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community involvement, the department is "redesigning the jobs" of Senior Lead Officers, and he added because of that "resistance is alive and well in the LAPD."

Resistance is something that of ficials from the city Department of Public Works are hoping to head off by giving groups such as the FHRA a heads up on their big new sewer project. Senior Engineer Wayne Lawson explained a new line is needed to replace the 80 year old main sewer that serves us. The proposed routes run north/south between Riverside Drive and San Fernando Road. Franklin Hills residents should be able to flush freely, but traffic in construction zones might become constipated when work begins in 2002.

FHRA secretary Charley Mims, who served as a member of the appointed charter commission, gave a thumbnail sketch of some of the pros and cons of the proposed new LA City charter. Mims praised the neighborhood council provisions of the proposed charter, but said he personally would vote "no" because he felt some of the new rules would give future mayors too much power. Long time FHRA member Noel Ragsdale stood to voice the sentiments of many when she objected to fact that no speaker in favor of the charter was presented.

The election of FHRA board members was not nearly as contentious. In fact six current board members (Chris Boutelle, Bruce Carroll, Shirley Newland, Robert Page, Carol Skinner and Don Waldrop) running for the six seats to be filled this year were all reelected by acclamation.

The. meeting also got a video report on the median, and a treasurer's report praising FHRAers for the fantastic response to this year's membership drive. 180 members renewed or joined in just two weeks...more than in all of 1998. President Adam Weisman called on more residents to get involved. "We're looking for project directors," he declared, as he urged residents to find something in the neighborhood they'd like to see done and work with the FHRA to make it happen. This doesn't include washing your car or mowing your lawn.



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