

Monterey Hills Local Issues Minutes

April 29, 2021

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes

- The January, February, and March minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3: Presentations from Public Officials

- Deputy Area Director Susie Lopez of CD14 informed us that two motels in El Sereno were purchased by the city through Project HomeKeep, Titto's Inn and the Super 8 on Huntington Drive. This created a total of 101 units, and they are at full capacity. The majority of the homeless living at these motels came from the encampments on the median on Huntington. They are also conducting outreach with the homeless that are living across from the Hermon Dog Park on the riverbed, 7 of the homeless accepted housing through Union Station Homelessness Serves.
 - In regard to the Via Marisol Project the timeline has been updated as it was delayed because of underground work that needs to be done. The updates will be done in phases so that the street will be open during construction. The BOE notice to proceed should be done in June and the goal is to award to the lowest responsive bidder as soon as possible. That will likely happen in May and construction would be able to start in June 2021 to be completed in August of 2022.
 - The strong sewer smell in the gutter by Linden Heights has been reported to the department of sanitation.
 - Regarding speed bumps she had been told the program was canceled and would not return, but she is working with her contact at that program. As of today, DOE had a town hall meeting and the program is coming back, but we will need to wait for it to be up and running. It will need to be a community driven project to get the speed bumps installed.
 - Budd Weiner Park shaded benches are in the process of receiving bidders, there is a low bidder already. We are waiting for the notice to proceed. The trash cans in the park did include one being placed by the sidewalk in the south end of the park.

There is still one that is surrounded by gopher holes in the middle of the grass away from the paths, Ms. Lopez will speak to her contact.

- Ms. Lopez has connected with DOT about our red curbs. She wanted to do an in-person site visit, but the head of the department vetoed that due to COVID-19. Her point of contact will be coming to the hill early next month to review faded red curbs and see what needs to be repainted. Both Via Colina and Via Marisol have been approved, we will know more after the field check. A community member mentioned that on the corner of Via Marisol and Via Colina there is a manhole that needs to be painted red so that no one parks there.
- The community wanted to know if Councilmember de Leon's office received the letter from the ASNC Board regarding Parcel S as they have not received an answer. Ms. Lopez will look into this.
- A community member wanted to inquire about the tree trimming on Via Marisol and Via Arbolada and the status of prior requests. Ms. Lopez is working with the project director as it is a priority for her.
- Community members want assistance from Councilmember de Leon's office in regard to the boundary issue with Hermon. The original map from CRLA shows Monterey Hills continuing all the way down to Ebey Ave while the boundary Hermon is claiming shows Hermon coming all the way up to Austin Terrace which is in the heart of Monterey Hills. Ms. Lopez will relay this information to the Councilmember and their team.
- Senior Lead Officer Gus Camacho of LAPD was unable to attend the meeting this month as he has surgery and will be out for some time. Officer Frank Dominguez will cover Monterey Hills in the meantime.

Agenda Item 4: POST Alarm Systems Report

- Patrol Manager Arthur Williams researched the issue of POST not patrolling parking garages, it turned out to be an access issue as a lot of remotes weren't functional or were broken. He received replacements from multiple complexes which should fix this issue. Another issue was that Wilson Summit was not being marked as a client when community members called for assistance. The issue was how properties were being

imputed into the system, but they corrected the issue, and it should not be a problem anymore.

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

- Mr. Anzalone did not attend the meeting this month.
- The ASNC Board wrote a letter to Councilmember de Leon regarding the community's support of keeping Parcel S designated as open space and a request to purchase the land. They did not receive a response and took it a step further when they learned that then-Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez (Current Congressman) assisted in the purchase of Elephant Hill. The Board then sent the letter to Senator Maria Elena Durazo, Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo, County Supervision Hila Solis, and Congressman Jimmy Gomez requesting help in the purchase of Parcel S. Community members want the space left as open space as the land is still unstable. Members also are disappointed as when Councilmember de Leon visiting Monterey Hills Local Issues last year, he indicated his desire to keep it open space. There were requests that he attends next month's meeting to speak with us on this issue.

Agenda Item 6: CERT Report: Patrick Botz-Forbes

- Mr. Botz-Forbes was not present at the meeting this month.

Agenda Item 7: General Public Comment

- The Board is looking at hosting a dog and plant event in September or October in Budd Wiener Park. Such as something with free shots for pets or plant giveaways. The Board needs to host an event in collaboration with someone such as CD14. Ms. Lopez says they can help with flyers, outreach, and rentals.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

- The next meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2021.