



**North Hills Community Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Montclair Presbyterian Church
March 16, 2024**

Attendance: Approximately 26 neighbors attended the Annual Meeting, along with 12 NHCA folks, including Carolyn Burgess, Miki Chan, Dan Conolly, Chris Johnson, Donna Karch, David Kessler, Nancy Mennel, Catherine Moss, Nancy Mueller, Julie Natchwey, Vicki Oliveira, Barry Pilger, and Elizabeth Stage. Guests in attendance included Council Member Ramachandran, Iris Merriouns (Chief of Staff for CM Ramachandran), and Joel Laucher, from United Policyholders.

Call to order: At 2:16 P.M., Dan called the start of the Business meeting to order and stated that there was a quorum.

Business Meeting: Dan gave an overall introduction. Carolyn spoke about public safety and the need to show up at meetings. She reviewed some highlights of Public Safety events, including the Pamela Price meeting, the Captain Lisa Ausmus meeting and the Quarterly Public Safety meetings. Dan gave a review of the last two years of the Garden Committee. David gave a review of the Advocacy Committee.

Honoring Carolyn, Vicki organized a slide presentation, which was put together by Stephen Woo. Carolyn is preparing to retire as the Public Safety Chair after 12 years of working for all of us at NHCA. Council Member Ramachandran read a lovely Commendation from the City of Oakland for Carolyn.

Dan then read the board slate of candidates up for election: Carolyn Burgess, Miki Chan, Dan Conolly, Donna Karch, David Kessler, Nancy Mueller, Vicki Oliveira and Elizabeth Stage. There were no nominations from the floor. Chris Johnson made a motion to accept the slate. Howard Matis seconded. The slate was unanimously approved.

Jon Kaufman moved that Carolyn Burgess be approved as the Public Safety Chair. Nancy Lane seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Guest Speakers: Council Member Ramachandran, who represent District 4, spoke, and urged people to attend evening City Council Meetings and daytime Committee

Meetings to have their voices heard. She addressed several significant issues, with intelligence and grace.

Joel Laucher, from United Policyholders, spoke about the insurance. Having been in the Insurance Commissioner's Office for many years before joining United Policyholders, he was very knowledgeable. He advised us to take pictures or videos of our home inventory to store in the cloud and to review the cost per square foot of replacement costs. For homeowners with the CAL Fair plan, the plan of last resort, he recommended purchasing wraparound insurance policies to cover gaps in coverage. He pointed out, that in addition to large insurance companies, like State Farm, Farmers, etc., there are many smaller insurance companies. Joel suggested logging into the California Department of Insurance website for Home/Residential Insurance information.

<https://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/105-type/5-residential/index.cfm>

Raffle: Sale of the Raffle Tickets earned \$486. Thanks to all who gave and/or solicited prizes: Casa Orinda (\$100/Carolyn), SpaGo Dog (\$730/Miki), Cole Hardware (\$25/Carolyn), Scotts Seafood Restaurant (\$100/Steve Hansen), Potomac Cruise (\$200/Steve Hansen), 12 bottle of wine (\$400/Star Grocery/Nick), Four gift certificates (\$380/Claremont Club and Spa/Nancy).

Thank You: NHCA thanks the Monclair Presbyterian Church for the use of the Family Room. David suggests that NHCA donate \$100 to the Church. Thank you to David for organizing the Annual Meeting; Chris Johnson for the microphone and technical support; Barry Pilger and Catherine Moss for technical and moral support; Julie Nachtwey for raffle and sign-in support; Elizabeth for savory snacks; Donna and Nancy for baking cookies; and Carolyn for advice and support; Dan and Vicki for bringing NHCA handouts and helping to make sure that the meeting ran smoothly; Donna for managing the thank you card for Carolyn; and Elizabeth for setting up handouts with instructions on how to "Get Connected" with NHCA, the Claremont Canyon Conservancy (CCC), Garber Park Stewards; Oakland Firesafe Council; Council Member Ramachandran; and United Policyholders .

Thanks, GOOD Job ALL.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mueller / Donna Karch
NHCA Co-Secretaries