



HDCA General Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

I. WELCOMES & INTRODUCTIONS, Justin Walker – HDCA Vice President

II. AREA REPORT – LAPD Senior Lead Officer Maggie Dillard

A. Recent Activity in our Area

Crime in the Hollywood Dell is typically property crime not violent crime. Car break-ins, car theft, and home break-ins fall into the category of property crime. There have been three recent home burglaries. In one instance, a neighbor witnessed a suspect leaving the scene and was able to provide LAPD with a description of the suspect and his vehicle. Most burglaries occur Monday thru Friday during daylight hours when people are away from their homes working.

By definition, a robbery occurs when a victim is present. Home invasion is the definition of a break-in when occupants are home (vs a burglary which occurs while you are away).

LAPD Horse patrols are out and about. They are a sign of summer in Hollywood!

There have been a number of organized “teams” doing car break-ins and burglaries in the surrounding area. Be wary of people knocking on doors in the neighborhood claiming to be selling something or service. Often they are casing the area.

B. How You Can Help Reduce Crime

- 1. Don't make your car or home an attractive target for thieves.** Don't leave ANY items visible in your car – even loose change or a cheap pair of sunglasses might inspire someone to break a window to steal them.
- 2. Always lock your doors.** It sounds simple, but most petty criminals are lazy. If they encounter a locked door, they will move on until they find one that is unlocked.
- 3. Report EVERY incident,** even the most minor. Officer Dillard needs your reports! Crime statistics give her the ammunition to get support and action for our neighborhood.

B. How You Can Help Reduce Crime (cont.)

4. **Make sure the area around your home is well lit, and visible from the street.** Ultra private yards are the perfect place for thieves to work. LAPD and POST can't patrol and observe if you create the ideal hiding place for criminals.
5. **Consider planting prickly things** under ground floor windows and access points.
6. **Report burned out streetlights** to LA Street Services.
7. If you see something suspicious, try to **get a description, a license plate number or photo and email it** immediately to Officer Dillard. Contact:

SLO Maggie Dillard - LAPD
email: 32080@lapd.lacity.org
phone: (213) 793-0710

8. **Sign up for POST.** POST is a private patrol service. They charge \$50 a month for patrol service. Currently there are only 44 homes in the Hollywood Dell signed up for their service. This is significant drop in participation over prior years. The more customers they have, the more coverage we will get as a neighborhood. For more information about POST please contact:

Phil Peters – Post Alarm Services
email: ppeters@postalarm.com
phone: (626) 232-9335 (mobile)
phone: (323) 258-8130 (office)

9. **Join the HDCA Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Safety Committee.**

III. WHAT THE HDCA IS DOING - Justin Walker

1. **Crime Prevention & Neighborhood Safety Committee.** This committee is actively working with LAPD and the City of LA to advise and troubleshoot immediately as issues arise. They have established an alert protocol and have provided reporting and evidence (photos, descriptions of suspects). As a result, we have seen a significant drop in organized recycling theft. To join, please contact:

Justin Walker
email: jwalker536@sbcglobal.net
phone: (323) 493-3374 (mobile)

2. **Crime Watch Signs.** Robert Pierce has been working with the city (since January) and it looks like we will finally be getting our neighborhood signed within the next couple of weeks!

3. **Surveillance cameras.** A suggestion was made to install surveillance cameras at critical locations through the Hollywood Dell. Both Officer Dillard and CD4 Field Deputy Sharon Shapiro indicated that other neighborhoods have tried this tactic and had good results.
 - A motion was made to research this option, the cost, the effectiveness and report at the next meeting on the results. The motion was seconded.
4. **Letter to Commercial Businesses and Apartment Owners.** The HDCA Crime & Neighborhood Safety Committee has crafted a letter directed to the Commercial and Apartment Owners in the critical area of Ivar/Dix/Holly/Cahuenga to ask them to step up and support our efforts to keep the area clear of transients and trespassers.
5. **Permit Parking Project.** The effort to designate key streets in the Hollywood Dell that are impacted by the local clubs, restaurants, bars and theaters is in the final stages. There are a couple of streets that we still need to obtain signatures from (Cahuenga Terrace, Primrose and Dix). Permit parking not only reduces the parking issues, but can also have a significant effect on related crime (drunken disorderly, prostitution, drug dealing etc.).
6. **Franklin & Ivar Lot.** The Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority with the help of the HDCA and local businesses purchased the vacant lot at Franklin & Ivar from Cal Trans in 2008 so that it could be preserved as greenspace. There is a committee currently working to identify funding sources to develop the lot as a neighborhood park.

Recently the lot had been identified as the scene of multiple transient encampments - a suspected source for a recent upsurge in criminal activity in the neighborhood. In response to neighborhood concerns, representatives of the HDCA initiated a massive effort to clear the lot.

This morning it took 8 large trucks, a 20 foot dumpster and crews from the LA Police Department (including Social Services) and the Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority (MRCA) to remove the illegal occupants and clear the brush and overgrown vegetation that had been providing them cover. They plan to continue the work tomorrow.

Justin walked the lot and saw first hand, evidence of illegal activity (drugs, sex trade, illegal camping etc.).

It is clear that the existing chain link fence was not enough to deter blatant trespassers.

- A motion was made to research a more effective, permanent security fence for this property.
- A motion was made for a community forum on the future plans for the lot.

Both motions were seconded.

For information or to join the committee working on the Franklin / Ivar Park please contact:

Terri Gerger – Franklin / Ivar Park Project Committee Chair
email: tgerger@pacbell.net
phone: (323) 466-3875

IV. LA CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 – Sharon Shapiro, Field Deputy

The HDCA has a close working relationship with our LA City Council Member Tom LaBonge's office on a variety of projects in the Dell. Ms. Shapiro suggested that anyone who is having difficulty getting through to any city services should email her and she will give an assist.

Sharon Shapiro – LA CD4
email: sharon.shapiro@lacity.org
phone: (323) 637-7629 (mobile)

Justin commented we, as neighbors, are in the best position to notice issues as they arise. We are in essence the “field deputies” for the Field Deputies!

V. CA STATE ASSEMBLY, 42ND DISTRICT – Nicole Carcel, Field Rep

Our CA State Assembly Member for the 42nd District is Mike Feuer. His Field Representative, Nicole Carcel offered her assistance with any matters that they can work on, on our behalf. You may contact her in the LA office:

Nicole Carcel – Field Representative CA District 42
email: nicole.carcel@asm.ca.gov
phone: (310) 285-5490 or (818) 902-0521

VI. MISC. EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Drive – Justin Walker

We are making a major effort to increase our HDCA membership. In addition to funding the HDCA and projects for improving the neighborhood, our membership numbers matter! Community participation is a significant factor when we ask for support from the city, and state.

The Neighborhood Outreach Committee is asking everyone to be sure to get their checks in or pay online at the website: www.hollywoodell.com

The Hollywood Gateway – Merle Singer

The Gateway refers to the triangular median at Cahuenga, Wilcox and Franklin. Currently there is a team working on “phase 2” of a beautification project. There is an effort to raise funds to light the vertical Hollywood sign. To date they have raised \$700. Caliber Collision, a business in the area has offered to maintain the median (clear trash and sweep). For more information, to volunteer or donate to this project please contact:

Merle Singer

email: merlemsinger@earthlink.net

phone: (323) 385-3285 (mobile)

website: www.ycchollywood.org

The Annual Hollywood Dell Summer BBQ & Block Party – Patti Negri

The date is set for Monday, September 5, from 2 pm – 6 pm. You can purchase tickets online at: www.hollywooddell.com. Advance ticket price: \$20 Adults, \$10 kids (under 5 free). There will be classic BBQ grub (ribs, chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and all of the usual side dishes) plus live music from our neighborhood band the “Dell Tones.” The pet parade will be at 2:30 and there will be a bounce house for the kiddies. The theme for the dessert potluck is “creative cupcakes” this year! Come join it, it’s a great time.

meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Note: attendance = 41 people