

OHA Board May 24 Meeting Minutes

By Zoom

7:00 Call Meeting To Order

Attending: Joseph Dashiell, Julie Kirgis, Lawrence Lohr, Russell Schleske, Mayo Yu

Approving prior minutes:

- March 16, 2021 minutes are approved
- Julie will post them to the website

Old Business

A – Cannabis Dispensary Update

- The dispensary has opted not to continue their application for the site next to Rocky's

B – Review of Cannabis Dispensary OHA Survey Results

- The OHA collected opinions from the neighbors
- We received over 100 individual property responses to our survey
- OHA neighbors were overwhelmingly opposed (18 in favor; 148 opposed)
- In addition many neighbors outside the OHA also provided feedback, also mostly opposed (0 in favor; 53 opposed)

C – Member Proxies & Ballot Results

- We are still very much under count on both
- We propose to send a thank you to those who submitted their survey, let them know the results, and for those who haven't submitted, see if they will submit their proxies and ballots now too!

D – OHA Request to Public Works Dept for Leimert Bl /Oakmore Rd

Intersection Cleanup from Sideshow Activity on March 6

- Joseph sent a report to the city through the See, Click, Fix site, but didn't get a response
- Joseph then emailed the Interim Assistant Public Works director, David Ferguson, who responded right away
- It was fixed two days later

New Business

A – Proposed Amendments to Oakland Planning Code

Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

- We notice the disconnect between this proposal and the proposal to put Park Blvd on a road diet
- We do need to maintain our exit routes - Park Boulevard being a critical one
- The OHA won't have time to gather enough feedback to take a stand, but we should come to the meeting, point out this disconnect and learn more

B – Car Break-ins in Oakmore

- About three weeks ago 45 cars were broken into up and down Leimert
- Apparently they only broke into cars parked along Leimert, and only broke windows and grabbed items on the seats
- They did not ransack glove boxes or trunks
- The patrol groups have been discussing this and considering proposing license reading cameras at the entrances to the neighborhood, as well as increasing the times for patrols

C – Set date for next board meeting

- Late July or early August, working around vacation schedules

Final Notes:

- Mayo commented that she has seen someone adding plants to the corner of Leimert and Monterey
- Lawrence noted that it looks very good
- Lawrence noted that a row of trees was cleared between Monterey and the freeway, which unfortunately removes a useful buffer for those houses

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.