

Minutes of the Board of Directors

16 Oct 2003

The Board meeting was called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:34 PM.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes of the 18 September 2003 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report for September 2003 was approved.

Crime and Safety

- Statistics. Donna Samuels, LA Sheriff's Department, provided crime statistics for Oct:

Table with 13 columns: Crime statistics Sep 2003, Homicide, Rape, Robbery Weapon, Robbery: Strong Arm, Aggravated Assault, Burglary: Residence, Burglary: Other structure, Grand Theft, Grand Theft Auto, Arson, Vehicle Burglary, Petty Theft, Totals. Rows include Old Ladera, Upper Ladera, Lower Ladera, and Totals.

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. Statistics supplied by Los Angeles County Sheriff.

- CHP. Officer Austin backfilling for Officer Armstrong. 205 citations issued for month of September. Increasing enforcement around parking issues at Parent Elementary. Added 15 new officers early in October to help curb driving violations.
LAPD. Officer Wickes - Serial rapist not apprehended yet. Has not hit in Pacific Division or Inglewood in the last 3 or 4 weeks. Last hit known to be him occurred in the 77th Division in Hyde Park Area. Robberies down but purse snatchings increasing. 2 African-American men in a light blue Chevy Camaro target women going from bank to car, store to car, or getting out of car before entering their homes. 7 - 8 in Westchester recently - be aware of surroundings. Targeted areas have primarily been Westchester, Mar Vista, and Venice. Need more manpower and Ruth will draft letter to Chief Bratton.
LASD. Sgt. Thrash - 2 September burglaries in upper Ladera. Lower Ladera burglary resident at home when 2 guys in blue Chevy pulled in driveway and went to rear of home breaking bathroom window. Alarm sounded, resident called 911 but burglars escaped and apprehended later same day in shooting in Lennox area. Lower Ladera stats up but also includes shopping center and vehicular burglaries. Sgt. Thrash not receiving monthly stats and Ruth will forward to him also.

Committee Reports

- Vice President's Report. Allan explored the CC&R idea previously discussed in Sep meeting but unable to do it in Ladera. Shirley Miles and Sandra Goldsmith Bennett also did some research. Shirley can have an attorney specializing in CC&Rs speak to us in an upcoming meeting. Contacted Security Services Systems to have them send letters to customers who may need to upgrade their motion detectors to the latest on the market at no cost. Filming activity in the community is up. Some film managers don't follow thru with donations. If you see filming in your neighborhood give Allan a call just in case he is unaware of it and he'll visit the site to collect. Allan was elected Vice Chair of the BH Conversancy. United Home Owners 3rd annual forum at a church community get-together
Election Committee: Cab distributed Board of Directors applications for next month's election. Next month (November) we are scheduled to meet at Parent Elementary for the annual meeting. The Sheriff's office should be moved to the Stride Rite location for our December meeting. Still no lease yet.
Senior Center. Alma Fowlkes reported that Jim Smith expects to have funding with the next 2 weeks.

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- **LHCA Webmaster.** Sy Fontaine gave a demo of our new state-of-the-art LHCA website (www.laderaheights.org) which has undergone a major transformation. The site is still under construction and includes advisories, community events, meeting minutes, and more. For the Contact Us page Ruth's email address of SecretaryLHCA@aol.com will be published. Cheryl and Dorothy will provide Sy with digital pictures of homes in the Ladera community for use on the home page. Sy may be contacted via e-mail regarding the website at osiris@earthlink.com. There were varying opinions on the suggestion of providing links to local retailers and businesses for a donation – will not be done at this time.
- **CAC.** Carmen Spiva attended new Scenic Outlook Meeting. There are 3 models you can vote on. Consequency working with Holy Cross Cemetery re land/soil.
- **Slauson Beautification.** Ronni spoke with Julia Orozco re trees for Slauson. Supervisor Burke will pick up the cost of the bigger trees for strip between La Cienega and Wooster.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Ron Woods reported no new members – those just received will be included next year. Expenses have been very low totaling \$339. \$21,798 ending balance. Allan commended for great job collecting from film companies. Motion carried authorizing \$100 for computer memory stick so membership list can continue to be printed.

New Business

- **Motor Homes, 18 Wheelers, and Tour Buses.** Ronni spoke with Jeff Thierry, Traffic Advisor County of Los Angeles about this issue. People are taking advantage of the rule – they park them on the street at 5:01 p.m. leaving them all night and then moving them the following morning. Requested change in ordinance to restrict these large vehicles from parking on the street at all hours - Jeff said yes as long as we have a community forum which coincidentally will occur next month at our annual meeting and Ronni will get back to Jeff.
- **Released Prisoners.** Gene Eldridge reported the state is releasing thousands of prisoners back into the counties from which they were arrested. Many are older and sickly prisoners. New plain clothes deputies working narcotics in Ladera and they gave good report in CAC meeting. Continued parking/loitering in Ladera Center. Friday's is even complaining because their business now slows down about 6 pm on weekends when motorcycle club takes over the parking lot. Signs are still not corrected. Ruth will contact Tanya and ask Shelter Bay to follow up and fix signs and give report in December meeting.
- **Neighborhood Watch Signs.** Robert Shaw reported that most of the block club signs are old and rusty. They can only be replaced if there is an active block club. When requesting new signs must state that the club starts from a specific house address and goes thru ending house address and the county will post the signs at the beginning house and another at the ending house. Also need to provide name of block clubs and captains. (also good info for web site) Cheryl will help by starting a list with some of this info.
- **November Annual Meeting.** Ronni will e-mail Julia of Supervisor Burke's office to invite her to annual meeting.

Old Business

- **Shelter Bay.** Tanya reported Stride Rite moved end of September. Sheriffs have done some prep work inside new location and moving next week. Still no lease yet –the \$1 lease has been reviewed line for line and final draft awaiting signature in executive supervisor's ofc at LA County. 5-yr lease will still include reserved parking spots for Sheriff's. Wells Fargo potential new tenant for site being vacated by Sheriffs

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Board members present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Charles Caballero, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Willa Hector, Robert Shaw, Alma Fowlkes, and Ron Woods. Alternates Alease Love, Florida Toussant, Carmen Spiva and Ruth Lawrence were present. Guests included Tanya of Shelter Bay and Shirley Miles. With apologies for any spelling errors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence