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President's Letter

Many thought it would never happen, but, thanks to the hard work of the members of the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association and the work and support of the other community groups in our area, it looks as if we are finally going to get the planning that our community so desperately needs.

Although they have not stated so publicly, privately we have been assured by MCA/Matsushita that this master plan will be implemented through a Specific Plan or some other appropriate State approved legal instrument that will be adopted by the City and County of Los Angeles through the public hearing process and that it will include a full Environmental Impact Report. We hope that this same commitment to community based planning and mutual cooperation will be shown by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and by the City and County of Los Angeles.

As participants in this planning pro-

cess we must take a pro-active and not a re-active role. This means that we all need to be thinking about the issues that affect our community and how future development should address these issues. To help in this effort the CPPOA will be sponsoring *our own* community meetings and discussion groups to help us better define and understand what *we feel* these issues are and how they should be addressed. As a starting point I would like to urge all CPPOA mem-

bers to attend the general meeting in January. At that meeting we will update you on the current situation (including MCA's proposal to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to relocate the Universal Metro Station) and talk about how we want to proceed on these issues.

If, at the end of this planning process, we do not have a plan that benefits the whole community as well as MCA, we will have no one to blame but our-

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All Cahuenga Pass Residents

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

JANUARY 12, 1994

7:30 PM

**at the Valley View Elementary School
6921 Woodrow Wilson Drive**

selves, so it is imperative that you get involved and stay involved. If you have not already sent in your CPPOA dues of \$25 per household for 1993/94, please do so today. Our work is not over, it is just beginning. Let's take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to plan and implement a future for our community that we will all be proud of.

Sincerely yours,
F. Michael Wester, President

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Community Events

by
Muriel
Zollman

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JANUARY 12, 1994

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7:30 p.m.

Meet the famous CPPOA board members in person. All soft fruit will be confiscated at the door. Please, please, please come. If enough people are there, we can get the business of elections out of the way right then and there. By the way, the Picnic at Weddington Park was a big success. (I have the pictures to prove it!) About fifty people attended and everyone had a great time. The Valleyaires enthralled the crowd with their Barbershop prowess and kids from the age of twelve to seventy took turns

throwing their backs out across the volleyball net. Lots of delicious pot luck chow was eaten and many new friendships were forged. Special thanks to Henry for his support and ice. Perhaps we could have more than one social event a year and all get to know each other better. Ideas anyone?

Neighborhood Maintenance & Security

by
Krista
Michaels

Jim Whitehead, who heads the L.A. Basin Helicopter & Community Compatibility Board, (and therefore advises the FAA) was kind enough to meet with the CPPOA to hear our concerns about the noise generated by low flying aircraft. One of the things Jim suggested was to identify the offending aircraft, keep a log, and send it off to the FAA,

15000 Aviation Blvd., attn: Regional Commander, Lawndale, CA 90260. It's better for one hundred people to write a letter each, than for one person to write a hundred letters. For more isolated noise occurrence, you can call the FAA Noise Abatement Officer at (310) 297-0215.

A meeting is planned for the L.A.B.H. & C.C.B. in late January at the Airtel Plaza Hotel in Van Nuys. You can call me personally at (213) 876-1316 for the date and time. Since I am being sponsored for the Board, it would sure be nice to have your attendance and input at the meeting.

EDITOR: Regrettably, board member Joan Luchs has resigned because the real world has encroached on her ability to contribute to the CPPOA. Her many valuable contributions and hard work will be sorely missed and we hope she can envision returning soon.

Letter From The Editor...

I'm not really sure what you, the readers, think we, in the CPPOA, do. Every time I edit/write one of these newsletters I'm very frustrated. We seem to have to fight so hard for a small piece of your attention and beg so earnestly for membership dough that we hardly have time/space for anything else.

I'm not really sure why it's so hard. Could someone tell me? Do you think we've nothing better to do? That we are those kind of loudmouthed activists one avoids in public places? I can assure you, we're not. We are a group of concerned citizens that try and act upon the issues facing our neighborhood. I'm a writer. It's very cliché, but I try to write things that affect people; things that have meaning. I am part of the CPPOA because I'm trying to do the same thing with my time in the real world. Then I'll

be walking my dog, or see a neighbor at the market and mention the CPPOA. A blank look usually follows, along with some inane excuse that, "I do my civic duty in other ways", or "Twenty-five dollars? Isn't that a little much?" It's incomprehensible. Do you sit back believing that someone down at city hall is on your side? Perhaps those nice developers really have your best interests at heart? I suppose you don't give it a thought. You figure those poor jerks who devote their negligible free time to preventing the rape of our neighborhood can take care of it. I have news for you. We may not have the time. We're probably too busy trying to get you to join to be that effective. We don't get paid. We don't get plaques to hang in our foyers. We get some satisfaction that in this crazy, stressed out world we did and are doing something to help. If

you have no time, I understand, but if you can't spare seven and a half cents a day, I don't understand. So when your morning commute is slowed by trucks hauling dirt - or - (horrors beyond horrors) you can't sell your house (to get away from it all of course), please don't start whining to everyone that'll listen about your declining quality of life. We were fighting for that a long time ago while you were still apathetically asleep, dreaming of excuses.

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What Have We Done Lately

I hope you noticed the new spirit of cooperation from MCA/MATSUSHITA. (Did everyone get their free parking pass?) Unfortunately, it didn't last long. There was actually a brief moment in the sun when it looked as if they would respond to the needs of the community. That was before the proposed "solution" to the subway station appeared. Now we are going to have to go to the mat to make sure that they don't begin building the damn thing before the Environmental Impact Report is begun. (Yes Virginia, they sometimes do this to keep things on schedule). The new proposal is an abomination for our community. MCA/MATSUSHITA took a kinder gentler stance because they need the city to think the local communities are behind them. Nothing could be further from the truth. (Example - Until we were able to make the powers that be aware that the community was not in favor of the "solutions" to the traffic problems at Barham Bridge [arrived at by the consultants paid by for by whom?] The project

looked like a done deal - instead it came to a screeching halt.) Let's do the same thing with the subway station. Let's show them that when they start talking about responding to the "needs of the community" they had better mean it and not just say it to convince the decision makers. No one here considers MCA/MATSUSHITA an adversary. We're just on opposite sides of the fence so we have a tendency to be on opposite sides where the issues are concerned. We wish to stress that our focus is on solving problems. Such as:

- The traffic "improvements" (If You Build It They Will Come) at the Barham Bridge - We won. The park, Henry's store and less commuter trips down Passmore are all secure (for now).

- The behemoth garage on the MCA/MATSUSHITA side of the freeway was ready to go until the CPPOA (and others) stepped in - now it's not going to happen. (Get ready for another garage though - with the station.)

- Talked about elsewhere in this issue, MCA/MATSUSHITA has finally

agreed to develop a Master plan for the ongoing development they seek. (Hopefully what they really mean is a Specific plan, which is something else entirely.)

- There was a massage parlor thriving on Ellington Dr., (You know, that quiet dead end street). It's gone now, thanks to North Hollywood Vice and the CPPOA.

- A homeowner was having trouble with graffiti on her very visible home located in the pass - as of this writing, the graffiti has abated.

- The incredible amount of noise generated by low flying aircraft has been reduced somewhat by our meetings with the FAA advisors. Now, one of our directors will be on the board that mitigates noise issues. We'll keep you posted.

These are just some of the things we've done to keep the Cahuenga Pass a nice place to live. Help us fight the good fight. People can make a difference by joining together. We need your time, energy, and input. Please come to the general meeting and make your voice heard.

Annual Dues Payment Form

Enclosed is payment for my (our) 1993/94 Dues for my (our) property(ies) owned in the Cahuenga Pass area. I (we) understand the Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association

is a nonprofit California Mutual Benefit Corporation incorporated only for the property owners in this area and payment is due by July 1st, for the term of one year.

Last Name, then first name(s) and initial(s) PLEASE PRINT

Property Address (if more than one, please list on the back)

Mailing Address (if different than property address), City, State and Postal Zip Code

Residence Telephone (indicate if unlisted with "U") / Residence FAX / Business Telephone

Please check the committees you would be interested in assisting:

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CALCULATION OF DUES:

\$25.00 Annual dues are required by all property owners for each CPPOA membership. Membership entitles you to one vote per household.

Check Number: Total Dues Paid:

Make All Checks Payable to CPPOA

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Cahuenga Pass Property Owners Association
3208 Cahuenga Blvd., West, Suite 115
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