

Mesa Palos Verdes HOA Board Meeting

November 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Board: *Diane Slome, President* *Maureen Edwards, Zone 1 Director* *Donna Gianelli, Zone 6 Director*
Joe DeVenuto, Vice President* *Steve Silverstone, Zone 2 Director* *Emily Hung, Zone 7 Director*
Para Karunatileka, Secretary *Peter Barrett, Zone 3 Director* *Maria Del Carmen Singer, Zone 8 Director*
Wendy Louttit, Treasurer* *Anne St. Cyr, Zone 4 Director* *Ravi Kavasery, Zone 9 Director*
Anne St. Cyr, Membership Coord. *Ravi Sangha, Zone 5 Director* *Becky Chao, Zone 10 Director*
Vacant, CHOA Rep.

*Absent. Proxy vote delegated to Diane Slome.

Agenda

I.	Welcome, Role Call, Board Updates <i>A. Role Call</i> <i>B. Zone 5, 6, 7, 9 Appointments</i>	Diane, Para
II.	HOA Financial Report Update & Review/Approve proposed 2023-24 Budget	Diane
III.	CHOA Update (see Addendum 1)	Diane, for Joe
IV.	Annual Meeting Agenda Review/Discussion <i>A. HOA Financial Report Review/Approval</i> <i>B. Crest Wall Update</i> <i>C. Crest Entrance median pony wall fix</i> <i>D. Median clean-up and beautification</i> <i>E. Address Curb Painting</i> <i>F. Holiday Decor Contest</i> <i>G. Upcoming Quarterly Mesa Events/Get-Togethers</i> <i>H. Home Burglary Prevention from Neighborhood Watch Update (see Addendum 2)</i>	Diane
V.	Zone Directors "Sixty Second Neighborhood Update" <i>Maureen, Steve, Peter, Anne, Ravi S., Donna, Emily, Maria, Ravi K., Becky</i>	Zone Directors
VI.	Next Steps/Recap	Diane
VII.	Meeting Adjourned	Diane

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Addendum 1: CHOA Update from Joe DeVenuto

A few highlights from the Nov 15 2023 CHOA meeting:

- *We have a new Lomita Station captain - Captain Kimberly Guerrero. She was installed at the end of Oct after almost a year without a station captain - only an acting station commander. She has family that lives here so she is familiar with our cities. She is in the learning mode, very personable, very excited to be selected as station chief, very engaging and knows her job, 26 year veteran, was deputy to chief Sherrif. She did state the station is down 8 positions that she is working to fill. During the question session with her, myself and one other representative raised the issue of traffic in the morning and afternoon around the schools. I suggested they post a patrol car periodically on the neighborhood streets to change the behavior of the parents' driving.*
- *Steve Yu, Chief Operating Officer for the new UCLA annex at the old Marymount University site described the plans for the new UCLA location. UCLA plans to start holding classes the fall term of 2024. Many of the details are still being worked out. At full operations they expect ~1000 undergraduate and graduate students, ~ 140 staff - this will be a few years in the making. Educational themes the school is considering are 1) sustainability, 2) Climate change, and 3) Environmental Justice. The issue of traffic around the school was raised. The school is very interested in partnering and engaging the community. More to follow - the school still has many items to work out.*
- *John Crusank spoke - he is the RPV mayor Pro-Tem. He mainly discussed his plans for running for LA County Supervisor and why it's important to change the make-up of the current board.*
- *The Neighborhood Voices Initiative which is intended to change the Ca constitution to give cities local control has been put on hold until the 2026 election cycle.*
- *The City manager discussed the growing problem of the land sliding on the peninsula. Not a good news story.*
- *Next meeting is planned for Feb 21, 2024 at Ladera Linda Community center*

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Addendum 2: Burglarv Prevention from Gail Lorenzen

Nov. 25, 2023

	<p>Rancho Palos Verdes Neighborhood Watch NW-9 Home Burglary Prevention</p>	<p>You and your immediate neighbors are your first line of defense against burglaries. The best deterrent to crime is a good Neighborhood Watch program and getting to know your neighbors.</p>
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- **Notify your close neighbors and Block Captain to watch your house while you are gone. Ask them to check around your house.**
- Have a close neighbor pick up your mail, flyers, and newspapers when you are away.
- Become familiar with vehicles that belong on your street and note and record license numbers of those that don't. Especially watch and report vehicles with no license or paper plates.
- Don't post your vacation plans on social media before or during your absence. Several residences have been burglarized while the owners were gone. Also, don't post your party plans as you may attract uninvited and undesirable people.
- Respond immediately if something on your neighbors' property doesn't look right - a stranger knocking on their doors, in their side yards, sounds of glass being smashed, or sounds of distress.
- Take photos of suspicious people or vehicles, even while walking around the neighborhood.
- If you are home, keep doors, windows and your garage door closed, and vehicles locked.
- Put blocks in your windows and doors so they can't be opened.
- Keep side gates and access to back yards locked except when using them.
- Burglars often now enter through second story doors and windows. They get there via ladders on the property, or by stacking patio furniture. Why? Because burglars know that most people don't have alarm systems on upper floors – you should include alarms on the second floors.
- Request identification from any stranger that comes to your door and never let them in. Request identification from utility workers, then call their office to confirm that they need access.
- Knock-knock burglars test to see if anyone is home. Answer the door, but do not open it. Then notify the Sheriff's Dept. and your Block Captain for networking to the neighborhood.
- Don't leave workers alone in the house or yard and never give them a key.
- Burglars first go to bedrooms, then closets and office areas looking for valuables. **Keep cash, jewelry, and other valuables in a bolted-down safe or hide them outside of the master bedroom –burglars rarely look in children's rooms or garages.**
- Keep valuables away from locations where someone can see them by looking through a window.
- Install outdoor lighting that can be turned on if you hear a prowler or put them on motion sensors.
- Install security cameras to monitor access to your home and the street. Make sure all security devices are active. **Too many have been off when a burglary occurred.**
- Use randomly sequenced light and TV or radio when you are away to make it appear you are home.
- Keep your car remote near your bed and utilize the panic button when you hear noises at night.
- Install a home security system with audible alarm but realize that burglars are in and out in minutes.
- During hot summer nights when residents keep their windows open, "hot prowlers" search for open windows, slip in and steal computers, jewelry, etc. They slip out and you don't even know until the next day that you were burglarized. Keep windows of those unoccupied rooms closed at night.

If you or a neighbor are burglarized, notify the Sheriff's Dept. immediately - (310) 539 1661 - then notify your Block Captain and Area Coordinator who will immediately network to all Neighborhood Watch members in the area, asking that residents check their cameras for possible video coverage of the crime.
