

**Minutes of the Town Hall and Board of Directors Meeting
20 Nov 2003**

6:30 PM - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS - 7:30 PM Town Hall Opened by Ronni Cooper

- o Principal Watts spoke of the tremendous changes at Parent Elementary including the new multi-purpose room and eating pavilion. Waiting for sign-off for K, 4th, and 5th. Would very much appreciate volunteers to read to the children.
- o Ronni presented a plaque of appreciation to Allan Boodnick for his dedication and hard work to the Ladera Heights community. LHCA candidates and other board members were introduced. Attendees were strongly encouraged to attend monthly meetings.
- o Ed Johnson spoke on behalf of Speaker Wesson who sends his best wishes and regrets that he was unable to attend due to a special session called by new Governor. LH community is an example for others to follow.
- o Captain Sam Dacus of the Marina Station spoke of increased crime and fewer countywide resources. Where possible, resources are shifted to add to patrol duty – sometimes to include himself or detectives. Encouraged all citizens to be on the alert of suspicious activities and to report them.
- o CHP has a new Lieutenant in our area and she was introduced. CHP is also working closely with Jeff Thierry. They are willing to come to Neighborhood Watch meetings and speak about holiday entertaining, driving & concerns.
- o LA County Fire Chief from Slauson and Fairfax spoke of their partnership with the Sheriff's Dept. and their interest in training volunteers. This type of program offers empowerment to the community.
- o Officer Anthony Warren of Security Service Systems encouraged more people to sign up for patrol service to increase the number of hours for a patrol car. Officer Warren provided an overview of the patrol service.
- o Supervisor Burke is pleased that the Centinela project worked well. Her office is also working with Alma Fowlkes on the Senior Center to meet the community's expectations. Contractor to be selected soon - 4000 square feet. Efforts are continuing to acquire more land in the Stocker area to expand the green belt. Slauson tree replacement is in the works and Supervisor Burke has committed to funding 36" box trees.
- o Several questions were asked about filming activities in Ladera. Allan Boodnick provided answers and gave an overview of the process film crews use to obtain permission in advance working through the LHCA.
- o Ron Woods, Charles Caballero, and Ronni Cooper were awarded Perfect Attendance certificates for 2002 – 2003.
- o New Business - Motor Homes, 18 Wheelers, and Tour Buses. Ronni opened this issue for discussion in a public forum. Recommendations are that current parking ordinance for these vehicles be modified to require special parking permits to be issued by the Sheriff's Dept. There were no objections to the proposed recommendation. Neighbors can call 310 410-7600 regarding oversized vehicles and have them ticketed if there is no permit.
- o Election Results: Carmen Dandridge-Spiva, Sy Fountaine, Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Dorothy E. Harris, Willa Hector, Alvetia E. Smith, and Florida M. Toussant were elected and will serve a two-year (2) term as Directors (12/03 - 11/05) Candidates Margie Evans, Vickie Evans, Ruth Lawrence, Shirley Miles, Freda Rentie, Robert Shaw, and Phyllis Stewart shall serve for a one-year (1) term only (12/03 - 11/04).

Board Meeting -Following the annual Election and Town Hall Meeting, Ronni called Board Meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Secretary's Report - The minutes of the 16 October 2003 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report -Treasurer's Report for October 2003 was approved.

Crime and Safety Statistics - Donna Samuels, LA Sheriff's Department, provided crime statistics for Nov:

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
Old Ladera			3	1	1	6	1	5	4		2	3	26
Upper Ladera						1	1	1	1		2	2	8
Lower Ladera			3		1	3		1	3			1	12
Totals			6	1	2	10	2	7	8		4	6	46

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board members present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Charles Caballero, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Willa Hector, Frieda Rentie, Robert Shaw, Alma Fowlkes, Phyllis Stewart, and Ron Woods. Alternates Alease Love, Dorothy Harris, Alvetia Smith, Florida Toussant, Carmen Spiva, and Ruth Lawrence were present. Respectfully Submitted, Ruth E. Lawrence

NOTE: December 18, 2003 meeting will be short and will include election of officers.