

Minutes of the HCCA October 2012 Membership Meeting
October 15, 2012

This meeting was held at David Park Community Center located at 510 N 33rd Court, Hollywood. The Call to Order by President Charlotte Greenbarg at 7:02P.M. was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag. The attendees introduced themselves.

In attendance were-

- Agnes Duncan- Boulevard Heights
- Andre Brown-United Neighbors
- Beam Furr- COH Commissioner
- Bill Cannizzaro-Park East
- Charlotte Greenbarg-Hollywood Lakes
- Cliff Germano- Candidate for City Mayor
- Frank De Risi- Hollywood Beach
- Frank Fernandez- COH Assistant City Manager for Public Safety
- Helen Chervin-United Neighbors of South Hollywood
- "Incognito" (refused to sign)
- Jean Morford -Lawn Acres
- Lawrence E Shafer-Boulevard Heights
- Mardi Podesta- Hollywood Hills
- Matthew Gouthro- Driftwood
- Pete Brewer-North Central
- Rani Gupta- Boulevard Heights
- Shirley Stealey- Highland Gardens
- Terry Cantrell -Hollywood Lakes Civic Association

Bill Cannizzaro moved for acceptance of the Minutes of the September 2012 meeting with a correction to the reference to a section of the proposed Bylaws. This motion was seconded and passed.

The Treasurer's Report supplied by Treasurer Mel Pollak was given by President Greenbarg. As of September 1, 2012 there was \$991.05 in the treasury. Expenditures were \$54.73 and \$40.13 totaling \$94.86. This left on October 1, 2012 a balance of \$895.89 in the treasury.

President Greenbarg yielded the floor to Frank Fernandez who is the City of Hollywood's Assistant City Manager for Public Safety. Mr. Fernandez introduced himself and his multifaceted background. He first began describing police officer attrition and attempts to address it along with the problems of how to obtain quality police officers, the time frame from recruitment to in the field deployment, and contract issues. He mentioned Code Enforcement was a major concern to him as well as providing more a more localized law enforcement presence in individual neighborhoods. Mr. Fernandez also spoke on adding part time employees to provide service in code enforcement as well as making the Police Department part of the public safety employment screening process.

After Mr. Fernandez had finished speaking, attendees were given a chance to ask questions. Terry Cantrell expressed a concern about a new human resource position when hiring police officers. Andre Brown expressed a desire a current police officers be given preference during selection of the next police chief. Pete Brewer, Matthew Gouthro, and Bill Cannizzaro said police officers should be

encouraged to live in the City and suggested some ideas to encourage this. Commissioner Beam Furr discussed the experience of other cities with this issue. Frank de Risi and Charlotte Greenberg commented on developing the proper mindset to be effective police officers. Lawrence Shafer and Bill Cannizzaro inquired more into the development of the Neighborhood Team Leader role. Jean Morford commented on how best to implement the additional three part time employees yet to be hired. Rani Guptar remarked Boulevard Heights seems to be in crisis management due to minimal visible police and code enforcement presence. Terry Cantrell and Helen Chervin said frequently at civic association meetings they had no one to report on police and code enforcement activity. Ms. Chervin also remarked there were limitations as to what code enforcement officers were allowed to do. Commissioner Furr said that in local high schools programs had begun to cultivate fire fighters locally. This was due primarily to the efforts of one fire fighter. Mr. Fernandez said that equipment was available for CERT but was not yet deployed.

Vice President Gouthro presented the recommendation of the bylaws committee that the new bylaws were completed. There were no additional changes requested. Corresponding Secretary Shafer moved for their adoption. The motion was seconded and carried without objection.

Terry Cantrell brought up the matter of the Playhouse that was on the upcoming Commission meeting agenda. Discussion concluded it should remain in the community. Commissioner Furr gave a history behind the current situation and mentioned he had a meeting the following day with the property's titleholder. If the titleholder succeeds in getting the deed restriction lifted, the neighborhood would have no say in the impact on the area of whatever becomes of the property.

President Greenberg mentioned the County Commission's desire to amend its code of ethics. She mentioned she would make available links to the proposed amendments and strive to get civic associations of other cities involved in a protest to the changes.

Andre Brown said that rubber on the grab arms Waste Pro's trucks needed repair since the grab arms are still damaging the trash containers. He said he had talked with a Waste Pro driver who had no idea when the last time was any maintenance done on his truck.

The unidentified man (name "Incognito") who said he was very close to many police spoke about his opinion that both the salaries and the pensions need to be restored to the police and fire. He also stated that if someone pays a doctor or a lawyer what they ask for, they're expected to respond immediately, but the city reduces salaries of police and fire and still expects them to respond immediately.

At 8:44P.M. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence E. Shafer, HCCA Corresponding Secretary