

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE CARTHAY CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

January 29, 2015

The annual membership meeting of the Carthay Circle Neighborhood Association was held on January 29, 2015 at Temple Beth Am at 7:30 PM.

President, Ivan Light called the meeting to order and made introductions. In attendance were the officers of CCNA: Leora Glass (CCNA Secretary) and Trip Friendly (CCNA Treasurer). Ivan outlined the evening's agenda.

- Financial Membership
- Review Association activities
- Presentation of key roles
- Elect Board Members
- Review items from the agenda
- 2015 Membership forms available – please send in your forms

Trip Friendly delivered the financial report: As of 12/31/14 CCNA has a little over \$10,000.00 in the bank. This is money raised from dues and the block party. The use of the funds: 1) Working capital. 2) Finance new initiatives. 3) Address unforeseen issues. There were about \$4,000.00 in expenses in 2014. \$0.00 was spent on the block party because CCNA actually made some money. Trip gave the information on expenses for the year. This report is on the CCNA website with all financial statements. There are approximately 500 homes and apartments in Carthay Circle. 548 mailings, which includes landlords. Carole Villasenor spearheaded Miner Park. There will be an unveiling ceremony.

Ivan highlighted major issues from the night's agenda:

- 1) New proposal to develop Schumacher/La Cienega as a private park. Carthay Circle residents overwhelmingly opposed commercial development. A park has been difficult to get through the city planning dept. Advertisements on the wall surrounding the private park. Carthay Circle residents strongly endorsed the project. The developer wasn't able to come to an agreement with the landowner and the city. The project is currently at a standstill.
- 2) CCNA Block Party should be continued possibly every year. Very successful and good turnout.
- 3) Security Patrol update. Two Carthay Circle neighbors interviewed and made an analysis of various patrol services. They chose ACS as the best option. If they sign up 70 homes for a patrol service, ACS will provide a patrol car 7 to 8 hours per day during the day. This has been found to improve the safety of our neighborhood. South Carthay has also signed with ACS.

- 4) Update on the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences Museum to be part of the May Co building on Fairfax and Wilshire and the impact it will have on our neighborhood. Dorothy Clark (Carthay Circle resident) is reviewing how the impact will affect our neighborhood. There is 7,000 page impact statement document. The Museum expects thousands of visitors per day. Carthay Circle was not considered in these reports,
- 5) There has been a utility box outcropping and Carthay Circle is a utility box free zone. There are approximately 13 to 14 boxes that house either telephone or cable TV cable/wiring. CCNA is looking into the legality of these utility boxes. Stephanie Morehouse is heading that project.
- 6) CCNA and other Carthay neighborhood associations sponsored a shredding truck and a crime meeting with the LAPD Wilshire Division regarding an uptick in crime.

Ivan introduces John Darnell (from Councilmember Paul Koretz's office) and Jay Greenstein, Field Transportation Deputy.

John Darnell brought City of LA information booklets and reusable shopping bags for the residents.

- 1) Councilmember Paul Koretz's office has moved to La Jolla and Wilshire Blvd.
- 2) John has been talking to the DOT about the parking situation for the new Academy museum on Fairfax and Wilshire.
- 3) John discussed the San Vicente/Olympic/Fairfax corner and explained the traffic light cycles. DOT said it would take a few million dollars to undertake any changes.
- 4) Median on San Vicente will be replanted this year. Last year the upkeep contract went dormant but now it's been replaced with a new contractor.
- 5) Regarding Post Office issues, his office is contacting our congressmen to address the issues.
- 6) Have fixed many Carthay Circle requests: ie: Miner's Park is redone and will be open soon thanks to Carole Villasenor.

John Darnell introduced Jay (Field Transportation Deputy). Jay discussed the new Metro stop on Wilshire Blvd. east of Fairfax. He suggested that residents sign up on their Metro website to get current updates on traffic and related construction matters and come to quarterly meetings to learn about construction impacting our neighborhood.

Ivan introduced Mehrnoosh "Nooshi" Zahiri who is the Neighborhood Prosecutor for the Wilshire Division.

- 1) Solved the carpet man selling his carpets on the corner of La Cienega Blvd and Olympic Blvd. He is no longer setting up carpets on that corner.
- 2) Solved a house being rented out for parties only.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Can you park on the grass parkway. A: It is called Apron Parking. The city looks the other way if one parks on the grass area and just as long as the car isn't on the sidewalk.

Q: Trash scavengers and store recycling in the walkways (e.g., Santa Ynez Way) Wednesday evenings. Sometimes it's up to 4 people going through recycling bins.

Q: On Schumacher by Olympic and La Cienega Blvd there is a dilapidated house. The fence is coming down and there are raccoons, rats, etc. living there. A: the people who own the empty lot on the corner of Olympic and La Cienega Blvd own that house.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New board members to the CCNA Board of Directors for 2015 were introduced by Trip Friendly: 1) David Rosenberg, 2) Carlos Bermudez, and 3) Dorothy Clark. They were elected unanimously.

New INITIATIVES/COMMITTEES

Ivan Light introduced new initiatives/committees:

- 1) Block Party for 2015
- 2) Postal Service – there many postal delivery issues that need resolution
- 3) Gasoline leaf blowers. Does an ordinance exist? Committee to evaluate disturbance and pollution.
- 4) Remodeling of La Cienega Park - protecting and monitoring the impact to Carthay Circle. Judy Weinstock to head that committee.

Ivan Light asked if there was any additional or new business to address.

- 1) Abandoned house on Schumacher – can that be enforced by the HPOZ?

At approximately 9:00 PM the meeting was adjourned. ACS was at the meeting with information and representatives to answer any questions after the meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Leora Glass

Leora Glass, Secretary CCNA