block Captain's / Neighborhood Watch for CCNA.
- _____ Bob Knopf: Community Volunteer and former C.C. school board member
- _____ Rosalyn La Briola: Member of CCNA Board
- _____ Howard Lichtman: Chair of Hillside Subcommittee for CCNA.
- _____ Steve Reitzfeld: Member of CCNA Board.
- _____ Marlene Rose: Member of CCNA Board.
- _____ Mark Salkin: President of CCA four years running.

You can only vote at the meeting, but you can vote at any time that night. That means you can come, vote and leave or vote anytime during the evening until the votes are requested. There will be written ballots, as seen above, and each person residing or owning property on the Crest over 18 years old who attend the meeting may vote.

We need your vote and participation. Please ask your friends and neighbors to attend.

Third Annual Halloween Party:

The Saturday before Halloween, the 28th of October, the CCNA will join Leslie Ekker, a special effects producer for Sony and a Culver Crest resident, in staging our annual Halloween Fest. Bring something for at least six people to eat, as food is always a la carte and pot luck. Festivities commence at 6 pm and there will be fun, delights, scary stuff, decorations and gosh knows what all. If you can volunteer to set up decorations, tents and stuff, please contact Howard Lichtman at 310-202-8001. It will be greatly appreciated and fun.

Hillside Sub Committee:

There will be a Hillside Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 25th at 7 p.m. at Howard Lichtman's house, 10714 Esterina Way. The participants will discuss the possibility of requesting modifications to the Hillside Resolution that was approved by the City on May 8, 2006. The subcommittee will recommend modifications to the resolution that will require a Grading Pre-Inspection, performed by the City of Culver City or a City-approved engineer. This GPI will determine appropriate hillside construction guidelines for a specific location and complexity of project. We want your input as to whether this and other policies and procedures of the Resolution are in need of change.

Hillside on Tellefson:

The fly on the wall reports that a settlement agreement is being prepared and a meeting will soon be held between the directly affected hillside owners, the City and others who have a stake in the outcome of the repair of the slide on Tellefson. Because litigation is pending, all participants have to agree to settle their differences in order that entry onto the hillside for repair purposes can be commenced. There are also remaining issues, including financial contributions from all parties and ongoing maintenance responsibilities. Because this is designated as a public right-of-way emergency repair, FEMA money is involved. However, as it stands right now, even with FEMA participation, there is a shortfall of funds to the tune of approximately \$500,000. While this deficit may be and probably will be reduced over the course of construction, local financial contribution to this project will be necessary. But who, we keep asking, will be liable for this subsidy. In the meantime, we are again faced with the rainy season, which will delay any restoration until April 2007. The only activity until then will be erosion control measures.

Keeping the Crest Beautiful:

One of many things that could be done to help keep our Crest beautiful is to abide by a City Ordinance (§ 5.01.050) regarding the time and manner of placement of trash cans. The City-provided containers shall be placed on the curb in front of the premises occupied by person depositing same. This should be done no earlier than sunset of the date prior to that established for collection, and such containers shall be removed from the place of collection no later than midnight on the day of collection. Unfortunately, there are many residents that leave these containers far longer than prescribed by the City and it makes our neighborhood look "trashy"! There are also residents who don't seem to have room for the containers on their property. They must find a solution for this, as it is unseemly to just leave these in full view of the public right-of-ways.

Traffic on the Crest:

The CCNA Board has announced that there will be a new Sub-Committee, dedicated to improving traffic conditions in and around the Crest. Mike Bauer will Chair this new endeavor and has already met with City officials to get their input about how to improve the jam we all face everyday. There will be a discussion at our General Meeting about this issue and prompt comments and ideas from all the members in attendance about how to improve the situation.

Sewer Line Replacement Project:

The Sewer Line Replacement Project has been postponed. The bid for this project came in much too high and the City has decided to combine the Crest project with other similar city projects to lower the overall costs. The new timetable is to send out for re-bidding, which will be done by mid-November, awarded in December, and for construction to begin in mid-January, 2007. We will keep you informed of the progress on this project and the streets affected.

El Rincon's New Farmer's Market:

It was proposed by a private party who run events such as this to establish a new farmer's market to be held Saturdays in the parking lot at El Rincon School. Once the Board became aware of this, your Association went before the Committee on Permits and Licenses, represented by Rich Kissel, who really did his homework on this issue. Questions concerning the project were related including parking issues, how would the market fit with the use of the Blanco Park athletics on Saturdays and clean up. It appears that the organizers did not have a fully thought out plan and the concept, when presented to the City for licensing, was quickly scuttled. It's not that we are against use of the park, but in this case the project was ill conceived. Kudos to the quick thinkers who brought this to our last minute attention and to Rich Kissel who was authorized by the Board to appear in front of the City on your behalf. For some reason the City did not notify neither any of our Crest residents or members of your Neighborhood Association about this project. Please, if you are aware of any activity you think should be of interest to the Neighborhood Association and you want the Association to act on your behalf, bring it to the attention of your Board.

West Los Angeles College:

The College's fall semester has begun, and their new parking program appears to be doing a good job at keeping the students from parking on Culver Crest streets. If anyone has seen students parking in the neighborhood, or any other issues with the College, please let John Kuechle know so that he can inform the College. John is the Head of our Sub-Committee on WLAC. He can be reached at 310-838-8940.

Dr. Mark Rocha, the new President of the College, appears to be committed to insuring that the College abides by all of its obligations under the Environmental Impact Report and the Agreement that was entered into with the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association. However, he is also looking at new ways to increase the College's visibility. One recent idea, which he does not appear to want to pursue without the cooperation of our Association, is to construct a small retail area near the entrance to the College at Overland and Freshman, which would include facilities such as a coffee house as well as a new exercise facility for the College, which he says could then be available for use by resident in the neighborhood. This is a matter that will require some considerable thought and study over the coming months and will be a subject for discussion at our General Meeting.

Cut along the dotted line

Send or bring to Mike Bauer, 10676 Esterina Way, Culver City, CA 90230 or bring it to the October 19th meeting.

Application for Membership

YES! I want to join and support the Culver Crest Neighborhood Association!

Here is \$60.00 for this year's dues and/or \$_____ as a voluntary contribution

Name: _____ Tel: () _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____