



Board Meeting Minutes

Canoga Park Improvement Association (CPIA) 5:00 PM, Monday January 27, 2020
Canoga Park Community Center 7248 Owensmouth Ave, Canoga Park, CA 91303

- 5:03 PM **Board Meeting Commenced** via John Parker
- 5:03 PM - **Welcome and Introductions** - Attendees: New property owners and prospective Board Members Nicole King and Aron Celnik were present as well as CPIA Board members John Parker, Mike Sirota, Don Rubin, Polo Gomez & Corinne Ho; CPIA Executive Director Mary Paterson; Natalie Hernandez, Bryn Lindblad from Climate Resolve; Jeff Palmer and Alexander Caiozzo from StreetsLA (Public Works); Marc Caswell, Alta Planning & Design; from CPIA marketing team, Dree Paterson; from LAPD SLO Duke Dao; from Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's office, Blake Clayton; from Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel's office, Mayra Valadez; and from Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's office, Tricia Robbins Kasson.
- 5:06 PM - **Climate Resolve Presentation** was given by Marc Caswell from Alta Planning & Design with additional points and assistance given by Jeff and Alex from Street Services and Natalie and Bryn from Climate Resolve.
(Key Points)
 - This program is needed to combat rising temperatures that will result in extreme heat for Canoga Park.
 - Canoga Park is the prospective model for future likened implementations.
 - Three areas of Canoga Park will be used for the said model.
 - Multiple community outreach efforts have been done (presentations, community survey, targeted online advertising, door to door and workshops)
 - 3 areas of potential major funding have been identified.
 - One interesting design proposal was to permanently close Owensmouth from the alley north of Sherman Way to Wyandotte St.
 - More info and videos of proposed improvements can be accessed here: altaplanning.com/urbancooling
 - Trees were an important presented feature. Polo Gomez cautioned that planting trees without a sufficient city maintenance plan can be problematic. Presenters assured that tree maintenance plan will be included, to help all future structures from buildings to trees to trash cans stay well-kept.
- 5:55 PM **LAPD / Security Report** via Duke Dao
 - Captain Mendoza is leaving and in his place will be Captain Tom Hankle
 - Crime is overall down - but cars are still getting broken into.
 - Illegal weed shops are being shut down all the time and the only Legal shop currently in our district is Coast to Coast on Canoga, South of Sherman Way. Reminder: If you see something, say something. They need a description of the suspect and time & date to best help stop illegal activity. Executive Director

reminder officer Dao about our concerns that the illegal pot shop formerly known as Mary Jane Cafe located at 21608 Sherman Way may be open again for the same use and to let us know what they find. This location was last raided and closed down On November 4.

- 6:00 PM Brief reports by **Elected Officials Reps**
 - Blake Clayton, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl: homeless clean-up LA River
 - Mayra Valadez, Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel: Housing /Homeless a priority, also Higher education access and affordability and access to legal aid; recognition given to CPIA Executive Director Mary Paterson
 - Trisha Robbins, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield: chimed in on discussion of homelessness and Bridge Housing; invited people to reach out to their office as they consider themselves to be a conduit to the city; and mentioned that sober living homes are all over the valley and are difficult to regulate.
 - Corinne Ho reported that for the recent homeless count there were approximately 34 people in Canoga Park which is a decrease from previous years at over 200. Also that according to the LAHSA, it takes 37 visits for a person facing homelessness to accept services or assistance.
- 6:27PM **Financial Report** from treasurer Miguel Fernandez presented by Mary and reviewed by board
 - We are now on Bidsportal.org a way for board and public to view BID financials
 - 6:30 PM **VOTE**- 3% Increase to Assessments as proposed by Treasurer Miguel Fernandez via his report. **Motion/Second/Passed (MSP) Sirota/Rubin** (Effective 01/01/2021)
 - 6:35 PM **VOTE**- Opening up a Savings Account **MSP Sirota/Rubin**
 - 6:42 PM **VOTE**- Opening up a Line of Credit (contingent on a good deal \$150-200 in annual fees - will need to check fees) **MSP Sirota/Rubin**
 - 6:44 PM **VOTE**- Update the names on CPIA bank account to be the President and Treasurer as new signers **MSP Rubin/Gomez**

NOTE: Per the Executive Board Election, the CPIA Board Members who will be added on as Check Signers will be Michael (Mike) Sirota and Miguel Fernandez, the new board President and Treasurer respectively.

- 6:47 PM **Landscaping and Maintenance via Mary Paterson**
 - Tree trimming update
 - Homeless Encampments (we have been trying to encourage Kevin Hills, who recently had encampment on Alabama to go on waiting list for Canoga bridge housing).
Overall quantity of trash increased this past quarter as well as downed Palm Fronds in the district requiring more trips to dump.
 - Sidewalk pressure washing and Gum Scraping block by block focus
- 6:50 PM **Marketing And Promotions**
 - Brief report by Dree on our participation in CycloVia and the Dia de Los Muertos Family Festival. The new website is coming featuring a section for BID specific business and another focussed on tourism.
- 6:51 PM Proposal to vote in new members **MSP Sirota/Rubin**
- 6:55 PM **VOTE on Nichole King becoming a Board Member MSP Sirota/Ho**
 - *Ron King may also be interested but will have his own vote at a subsequent meeting. Aron Celnick will sit in on another meeting before deciding.*

- 7:00 PM **Executive Board Elections**
 - **President: Corinne Ho Nominated Michael Sirota, Gomez seconds. MSP Ho/Gomez. (Sirota is President for next 12 months)**
 - **Treasurer: Fernandez (for next 12 months and hopes to train someone new in that time) MSP Sirota/Rubin**
 - **Vice President: Mike Sirota Nominates Polo Gomez. Rubin Seconds. MSP Sirota/Rubin (Gomez is Vice President for next 12 months)**
 - **Secretary: Nancy Berquist (motion to stay secretary for the next 12 months) MSP Sirota/Rubin**
- 7:05 PM **New President's Remarks -**
 - The President has changed hands from John Parker to Mike Sirota. Mike Sirota thanked and acknowledged John Parker for his service.
- 7:07 PM **Motion to adjourn meeting MSP Rubin/Gomez**
- 7:08 PM - **Meeting adjourned**
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