

Minutes of the Board of Directors

20 Mar. 2003

The meeting of the Board was called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes of the 20 Feb. 2003 meeting were approved:

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report for the month of February 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
March 2003	Homicide	Rape											
Upper Ladera	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	6
Lower Ladera	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	3	0	0	2	3	15
Old Ladera	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	2	1	0	2	0	14
Totals	0	0	0	3	3	10	2	6	3	0	5	3	35

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

- **LAPD.** Officers were unable to attend due to other responsibilities.
- **CHP.** Discussed traffic in general but limited report due to other responsibilities.
- **LASD.** Sheriff's Sgt. Ron Thrash reported a decrease in all crimes. He advised residents to not respond to door-to-door solicitors, as this might result in identity theft. Deputies have been redeployed in response to war in Iraq, protests.
- **Ladera Center.** Tanya Keshishian and Shawna Mattis of Shelter Bay Retail Group reported Ladera Center is technically 100 percent leased, with the exception of the current Sheriff's Station, which is to be relocated at some point during 2003. A survey of customers will help determine future and replacement tenants, with management focused on national retailers and franchisees. The typical lease is five years. Employees are supposed to park in rear.

Committee Reports

- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy.** LHCA Director and Secretary Steve Leon attended the 27 February meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy, the first meeting of the CAC. The CAC is tasked with helping to collect community comment to plans for the former Vista Pacific site. Public workshops are planned.
- **Senior Center.** LHCA Director Charles Caballero reported Senior Center will participate in Hats Off to Ladera community fair scheduled for 19 April at Ladera Center. Yoga classes will start in April. Summer schedule of activities include Creative Craft Design Classes, Yoga, Chair Exercise Classes, Fitness and Tuneful Classes, Line Dancing, and trips to Agua Caliente, Rideau Vineyards and a “Night at the Hollywood Bowl.” Call 323-298-3629 for information.
- **Vice President’s Report:**
 - **Sewer Stench.** Allan Boodnick reported a coalition of homeowners associations is asking residents to attend the 21 March Los Angeles City Council meeting to protest the misuse of taxpayer's money to pay attorneys hired by the Sanitation Department to fight taxpayers instead of fixing sewage leaks along Rodeo Road and La Cienega.

- **Disaster Preparedness.** Boodnick attended a County Disaster Preparedness program and urged Neighborhood Watch programs to consider acts of terror and war in emergency response and early warning systems.
- **Additional items.** Boodnick also reported the LHCA received \$2,600 for filming use; disposition of phone calls to the LHCA phone; he is working with Sheriff to reconfigure crime reporting areas; and Plains Exploration – formerly Stocker Resources – will soon begin geophysical testing to map oil deposits.

Continuing Business

- **Slauson Beautification.** Supervisor Burke wrote to the LHCA, “I wish to assure you that we are trying to secure funding for the requested landscaping improvements along Slauson Avenue. I concur that the area would greatly benefit from such improvements.” She suggested that the LHCA work with the Department of Public Works to determine the scope of work and level of funding that will be required.

New Business

- **Playa Vista.** Anthony Crump from Consensus Planning, a public outreach group hired by Playa Vista, , reported restoration of wetlands continues, first tenants are moving in, development will be smaller than originally planned, with state purchasing land for open space – 5,846 residential units instead of 13,085, 3.4 million square feet of office space, instead of 5.3 million, and 185,000 square feet of retail space, instead of 595,000 square feet. Transportation improvements continue, with an expected draft environmental impact report to focus on streets that have not been improved since the 1940s – including Ladera. The LHCA urged that the EIR specifically address Centinela, Slauson, La Tijera and La Cienega, which already serve as parking lots during rush hours. He acknowledged continuing controversy of project.
- **24-Hour Fitness.** Developers presented plans for a 24-Hour Fitness Center to be built at 5045 W. Slauson, part of Wateridge Business Park. Discussion focused on synchronizing of traffic signals, possibly permitting Little League and Home Depot patrons to use Wateridge parking spaces, and discount memberships. The County is reviewing an analysis of traffic impacts on area streets and will determine mitigation, if any; Crown Realty already paid over \$100,000 for traffic light synchronization and the County and Culver City must work together to implement further mitigation. Parking for Little League and Home Depot patrons is not possible. Crown Realty reports “new and existing members must meet protocol for behavior enforced by 24-Hour Fitness and Wateridge Security.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Board members present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Charles Caballero, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Steve Leon, Frieda Rentie, Phyllis Stewart and and Ron Woods.

Alternates Alma Fowlkes, Zna Houston and Florida Toussant were present. Guests included Tanya Keshishian and Shawna Mattis of Shelter Bay Retail Group, Ruth Lawrence, Patricia Freeman, M. Small, S. Small, David Moss of Moss and Associates, Jim O'Neal of Crown Realty, Mike Salter (with apologies for any spelling errors).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. Leon

Secretary