

**Westdale Homeowners Association
General Meeting
Mar Vista Park
Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Jerry Hornof, in the Auditorium of the Mar Vista Park at 7:30 p.m. There was a good-sized audience, and people continued to arrive as the meeting progressed. Jerry had provided cookies and bottled water for all to enjoy.

Jerry Hornof – Opening Remarks

Jerry opened the meeting by thanking everyone for taking out the time in their busy lives to attend the meeting. He reminded everyone that the 2018 theme was “Connecting People and Places.” To that end, we have the Mar Vista Farmer’s Market, the Thursday evening Art Walk and the Block party location returned to a local block. There were lots of events at the block party for the children; we had at least 100 children at the party and all 321 hot dogs were consumed.

We all value our younger residents; they represent the next wave of families in our neighborhood. Jerry mentioned the local Mar Vista Library (which has a large list of activities for our neighbors and is also looking for volunteers) as well as the new Collins & Katz YMCA which is located on the campus of University High School. You can go there for a free tour and get a one-day free pass to check out what they have to offer.

Jerry mentioned the Mar Vista Recreation Director Caroline Lammers and all the activities that are available at the park. Basketball is an active sport; there are 50 teams with over 500 players involved, and baseball, soccer and women’s basketball are on the calendar for the Spring. There were 176 children in the park camp during the recent teacher’s strike.

Jerry gave a “shout out” for the work of Marjorie Templeton and Ina Lee for their work on our newsletter, *The Villager*

Elliot Hanna – Mar Vista Community Council President

We need to get more residents involved in the Community Council. It is not MY council, it is OUR council. Elections for the positions on the Community Council will take place on June 2nd. Please get involved in the committee that interests you the most; at least come by to let your thoughts be known. We welcome all questions, criticisms and comments,

Mary Hruska – Mar Vista Community Council Zone 3 Director

Mary spoke about the Community Plan for Mar Vista, Palms and Playa Vista. It is a document that provides an outline for community development from 2018 – 2021. She had a number of flyers showing a map for the Westside Transit Oriented areas as well Written Comment Sheets for us to fill out with comments for the Community Plan.

The committee meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month and on February 23rd the Department of City Planning representatives will be coming to hear our comments as to what we want for our community for the next 20 years. The Written Comment sheet contained Mary’s e-mail and information to e-mail your comments to her or send them via snail mail. Her e-mail address’ are MH@mv.org and Busdisora@aol.com She would like as much input as she can get so that she can correctly represent us and our comments.

Jerry Hornof – Elections

Jerry asked everyone to look at the back of the Agenda page to see the slate of members running for the Homeowner's Board of Directors. He asked if anyone else would like to run for an office. There were no takers. He held an election and all the individuals were duly voted in.

Leah Oye – Police Liaison

Leah reported on the Santa's Sleigh event during the holiday season. She told us that they had over 100 children at each of two stops in the neighborhood. We still need volunteers to be Block Captains, especially on Palms and on the small streets up on the hill. She recommended that neighbors get together to arrange for a "Walk with the Police" on their blocks to discuss proper safety protection as well as more vulnerable situations.

Adrian Acosta – Senior Lead Officer

Senior Lead Officer Adrian began with, "It is good to be back." However he was not really "gone." He explained that he had been temporarily transferred to patrol for 4 months where he learned a great deal about the neighborhoods. For one, they get an average of 25 calls in a 12 hour period. He has been back going on 6 months now.

City wide, crime rate is generally down. However violent crime is up. Our goal this year is to reduce property crime (theft). He reiterated the suggestion to make a date for a "Walk with the Police" for your block. The most consistent point of entrance to homes is the windows in the back of the house. Most important item is to increase outdoor lighting. And then to install safety cameras. The Ring system is an excellent deterrent to crime. So are motion detectors.

LAPD works with UCLA Police, Santa Monica PD and Culver City PD. The best way to reach him is via e-mail; he encourages calls. 37285@LAPD.online Calls are down 21% for year to date. Adrian brought along a number of flyers pertaining to crime in our neighborhood and how to prevent it in our area.

Mike Bonin - 11th district Councilmember

Mike could not make the meeting, so he sent Len Nguyen to represent him. Len is Mike Bonin's lead for city planning. He spoke about how the Measure H and HHH money is being used to find resources for the homeless.

There is a committee to raise money for the development of a community center in the old Mar Vista Fire Station #62 on Centinela Avenue. The city is ready to break ground on a facility for families with children at the old Mar Vista Animal Shelter this quarter. They are looking at "short term bridge facilities" to house the homeless until permanent housing is available. One will be built in each councilperson's district. Projects have to be built everywhere in the city because there are homeless everywhere in the city. They want to provide continuous care from street support to long term care.

In our district they are looking at the old bus yard #6 on Main near Rose. They hope to break ground this Spring. They already have 1,700 units on the property of the Veterans facility. There are several more projects proposed for the area. There were many comments from the audience regarding the homeless and that "monstrous building going up on Sepulveda, just south of Pico."

There were comments about trees pulling up the sidewalk, the "expo line corridor," higher density in the area, and light manufacturing being proposed for residential areas near metro stops (flex zones).

Rachel Swanger – Committee for Historic Fire Station #62

The committee has negotiated an agreement with the city to create a local MV Community Center in the Historic Fire Station #62 on Centinela and Victoria. Amongst other things, they are planning to house first aid and support equipment to be used in the aftermath of an earthquake, provide a home for the Senior Aging in Place program, for Boy and Girl Scout meetings, to hold Mar Vista Community Council meetings, as well other community activities.

They need to raise \$1.5 million and are trying to get Foundations and Corporations to help with building and programming. They plan to have a full-time manager which will also cost money.

Carl Ginsberg – CERT

Carl brought along a space heater and showed us the safe and unsafe ways to use it. He also talked about earthquake preparedness. Carl brought in flyers for the residents on “Preparing Makes Sense, Get Ready Now.”

Jay Swerdlow – Treasurer’s Report

Operating Bank Accounts at One West Bank as of 1/28/2019:

General Account: \$8,642 and Emergency Response Team (ERT) Account - \$9,637.

Laddered CD’s: One West Bank CD: \$20,000 + accumulated interest (matures 11/2019)

Two Chase Bank CDs: totaling \$21,000 + accumulated interest

\$10,000 matures Feb, 2019 and \$11,000 matures Jan. 2020

E & O Insurance premium paid through 6/25/2019.

All submitted invoices have been paid through 1/28/2019.

Jami Olson – Dues & Membership

Jami reported that membership and dues have gone well. At the end of 2018 we had 273 paid membership and as of this year we already have 220 paid memberships. You can learn what your own status is by going to the website where there is a list of paid memberships by address.

Debbie Kaplan – Real Estate

Debbie reported there have been 19 sales in Westdale Trousdale this year. The average price was close to \$2,000,000. There is a house on Stoner that is listed for \$3,095,000. It is a two story and is listed by George Chung. So our homes should sell for about \$900 per square foot. There was a question about what is being planned for the Kentucky Fried Chicken place? Someone in the audience said that it will be a drive through Starbucks.

Jerry Hornof - Closing Remarks

Jerry thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Algaze

Recording Secretary

WHOA Website; to access addresses paid dues:

From Margie Templeton:

click on *Membership* on tool bar

click on *Dues Paid 2019* from the drop down menu

It will come up with a page with two street ranges

click on *alleseba to inglewood*

you will get the list of streets