

# Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

## Summer Meeting Minutes

### June 26, 2008

Meeting was called to order. President Larry Markes introduced the board.

#### **Crime Report:** Officer John Washington

Your regular Senior Lead Officer is Mike Shea 213-793-0710. There was one robbery around the Franklin bar area and one on Argyle. George asked about the taggers that shot a citizen in the chest. The victim was confronting the tagger was a reserve officer. MS 13 gang members are the taggers. The shooter is wanted for attempted murder. . One neighbor says there's a tag on the D of the Hollywood Sign.

Sat. June 21 at 2 pm officers received a call from a gal screaming that a man was about to commit suicide. The officers believed it was a barricaded suspect and called in Swat – they went inside and couldn't find a suspect but they found three grenades and black powder so the incident lasted till 9 pm. Bomb Squad was called. People were upset

**Traffic Report:** Washington is aware of our problems at our stop signs. They started working the area and were writing 15 tickets a day and that number has reduced considerably. They are deploying their radar detectors.

Woodhaven and Beachwood are likely speeding opportunities. One neighbor asked that there be a detector on Beachwood for Northbound traffic. One neighbor living on Woodhaven wants a speed bump on her newly paved street because of speeding cars. A resident of Graciosa and Beachwood complains that she takes her life into her hands because of people blowing the stop sign. Also southbound Gower traffic doesn't stop at the Scenic stop sign.

Community Police Advisory Board meets monthly regarding traffic issues – if you call Gary Minzer (323- 466-8583) to tell him your issue and he will have the right people there. They meet once a month at 9 am.

**Parking:** A Glen Oak neighbor complained about abandoned vehicles on her street. Officer Washington suggested she call 311 for abandoned vehicles – they'll mark and ticket it and then tow it away. Another Glen Oak neighbor complained that people park on her street but don't live there. A Ledgewood resident asked to have his curb painted red because it's a blind curve and dangerous if a car is parked there. Also, the bottom of Rockcliff should have no parking for the same reason.

Officer Washington will relay these issues to the Department of Transportation. Jeannie Chen is our point person for DOT in Hollywood City Hall on Fountain.

One resident mentioned that the parking issue in front of the village is dangerous – the DOT should re-evaluate it.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Wilmes reported that BCNA has appx \$4,000 in the bank but \$2,000 is earmarked for the website. (Lori/George) report approved.

**Permit Parking:** Permit Parking boundaries explained. Abby made phone calls with no satisfaction gained. Ms. Shapiro (CD4) says restaurants called and wrote letters to the city saying they would sue the city if they pursued permit parking. BCNA continues to be supportive of permit parking from a resolution back in 2002. BCNA has written a letter of support for the efforts of the Pineapple Tract neighbors to gain relief from a PPD.

A gal from Canyon said that the attempt she and her neighbors made to get a PPD for their street met with significant resistance from the residents on other streets and the restaurants.

She heard that our application didn't require Labonge's approval.

The last message from the city was that we were now at a place of setting up a meeting with the city, the restaurants and the neighbors.

The city postponed the one on Canyon saying that it was because we had an application on file that included Canyon. Our application has been on file for more than a year.

Rodney is one of the business owners (juice bar) and has a seat on the business committee for Hollywood United Neighborhood Council. He just learned about our application and was wondering what kind of outreach had taken place so far. The process and history was explained to him as was the viewpoint of the residents in the PPD area. Rodney wants to come up with a compromise. Eda asked about the school parking lot. A board member explained that the rules that the LAUSD have are too extensive and expensive – the restaurants are unwilling to work with the LAUSD. Eda suggested we send a rep from our board to every HUNC meeting. It was explained to her that board time is precious and a rep will be sent if there is something on their agenda that relates to our neighborhood directly.

**Development:** Larry explained a predicament that homeowners at 2946 Beachwood are having in their effort to improve and repair their historic home. They are going to need to file an Exception to the Hollywoodland Specific Plan in order to do what they have in mind. One neighbor asked about preserving historic value of the exterior.

3315 Durand: The current structure is over 4,200 square feet wanting to expand to 8,095 square feet. The surrounding homes are appx 2,400 square feet. The City turned down an attempt to build a 6,000 square foot structure on Lugano last year. We didn't go to the DRB hearings for Durand thinking that the Lugano case was precedent enough. We have filed an appeal because the city and DRB didn't take Purpose E of the HSP into consideration – Buildings that are massively out of scale with the existing homes. Building this would bring the "existing building" size ratio up so other developers could come and build mansions.

2620 Beachwood: Fran and Larry went to the HUNC PLUM meeting which was canceled for lack of interest.

3342 Deronda Dr: A resident of 3332 Deronda (next door) describes this house as very dilapidated. He has been working with Tom LaBonge and Mike Shea who had engineers to

the house declaring it a disaster. The city will send a letter to the owner to have them fix it. The City Council staff have been very helpful. Another Deronda neighbor says that the neighbors are trying to get some plans together to get the work done.

**Mulholland Trees:** The trees on the median strip between upper and lower Mulholland may be dying. George would like to look into an alternative to the trees that are now dead – instead of replacing the pines.

Motion: BCNA to retain arborist to opine on the health of the trees and give suggestions on how to replace - (George/Lori) motion carries.

Public Comments: Eda has questions about the greening of L.A. How can we pursue having biodiesel used in the school buses? One board member suggested she contact LAUSD – then call Tom Labonge to ask where he stands on the issue.

FS 82: The City is moving forward on their plan to move the firefighters AWAY from our neighborhood. Motion to hold an executive session to study possible legal action (George/Fran) carried.

Joey Young has a degree in civil engineering and says there is a house on the hairpin turn that looks unstable. The home is on Durand overlooking Flagmore. Board member suggested that he contact the City.

Resident of Glen Oak says that neighbors leave their trash barrels on the street. She's working on a way to inspire them to move their barrels away from the street between trash days.

Scenic neighbors say that they see drugs being sold on the street in broad daylight.

Meeting was adjourned.