



**North Hills Community Association
Board meeting Minutes
Claremont Hotel, Kensington Room
July 17, 2023**

Board Member Attendance: Carolyn Burgess, Dan Conolly, Donna Karch, David Kessler, Katie Kochounian, Nancy Mueller, Vicki Oliveira

Guests in Attendance: None

1. Call to order: Dan Conolly called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm

2. Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes: Carolyn Burgess moved to approve the Minutes of June 19, 2023. Dan Conolly seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Treasurer's Report: Dan Conolly and Donna Karch met at WFB on July 12, 2023 to add Donna as Treasurer to the NHCA WFB accounts. Donna presented a copy of the available balances of the WFB Business Checking (\$6,459.54) and the WFB Business market rate Savings (\$13,620.03).

5. Committee Reports

A. Garden and Events: Vicki Oliveira, Chair

1. Gardening with the Goats: Vicki reported that the "Goat Grazing Pop-up" on June 20, 2023 was a great success. It combined gardens, fire safety and community. About 30-40 people, including children, attended.

2. 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social, Plant Sale Fundraiser: Vicki is organizing an Ice Cream Social, with ice cream donated from Dreyer's, on August 19th from 1-4 p.m. She has created a

flyer for the event. There will be a raffle. NHCA currently has a PayPal account; Katie will set up a Venmo account for NHCA. Katie will also create a QR code for the flyer.

3. BrightView manual Weed Abatement and Landscape Maintenance of Gateway Gardens: Dan reported that BrightView completed the abatement work on the Firestorm Memorial Garden and the Gateway Garden. Vicki, Carolyn, (usually Nancy), Cornelia and others continue to weed on Fridays between 9-11 a.m. Dan does trash pickup extraordinaire. Nancy recruited two new garden volunteers.

4. Weed Abatement and Landscape Maintenance: Vicki reported that she is in touch with large groups of volunteers who will help maintain the gardens in Fall.

B. Communications: Donna Karch, Chair

1. David Kessler and Donna Karch contacted Dora throughout the month with updates to the website. Detailed information was added for National Night Out (NNO) and Public Safety meetings. Dora prepared documents showing how many visitors used the website during the past month.

2. Donna and David will meet with Chris on July 18, 2023 to learn how to approve new subscribers to OpenForum and NHCA Announcements. Board members are concerned about the number of negative posts on OpenForum. Hiller Highlands HOAs will circulate NHCA notices to their members.

C. Membership: Katie Kochounian, Chair

Katie presented the Membership Committee's Mission: *The membership committee strives to build a strong sense of community amongst the Claremont Hills neighbors. We will accomplish this through outreach and relationship building. As a result, more neighbors will be connected to one another, and a part of the NHCA.*

Her goal is to hone in on the message of community. Katie is organizing a play-day for all families with children. She is proposing a picnic in August at Lake Temescal. The play-day picnic will be free. Katie has requested a budget from the Board. Vicki reported that See's donated boxes of chocolate candy to be given to new residents of 13Y. Katie would like letters and information about NHCA to be given to the new residents too.

Katie will focus on new property owners in 94705 and 94618. She would also like some sort of card or statement of who we are and why it is important to be part of NHCA: Gardens, safety, and advocacy with City government.

D. Advocacy: David Kessler, Chair

David discussed NHCA's advocacy of National Night Out. He stated that the deadline for signing up for NNO is July 21st.

E. Public Safety and Advocacy Activity: Carolyn Burgess, Chair

Carolyn was invited to "Top of the Hill" neighborhood Public Safety meeting. There were over 40 people at a Zoom meeting of interested neighbors. Age demographics (35-50). They don't do email, prefer texting. We must adjust.

Future - NCPCs lots of changes per Joe de Vries.

Neighborhood Services, Anna Martinez (of Adopt a Spot) has been named Director.

Barry Pilger has volunteered to give a presentation on security cameras at the August 24, 2023 Public Safety meeting at the Montclair Presbyterian Church. Some neighborhoods are now thinking of using Flock Safety company and their license plate reader cameras. Carolyn has a list of 150 people with cameras in our neighborhood. They are probably old technology by now.

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. NHCA calendar of fundraising plans:

Ice Cream Social/Plant sale - August 19, 2023

Thank you letters, quarterly newsletter

Annual fund-raising letter – October-December 2023

Annual Meeting with Raffle – March 2024

B. Membership Database, New Homeowner Packet:

Katie has requested a write up about NHCA. Vicki has arranged for See's to donate small boxes of truffles, which Katie has already delivered to about 15 houses.

C. Public Safety Meeting:

Carolyn Burgess has organized a public safety meeting at Montclair Presbyterian Church on July 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Alameda County District Attorney, Pamela Price, is the featured speaker.

D. Adopt-a-Spot.

Dan reported that he has applied for an Adopt-a-Spot grant, but was denied.

8. Adjournment: As there was no further business, Dan Conolly adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
S/Nancy Mueller & Donna Karch, NHCA Board Co-Secretaries

June/July 2023 Public Safety Report – Carolyn Burgess

June 25

Invited to and attended Leo Way Block Party. They are in 13Y and interested in what NHCA is involved with. Priorities Crime and street repaving.

It would have been good to have informational flyers available if any of the board attends similar functions. None could be located.

June 27

Oakland Public Safety Meeting Canceled

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Attended Racial Equity Training held by CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board). Posted this opportunity previously on Open Forum

June 29

Phone Meeting with Neighborhood Service Angela Moore. She is helping coordinate Special Public Safety Meeting with Pamela Price, County District Attorney. OPD and CC Ramachandran. Scheduled for Thursday July 27.

(To be published on OF, and other neighborhood listservs and next door.)

Special Public Safety Meeting
Thursday July 27, 2023 6pm
Montclair Presbyterian Church
5701 Thornhill Dr.

The North Hills Community Association in Conjunction with the Montclair Neighborhood Council, Rockridge NCPC, and both Adams Point and Piedmont Pines Neighborhood Groups

Sponsors an Informational Discussion with:

Pamela Price, Alameda County District Attorney

<https://www.counties.org/county-office/district-attorney>

Captain Jeffery Thomason, Oakland Police Department, Acting Area 2 Captain
Janani Ramachandran, Oakland City Council District 4 Representative

This will be an in person meeting. Zoom will not be available.

DA Price will present her views on the current state of the justice system in Alameda County. What are the responsibilities of a District Attorney? What should her relationship with the Oakland Police Department be?

Captain Thomason will evaluate current patterns of crime in Oakland, including specifics of crime in Oakland's District 4.

Councilmember Janani Ramachandran will offer her goals for District 4 and present the City Council's approach to overcoming the challenges crime presents in the context of Oakland's current budget restrictions.

You are invited to submit questions ahead of time to the Public Safety Chair. They will be presented during the meeting in addition to questions from the floor.

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July 10

Spoke to Dena Shupe in the Auditor's department for updates and talking points re: Sewer Tax Fee misuse. They are sending me updated information.

Spoke with neighborhood leaders about Price meeting to get buy-in from Montclair, Piedmont Pines and Rockridge. Angela Moore on vacation....hello!....so, following up with OPD and Ramachandran to make sure all are on board. Acting Chief Darren Allison said yes!

July 11 Oakland Public Safety Meeting 6pm

OPD crime report, Macro, crime report, Oakland Firesafe grant, OFD grant funds, vehicle abatement