



PARK EAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2003

Opening :

The regular meeting of the Park East Civic Association was called to order at 7:03 PM on October 21, 2003 in Hollywood Police Station by Vice President Charles Vollman. President John Lexa and Treasurer Richard Nortmann not in attendance

The membership stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

A. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes taken at the September meeting

B. Treasury Report

There is no Treasurer's report

C. Police Report

The office working Hollywood Hills (our officer is on vacation) reported on the rash of car break-ins (35 to 40) that have occurred over a 3 week period. A suspect was arrested on 50th Avenue and a second was apprehended shortly thereafter. The perpetrators park in the alleys and watch the homeowners routines to see what time the houses are empty. He advised that everyone be observant of any vehicle that is parked in an alleyway and report it to the police on the non-emergency telephone line.

D. Code Enforcement Report

Code Enforcement: Louise Jefferson reported on junk in alleys that have been reported to the dept. and informed the membership that it has been reported to Sanitation. That dept. is not always taking immediate action. Cameron Benson is working on an upgrade to the problem. Code enforcement dept. lost 4 officers and it's Director during the summer. Two quit and 2 retired) None have been replaced as yet. Those officers left are strapped to cover the larger areas of responsibility.

E. Commissioners

No City commissioners in attendance due to meeting at city hall.

F. Announcements

- 1- Commissioner Sal Oliveri wrote to the association regarding the Kandy Kane Parade to take place on December 13, 2003 and encourages the members to participate.
- 2- Hollywood Hills Civic Association announced it was holding a "get acquainted" picnic at T-Y Park on Saturday, November 11, 2003. They will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers, BYOB and 2 cans of food for the outreach center.
- 3- There is a Park East Internet Site located at:
<http://sky.prohosting.com/parkeast>
- 4- There is an ongoing tree give-away program by the city of Hollywood and you can get one on every Wednesday, between 9 AM and 1 PM at Public Works, 1600 S. Park Road.

- 5- The Hollywood Police Dept. informed us of a new crime prevention program called "Crime Watch America" that they are taking part in and ask all citizens to join. They divided the city into 20 zones which are listed at www.crimewatchamerica.com. The only problem is that they listed all parts of the city EXCEPT Park East. Vice Pres. Vollman called the police Dept. and was told that Park East does not appear on their maps. Mr. Vollman asked how could that be possible when the Hollywood Police Dept. building is located IN PARK EAST and we meet in their training room. He was told that they would get back to the association on that, but in the mean time we could get our information under the South Hollywood Hills section on the internet.
- 6- City of Hollywood was holding meetings on the Economic Development of the Downtown area of the city and all were invited to attend.
 - a. Tuesday, October 21, 2003
 - b. Monday, October 27, 2003
 - c. Monday, November 3, 2003
- 7- The city of Hollywood would be playing host to Neighborhoods USA (NUSA) on May 26 thru 29, 2004 at the Westin Diplomat Hotel on Hollywood Beach. During this time they were providing tables and chairs for all of the civic associations of Hollywood and hoped that Park East would participate. More to come on that subject at a later meeting.

G. Program

Robert Rawls, Director of building & engineering division for the city, along with Miguel Santibanez-Leon, City traffic engineer, presented the meeting with the proposed channelization of North 32 avenue where it intersects with Hollywood Blvd. (map posted in webpage, on the member's corner) After much investigation it was found that the traffic flow through our neighborhood on North 32 Avenue, in that area, was recorded as follows: SOUTH 120 cars in the AM; SOUTH 143 cars in the PM; NORTH 125 cars in the AM; and NORTH 458 cars in the PM. This substantiated the fact that vehicles headed north and west used 32 Avenue as a by-pass to avoid the intersection at the Hollywood Blvd. and Park Road.

City traffic signals were discussed at length and Mr. Rauls told the membership that if you see any malfunction of traffic signals please call the city engineers office at 954-921-3252. If you see any street lights that are out also call their office.

The extremely heavy traffic at Hollywood Blvd. and I-95 was of great concern to the residents of Park East. When the gates close for the passage of tri-rail commuter trains, especially during peak traffic times, the backup of cars is unbelievable. This problem will only increase when they double track the system. Citizens are still concerned about the blasting of train horns during the early hours of the morning. The city is hoping to have Hollywood declared a QUIET ZONE area in the near future.

H. Old Business

There was no old business

I. New Business

Mr. Vollman read to the membership Article X of the bylaws which concerns the appointment of an elections committee and the nominations of a slate of officers to be voted on at the November meeting. As this was to be done at the September meeting and the names submitted at this meeting, it was now 30 days behind schedule and the committee had to be formed at this meeting, the nominees presented at the November

meeting and elections to take place at that time. A lengthy discussion ensued which culminated in the formation of a nominating committee which included: Al Kaulakis, Terry McGarry and Sean Atkinson.

A motion was made and seconded (names inaudible) to hold the December meeting on the 16. Motion was passed unanimously.

All members present volunteered to take home a meeting sign and place it in front of their homes in the future.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM by Chuck Vollman. The next general meeting will be at 7:00 PM on November 17, 2003 in Hollywood Police Station.

Minutes submitted by: Chuck Vollman (Acting Secretary)