

# Monterey Hills Local Issues Minutes

March 25, 2021

## **Agenda Item 1: Call to Order**

## **Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

- The January and February minutes will be presented at next month's meeting.

## **Agenda Item 3: Presentations from Public Officials**

- Deputy Area Director Susie Lopez of CD14 informed the community that Budd Wiener Park improvements have received board approval and have received notice to proceed in the purchase of new shaded benches. The no smoking signs have been requested to face the other direction. Recs and Parks is aware of the gopher hole issue and the community reported that the irrigation has not been fully fixed as there are boggy areas.
  - In regard to the painting of red curbs they are working with the DOT. Monterey Hills is over a mile long stretch and they will be unable to do the entirety of it but they will be focusing on high priority sections. Ms. Lopez requested a potential site visit with Ms. Valencia and DOT but that was not approved due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For a red curb to be repainted it will only be done if the paint is peeling off, not when it is faded. All DOT requests can be made through the MyLA 311 app.
  - Regarding COVID testing in Hermon Park they are working with CORE, LAFD, and the Mayor's office they are looking at a mid-April timeline. As vaccinations are a priority, they are not currently focused on testing.
- Senior Lead Officer Gus Camacho of LAPD was unable to attend the meeting this month, as he was assigned to the Echo Park community tonight.
- Cynthia Gonzales from the Neighborhood Prosecutor's office explained that it is illegal to smoke marijuana in public and you can report it to the non-emergency LAPD number if you witness it. This is a frequent issue on Via Mia and Via Colina. They are also many people dwelling in their vehicles, but the ordinance expired and was not extended. The last she heard the city council will put it on the agenda, but it has yet to happen. Currently as long as you follow parking restrictions you can live wherever you please. Due to

COVID someone living out of their vehicle who registration is expired or they have parked for more than 72 hours will not be towed.

#### **Agenda Item 4: POST Alarm Systems Report**

- Arthur Williams will be our new point of contact with POST as Dan Kaufman has been promoted. He has 12 years of experience in private security in residential communities and commercial properties. He can be contacted at (626) 698-8150 and [awilliams@postalarm.com](mailto:awilliams@postalarm.com). There have been some issues when a resident of the community calls POST regarding an issue that the person receiving the call does not understand the contract that the HOAs have with POST. Mr. Williams will look into the issue.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Parcel S Update: Chris Anzalone (owner)**

- Mr. Anzalone did not attend the meeting this month as he had no updates for the community.
- The ASNC Board wrote a letter to Councilmember de Leon regarding the community's support of keeping Parcel S designated as open space. It requested that the city buy back the land as the development of the parcel would negatively affect wildlife on the community as well as the community itself. There have been reports from community members about strange groups and people trespassing on Parcel S which is private property.

#### **Agenda Item 6: CERT Report: Patrick Botz-Forbes**

- They are focusing on building the neighborhood teams program. When a disaster strikes each complex while be practically its own neighborhood. We should expect the fire department to be unavailable, the better prepared and trained we are the better we can react during an emergency. You can contact them at [lafdcertcentral@mycertteam.org](mailto:lafdcertcentral@mycertteam.org).

#### **Agenda Item 7: Monterey Hills**

- At the ASNC board meeting CD 1 informed the board that the slow streets program wasn't effective and is being disbanded. As a result, speed bumps are coming back. The community wants to see if we could receive speed bumps on Via Colina and Via Arbolada instead.
- In regard to the Boundary Petition update community member Constance Villalvazo informed us that the petition is up to 834 signatures. She has followed up with Ms. Lopez

and they are aware of the matter and have seen the documentation. They have not been responsive in regard to this issue.

**Agenda Item 8: General Public Comment**

- We have a new representative for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Jackie Kim.

**Agenda Item 9: Adjournment**

- The next meeting will be Thursday, April 22, 2021.