



HDCA General Meeting

Attendees:

George Abrahams
Bob Adjemian
Tina Bookmann
Richard Bostard
Donna Cipriano
Judy Kass Dowden

Dean Katz
Patti Negri
Robert Pierce
Susan Roberts
Alexa Iles Skarpelos
Evie Stefenson

Harvey Rosen
Justin Walker
Fran Reichenbach
Beverly Weisblatt
Andrea Weltman

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

I. WELCOMES & INTRODUCTIONS

II. FLIGHT RULE PETITION - Fran Reichenbach, Beachwood Canyon Association President & George Abrahams, BCA Tourism Committee Chair

Representatives from the Beachwood Canyon Association presented their petition for Special Federal Aviation Regulation (SFAR) for the Mount Lee Area.

The petition has been made in response to the increase in air traffic over our neighborhoods and the accompanying noise pollution and hazards associated with heavy aircraft traffic. The new rule would limit fixed wing or helicopter aircraft (excluding emergency, law enforcement or military) to altitudes no less than 2000 feet from the highest point of terrain within the area.

Since our Hollywood Dell neighborhood falls within the boundaries of their petition, they have asked for a letter of support from the HDCA.

A MOTION was made in favor of writing a letter of support. The motion was seconded. A VOTE was taken and approved.

They provided a copy of their petition, and a sample letter to use as a ref, which will be filed with the meeting minutes.

For More Information visit: www.beachwoodcanyon@sbcglobal.net

III. LAFD PRESENTATION - Captain Joseph Castro - LAFD Battalion Chief

LAFD Battalion 5 Captains Joseph Castro and Ted Nonini from the LA Fire Department made an informational presentation and distributed materials on the topic of disaster preparedness. Because of our location in the hills, the integration of residential structures and brushy vegetation, combined with the narrow and windy streets, the Hollywood Dell is an especially challenging area to protect.

The LA Fire Department does much more than fight fires. 80% of their runs are emergency medical. They are also responsible for vehicle extrication, swift water rescue, hazardous materials, cliff rescue and urban search and rescue. Their response time goal is 5 minutes or less, which they are able to hit over 90% of the time. ***In an emergency do NOT call the land-line at the local fire station, CALL 911!***

LAFD brought helpful handbooks and materials. Below are some highlights.

- **On Our Own.** Once an earthquake or disaster is over, we will have to live with In the event of a large-scale emergency (like a major earthquake) we should all be prepared to be self sufficient for at least 1 week.
- **Make a Plan.** Once an earthquake or disaster is over, we will have to live with the risk of fire, the potential lack of utilities and basic services, and (in the case of earthquakes) the certainty of aftershocks. Take time NOW to develop a family emergency plan.
- **Prepare.** Know where your electrical circuit box, water valve and gas main shut-off valve is and how to turn them off. Create a disaster supply kit. It is suggested that you have one at home, one in your car and another at work. Don't forget your pets! They will need their own supplies too.
- **Practice.** In a crisis, most people will sink to their level of preparation. Take the time BEFORE an event to learn and practice the skills that you will need in a large-scale emergency.
- **Attend CERT Training.** CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team. This valuable course is designed to "help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your neighborhood in an emergency situation."

For detailed information check out these helpful websites:

www.lafd.org
www.mysafela.org

To contact Captain Castro:
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IV. CERT OVERVIEW - Bob Adjemian

The Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) is series of 7, 1-hour sessions where you learn to put out small fires, basic medical/first aid, how to search and rescue safely, how to organize spontaneous volunteers to be effective and support first-responders. As a neighborhood, it is in ALL our best interest to have as many people as possible go through this valuable training. Currently there are only about ½ a dozen individuals in the Dell who have completed CERT.

A MOTION was made for the HDCA to sponsor a CERT series, hopefully in a location in the neighborhood and convenient to Dell residents. The motion was seconded. A VOTE was taken and approved. There would need to be at least 20 people signed up. Those interested in attending should contact:

For more information about CERT: www.cert-la.com

To Get on the Dell List for CERT Training, please contact: Patti Negri, email: pinkkaire@aol.com

V. CRIME PREVENTION & NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY - Robert Pierce

Robert has been working closely (and tirelessly!) with the City of LA to get approval to post **Neighborhood Crimewatch signs** at 8 key locations (neighborhood entrances) in the Hollywood Dell. The city has approved the following locations:

1. West side of Cahuenga Terrace at south end of property of 6528 Cahuenga Terrace
2. North side of Weidlake Drive west of Deep Dell Place, in front of 6321 Weidlake Drive
3. East side of Ivar Avenue at Dix Street
4. East side of Vine Street just west of Argyle Avenue
5. South side of Odin Street at Cahuenga Blvd in front of 6494 Odin Street
6. West side of Creston Drive south of Durand Drive in front of 2767 Creston Drive
7. West side of Creston Drive at Vasanta Way in front of 2575 Creston Drive
8. East side of Holly Drive at Dix Street in front of 1930 Holly Drive

Next steps. The HDCA board will meet and review the cost of making and installing the signs and vote on how to fund it.

In addition, a **“WARNING SCAVENGING IS PROHIBITED”** graphic has been designed to combat the surge in recycling theft and id theft incidents. A MOTION was made to investigate the possibility of printing stickers that can be applied directly to the bin lids. The motion was seconded. A VOTE was taken and the motion was approved.

Note from Justin Walker: our neighborhood is being cased. Two recent incidents of “opportunistic theft/burglary” have underscored our need for vigilance. Lock those doors!

To join the Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Safety Committee, contact: Justin Walker email: jwalker536@sbcglobal.net

VI. LA ROCHA TRAIL PROJECT - Alexa Iles Skarpelos

This week the LA County Board of Supervisors voted on the recommendation to reallocate the \$225,000 in discretionary funds allocated to the City of LA under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 (Prop A) to the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority for the La Rocha acquisition. They are residual funds from a \$1,000,000 grant for the development of a visitor center in Runyon Canyon. The transfer of funds was approved in session on October 11, 2011. This was the final “hoop” in a lengthy bureaucratic process before the funds could be handed over to the MRCA.

Once those funds are deposited into the escrow account, the Friends of La Rocha Trail will have raised \$327,000 of the \$339,000 needed to fund the project and close escrow. With only about \$12,000 left to secure, it is possible the deal could be completed ahead of the escrow deadline. They are conducting a last push donation drive to get the final \$\$'s by the end of October.

It is important to note that **if the final \$\$'s are not secured in time, the deal cannot be completed and the property, and a significant portion of the \$75,000 deposit will revert to the current property owner.** It has been a two-year project, with hundreds of volunteer hours to get this far – *let's get it done!*

To find out more about the La Rocha Trail Project: www.savelarocha.org
To make a pledge for the \$\$'s contact: alexa@mediaart.com

VII. EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save These Dates!

Sunday, October 16, 2011

The Hollywood Arts Council is “**The Spirit of Old Hollywood**” event this Sunday. The event starts at 5:30 pm on the rooftop of the historic Hollywood Tower, 6200 Franklin Avenue. Tickets are \$25 for HAC members, \$35 non-members (non-members receive a membership with the purchase of a ticket). RSVP (323) 462-2355.

For more about the HAC: www.hollywoodartscouncil.org

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

The next HDCA monthly membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th.

For details: www.hollywooddell.com

Sunday, December 4, 2011

The Gateway to Hollywood Project will be hosting an art sale & fundraiser on Sunday, December 4th. The sale will feature artwork from Dell resident artist Nathan Singer. Admission is free, but space is limited, so please RSVP by November 30th by email: nathansingerartist@gmail.com. Or call (323) 464-8897.

For more information about the project: www.hollywoodgateway.org

Thank You!

To Harvey Rosen & Evie Stefenson for graciously hosting tonight's meeting at their home!

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm

Handouts & Attachments To be Filed with the Minutes

- Beachwood Canyon Petition & Sample Letter
- LAFD Handbooks & Leaflets on Disaster Prep
- Crimewatch & Scavenging Prohibited Sign examples
- Hollywood Arts Council Event Invitation
- Treasurer's Report.