

BCNA Spring 2014 May 5, 2014

## Minutes

The spring meeting of the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association was very well attended. After the usual housekeeping items (board introductions, approval of minutes, and treasurer's report) our new president, Jack Fitzgerald [jfnok@aol.com](mailto:jfnok@aol.com) chaired the meeting.

Senior Lead Officer, Maggie Dillard [32080@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:32080@lapd.lacity.org) reported crime is down in our area.

West Traffic Captain Rolando Solano [27647@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27647@lapd.lacity.org) and Officer Pete Cordero [27485@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:27485@lapd.lacity.org) gave us information on upcoming new resources that will be focused in our area. Captain Solano understands the overcrowding situation. With 3 new officers and 10 reserves, we will see more traffic officers up here.

One neighbor asked that we explore getting a sign installed around 1920 - 1950 Beachwood that says No Hollywood Sign Access and cautions drivers to slow down for children. The city has big signs that they could provide and place in a way that they will be visible in this blind curve area of southern Beachwood.

Neighbors have concerns over tourists standing in the middle of the street to take photos. The presence of our motorcycle officers seems to help while taking the time to write one ticket means that several other offenders are standing in the street. Neighbors expressed their fear that one day someone will get seriously hurt or worse. West Traffic acknowledged the need for continual deployment to the area of Beachwood south of the gates.

Tracy James [tracy.james@lacity.org](mailto:tracy.james@lacity.org) and Kristy Noochlaor [kristy.noochlaor@lacity.org](mailto:kristy.noochlaor@lacity.org) from Councilmember Labonge's officer gave an update:

For the last year, Tracy and others from CD4 have been working on traffic issues in Beachwood. It's a huge challenge. Permit parking districts should be in place by the end of July but Tracy and Kristy are pushing hard to get them sooner. Councilmember Labonge made a motion at a recent Traffic Committee meeting (that was attended by many neighbors) suggesting that restricted NO Parking signs be placed on hold for 30 days while he works with the neighbors on solutions. The neighbors met with Tom Labonge and other department heads. (Please see the article above regarding timing for more details.) It was suggested that the community reach out to Rec and Parks and perhaps attend their meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Lower Beachwood parking restrictions haven't been examined but that will come soon.

Jacquelyn Lawson [jacquelyn.Lawson@lacity.org](mailto:jacquelyn.Lawson@lacity.org), Neighborhood Prosecutor for our area gave a brief overview of her role in addressing quality of life issues in our community. There are 8 new neighborhood prosecutors as it is our new City Attorney's priority to revitalize neighborhoods. The neighborhood prosecutor deals with nuisance issues, shopping carts, garbage, smoking in the hills and more. She will be embedded with the Hollywood Police division and is available to us and acts as a liaison.

Outreach Committee Report: Mark Vargas and Nina Van Tassell gave a brief overview of our outreach table experience in front of the Market on April 26 and the stairway tours that took place the next day – all really good stuff and we will be having another outreach and stairway climb in June (date TBD). We got some new memberships but really need to have more support from the community.

Neighborhood Watch Presentation. Soren Kerk [sorenkerk@sorenkerk.com](mailto:sorenkerk@sorenkerk.com) from Westshire explained how neighbors on Westshire have created a comprehensive phone tree communication network for good stuff and to alert one another when there is suspicious activity on the block. She is available for coaching if you want to create a tight program for your area.

Rat Trap Alternative Demonstration: George Abrahams [ggg@copper.net](mailto:ggg@copper.net) demonstrated a clean and easy way to get rid of rats that are in your home. It's easy to bait, easy to empty without touching the dead rat/mouse and easy to reset. The product is a TOMCAT Rat Snap Trap and they are available at the Beachwood Market for \$7.45 and the mousetrap version is \$4.49 for two. Our market has taken rat poison off the shelf to preserve the health of our wildlife. Please stop by and pick up one of these for your home.