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## Montecito Heights Improvement Association Minutes of General Membership Meeting

**Date:** March 15, 2007

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Montecito Heights Senior Center

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
Attendance	The following individuals were in attendance per sign in sheet: P. Mascarino, R. Payan, T. Berg, R. Aleman, B. Benson, J. Fenn, L. Lott, C.C. Maas, S. Soden, H. Woien, P. Alvarado, B. Murray, J. Baylor, M. Fong, Stephen & Cheryl, P. McCarthy, J. Siverson, B. Ballas, G. Ellis, M. Sanchez, E. Sanchez.	
Call to order		The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by P. Mascarino
Minutes of 2-15-07	J. Fenn noted he did not second motion to adjourn Motion to approve minutes with amendment by S. Soden, second by H. Woien	Minutes approved
LAPD Officer Pedroza	P. Mascarino had requested LAPD send an officer to discuss speeding and failure to stop on Montecito Drive. J. Fenn reported problem with people running stop signs. L. Lott raised issues of traffic and graffiti activity at night. C.C. Maas reported gun shots at 3:30 AM recently, presented 4 spent shell casings to Officer Pedroza, Officer from traffic division is on vacation	

<p>Newsletter Format</p> <p>Gardens of the Montecito</p> <p>Garden at Griffin and Montecito</p>	<p>for two weeks  Officer Pedroza reported on an assault in progress at Thomas and Two tree, suggested we call and place request for patrol (for traffic problems), presented current crime statistics for our area:  Violent crimes 0  Property crimes 4  Homicide 0  States grand theft auto is a problem in Hollenbeck Division, Hondas &amp; Toyotas main target, recommends use of The Club as a deterrent, ask council office for more signs and lights to address traffic and graffiti problems</p> <p>M. Fong suggested we call Central City Action Committee for graffiti problems</p> <p>R. Payan reported that a page in the form of an insert will be added to the newsletter, tri-fold format is too expensive to print, 3-4 more small ads would then cover full cost of newsletter printing  P. Mascarino reports that J. Dreager has 3 ads for the next newsletter</p> <p>R. Aleman reports 9 participating gardens, garden signs at her house, ticket now on sale @ \$5 each, event will be held 3-17-07 10 AM to 2 PM, requests \$75 for gift cards for 3 wining gardens (\$25 each)</p> <p>B. Murray discussed concerns about the plants at this site, plants have suffered as a result of cold spell a few weeks ago, P. Mascarino and T. Berg removed dead leaves from plant, snipped back and found</p>	<p>Officer Pedroza provided several numbers for reporting problems.  Officer Pedroza: 213-793-0751  Non-emergency formal complaints: 877-ASK-LAPD or 213-928-8214  Spanish: 213-928-8222  Central Traffic Division: 213-972-1853  Gun shots: call 911 and Senior Lead Officer</p> <p>Central City Action Committee:  213-241-0908</p> <p>P. Mascarino will get check to R. Aleman</p> <p>P. Mascarino and T. Berg are going to</p>
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<p>Graffiti</p>	<p>stems are still green, some plants have started to leaf out again B. Belose presented pictures of the new wall in the 1000 block of Montecito Drive. The wall has been power washed but outline of graffiti still shows. Central City Action Committee (CCAC) states that wall needs to be painted as further power washing will etch the wall.</p>	<p>remove stump of partially removed palm tree M. Fong will talk to David Bermudez of CCAC about additional power washing</p>
<p>Retaining Walls &amp; Mud Slide</p>	<p>B. Murray asks when the wall on Sinova will be repaired, states lot behind his house slide into his yard 2 years again, wants City of LA to correct these problems, is unsure who owns lot behind his house</p>	<p>M. Fong reports walls at 4008 Sinova and at 965-969 Montecito are in planning phase, has spoken to property owner at 4008 Sinova, hopes walls will be completed by end of the year.</p>
<p>Street Cleaning</p>	<p>P. Mascarino reports that street cleaner recently swept one side of Montecito Drive, did not return to do other side of street. M. Fong reports street sweepers were scheduled to come on 3-9-07. P. Mascarino requests schedule of routine street cleaning</p>	<p>M. Fong will get schedule of street cleaning for Montecito</p>
<p>Safety Report</p>	<p>M. Sanchez presented information related to community safety and crime. Pee Wee Rehab Program for gang prevention, kids already know about gangs in 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grade, recruiters as young as 13 are attempting get kids to join gangs. Headless chickens have been found in Debs Park on 4 different days. Graffiti up 35-40% for our area, up 60% for CD1 It is no longer legal to put message on pay phones that conversation may be recorded, Sunrise Market wants to keep their pay phone as it is profitable</p>	

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	<p>Chain link fence on Avenue 43 bridge has been tagged. Discussion of possibly removing chain link and installing wrought iron fence to prevent future tagging, City of LA in discussions with Cal Trans about possibility of City taking over responsibility for graffiti removal on bridge.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>No Parking Signs</p>	<p>H. Woien reports no parking signs go up, but then disappear after a period of time</p>	<p>M. Fong will check on this</p>
<p>Rich Rodriguez</p>	<p>M. Sanchez reports next neighborhood Watch meeting will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in April, 7-8 PM and will be a goodbye potluck for Officer Rodriguez who is retiring.</p>	<p>All are invited and encouraged to attend</p>
<p>Reynolds &amp; Roberta</p>	<p>J. Fenn reports that dumping remains a problem at Reynolds and Roberts</p>	<p>No Action</p>
<p>Attempted Abduction</p>	<p>R. Payan reported on a recent attempted abduction of a female adult by male in burgundy car</p>	<p>Police report has been filed</p>
<p>Gift for Rich Rodriguez</p>	<p>B. Murray motioned that MHIA purchase a trophy and gift certificate for Rich Rodriguez, second by R. Aleman. R. Payan reports can get a trophy for \$20-\$30. Gift card to be \$100, trophy up to \$50 for a maximum expenditure of \$150.</p>	<p>Motioned carried</p>
<p>Rummage Sale</p>	<p>Is out biggest fundraiser Coordinator is needed</p>	<p>Contact R. Mascarino if interested in coordinating or assisting with this event</p>
<p>Historic Booklet</p>	<p>R. Payan reports that C. Colson secured a \$250 commitment from Councilman Reyes' office for duplicating of this</p>	

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<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>booklet, and that she obtained an estimate of \$238 for 100 copies R. Payan motioned to: "Go forward with the printing of the 1911 booklet. We will get quotes to get a larger volume." Second by B. Benson E. Sanchez raised the question of possibly printing more than 100 copies. B. Benson suggests MHIA put in money to get a larger number of copies. J. Fenn motioned that we table this issue till our next meeting Second by H. Woien.  Motion to adjourn by H. Woien Second by R. Payan</p>	<p>Motion to table agenda passed with 18 votes  Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM</p>
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