

# Minutes of the Board of Directors

## 20 Feb. 2003

The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:34 p.m.

### Secretary's Report

- The minutes of the 16 Jan. 2003 meeting were approved:

### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report for the month of January was approved.

### Crime and Safety

- **Statistics.** Nancy Smith, analyst, LA Sheriff's Department, provides crime statistics for January:

Crime statistics			Robbery Weapon	Robbery: Strong Arm	Aggravated Assault	Burglary: Residence	Burglary: Other structure	Grand Theft	Grand Theft Auto	Arson	Vehicle Burglary	Petty Theft	Totals
February 2003	Homicide	Rape											
Upper Ladera	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	6
Lower Ladera	0	0	3	0	0	5	1	3	2	0	6	3	23
Old Ladera	0	0	3	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	4	0	17
Totals	0	0	6	1	1	10	3	6	2	1	13	3	46

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. Statistics for Old Ladera include part of Windsor Hills. Statistics supplied by Los Angeles County Sheriff.

- **LAPD.** Officer Wicks reported an increase in business burglaries along La Tijera, and said LAPD is working with Sheriff, Inglewood and Culver City. Residential robberies are also increasing on Alvern and in alleys in this Los Angeles City area adjacent to Ladera. Wicks also reported the arrests of 20 robbery suspects. Wicks advised that the new owners of Club Ladera, formerly the Town House, have applied for a liquor license. Resident Barbara Smith volunteered to contact Sgt. Mark Aronson to obtain information the LHCA needs to oppose permit
- **CHP.** Officer Ghostin said the CHP continues to enforce speed limits on Corning south of Slauson with radar and continuing traffic problems at Parent School, with parents double parking and blocking streets. He said most tickets are written to Ladera residents.
- **LASD.** Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Thrash reported an increase in robberies and residential burglaries in Ladera, View Park and Windsor Hills, reinforcing the need for Neighborhood Watches and patrols by Security Service Systems, the private security company endorsed by the LHCA. Thrash suggested homeland security is another

reason to re-activate Neighborhood Watch groups, and said residents should know which neighbors have special medical and emergency training.

- **Ladera Center.** Mark Harris, attorney for Ladera Center, reported the Center continues to meet with LHCA committee in order to resolve continuing concerns of LHCA and residents with security; LHCA will be participate in the annual review of tenants and tenant mix, possibly at March LHCA meeting. LHCA Vice President Allan Boodnick described the meetings as “absolutely positive and supportive.” Additional security will patrol Center between May and October.
- **Sheriff’s Lease.** Harris reported the County has agreed to pay utilities for Sheriff Station at Center.

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy.** LHCA Director and Secretary reported he will attend the 27 February meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, the first meeting of the CAC – and will report back at the March meeting of the LHCA.
- **Senior Center.** LHCA Director Charles Caballero reported Yoga classes will start in April.

- **Parent School Committee.** Jocelyn McCauley said thank you to the LHCA for its donation to the school and PTA. The PTA plans a silent auction and classic car show for June. The CHP continues to ticket in front of the school.
  
- **Vice President's Report:**
  - **Filming Permits.** Boodnick and Leon continue to work on revised filming guidelines.
  - **Trash.** Boodnick reported that the current trash contract expires in July 2005. Plans for the new contract call for the delivery to residents of 90 gallon containers that trucks lift and dump, as is done in Los Angeles City.
  - **Sanitation Dump.** Boodnick reported that the Sierra Club advises that the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation plans to build a 40,000 square-foot garbage transfer facility at 6000 Jefferson Blvd. near Rodeo Road, directly below the Baldwin Hills Park scenic overlook. The facility will process 2,000-3,000 tons of waste each day, with 445 trash trucks routed to and from the facility each day. The Sierra Club urges residents to write Mayor Hahn and the Bureau to identify an alternate site:

Honorable James Hahn	Ms. Judy Wilson
Mayor	Director
City of Los Angeles	LA Bureau of Sanitation
200 N. Spring St.	433 S. Spring St. #400
Los Angeles, CA. 90012	Los Angeles, CA. 90013

#### **Continuing Business**

- **Slauson Beautification.** Director Dorothy Harris reported contacts with office of Sup. Burke determined that beautification funds have been allotted through 2004. Harris and Directors Cheryl Cook, Florida Toussant and Willa Hector formed a committee to create a plan and have it ready to submit for funds to be allocated after 2004.

#### **New Business**

- **Ladera Center Promotions.** Jeff Allen and Allison Mack of Traffic Promotions announced plans for a 19 April "Hats off to Ladera" community fair, to include community organizations, health testing, the YMCA, performances, local schools, child fingerprinting, the Easter Bunny. Residents suggested Traffic Promotions also contact Supervisor Burke to invite county agencies, and work with the Sheriff to promote and organize Neighborhood Watches.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Board members present were Allan Boodnick, Charles Caballero, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Willa Hector, Steve Leon, Frieda Rentie, Robert Shaw and Ron Woods. Alternates Alease Love, Dorothy Harris, Alvetia Smith and Florida Toussant were present. Guests included Mark Harris and Christine Roybal of McFarland Partners, Tanya Keshishian of Shelter Bay Retail Group and Jeff Stein and Allison Mace of Traffic. Residents included Perry Moody, B.A. Smith, William Dancy, Sylvia Lambert and Ivery Toussant (with apologies for any spelling errors).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. Leon

Secretary