

Minutes of the Board of Directors

15 Jan 2004

The Board meeting was called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:32 PM.

Secretary's Report

- The minutes of the 18 December 2003 meeting were approved with one correction. The Vice President's report included information regarding Holy Cross Cemetery that was actually part of Carmen Spiva's report. Treasurer's Report for December 2003 was approved. The 2004 Budget was approved as proposed.

Crime and Safety

- Statistics: Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. Donna Samuels, LA Sheriff's Department, provided crime statistics:

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 Upper Ladera, Lower Ladera, Old Ladera, and Totals.

- CHP. Officer Austin provided sample of fraudulent temporary registration tags often being used on stolen cars. Copies are good and difficult for officers to tell at a glance. 92 citations and 12 DUI arrests in December. CHP community help program down to one officer. Officer Austin solicited complaints related to chronic violations at specific intersections and will focus on those in an effort to reduce traffic hazards. He will also attempt to get the speed trailer fixed and back on upper Shenandoah by end-of-month. LAPD. Recent robbery in old Ladera on Condon. Two more cars in the area on nightly basis - not due to any particular crime pattern but because they have extra resources right now. LASD. Sgt. Thrash reported recent homicide on Flores in old Ladera. Guest was shot in driveway as party was dispersing. Prior to incident, the Sheriffs responded to several noise complaints. String of vandalism occurred weekend of Jan 3rd and several cars parked on Springpark and on 64th suffered severe damage to tires, windshields, mirrors, and rear windows.

Old Business

- Candidate's Night. Ruth mailed invitations on Jan 10, 2004 to the 3 top running candidates: Karen Bass, Nate Holden, and Rickey Ivie with request for RSVP by Jan 19th. Candidate's night is on Feb 19th @ Parent Elementary. Dorothy has reserved the Multi-Purpose room. Each candidate will have 5 minutes to speak to community followed by Q & A session. Ronni will moderate and present questions. Each candidate will have an opportunity to answer the same questions and be limited to a 1 minute response. Candidates will get 2 minutes each to close. Cheryl Cook will advertise Candidate's Night in the upcoming newsletter. Allan will provide a stopwatch and Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett will be the official timer. Sandra will use a yellow flag to indicate 1 minute remaining and a red flag to indicate STOP. Ronni will arrange podium, microphone, and chairs. Florida Toussant will bring the 3 x 5 index cards for audience to use when submitting a question. Florida Toussant and Willa Hector will collect question cards from audience and get them to Ronni. Board members be prepared with meaningful questions Ronni can use in case audience participation is inadequate. LHCA Board members will have a short meeting immediately following the Candidate forum.

- **Shelter Bay.** No answer yet from law enforcement on parking signs in Ladera center. Tanya will continue pressing these agencies for accurate info prior to upcoming shift to PDT.
- **AT&T Equip:** Robert Shaw attended a meeting on Jan 6, 2004 and was the only Ladera representative there. AT&T received approval from LA County to place their antennae equipment in the Ethiopian Church (Slauson & Shenandoah) bell tower and un-manned microwave equipment in the church basement.

New Business

- **Shelter Bay:** Tanya reported that Wells Fargo is going to take old Sheriff location but lease not signed yet.
- **Clinton Tatum:** Clinton is new deputy representing Supvr. Burke's office and will be attending our meetings. He reported receiving complaints re campaign signs along parkways (at curb) and not actually in a homeowner's yard and he will have them picked up.
- **Traffic Light - Holy Cross Cemetery:** Ronni Cooper wants letter drafted to Culver City regarding the new traffic signal on Slauson at the Cemetery entrance and it's negative impact to the flow of traffic in our community. Each time a car is ready to exit from the cemetery the light changes and backs up the Ladera traffic. Ruth will write the letter to Culver City and Allan Boodnick will also make some calls.

Committee Reports

- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report.**
 - Allan Boodnick reminded everyone we have committee assignments that need to be filled for 2004. Ruth will forward 2003 list for members to modify indicating their 2004 preference of committees.
 - Allan and Ronni met with SSS today and obtained number of residents who subscribe to SSS Patrol Service. As of 1/15/04, there were 169 SSS members. 111 have Patrol and Home Monitoring; 58 have Patrol only.
 - Board of EIBC (film industry permits) looking for new president if anyone interested.
 - Allan inquired about cameras proposed for entrance of upper Ladera. Per Gene Eldridge they cannot be on private property. Gene's working on a formal presentation for Board and we'll include on our March agenda
- **CAC.** Carmen Spiva reported that there will be an all day meeting on March 5, 2004 for public input at Kenneth Hahn Park.
- **Senior Center.** Alma Fowlkes reported no new updates at this time.
- **LHCA Webmaster.** Sy Fountaine introduced guest, Donald Jones of United International Mortgage Bankers. Mr. Jones made presentation offering to cover cost of our web site and at the same time grow his business. He proposed that we could do this in exchange for some exclusive rights. Or, if we do business with him (re-fi) he would donate as a gift back to our organization 10% of his 1% fee. He presented 2 ways of accomplishing this and would like the board to consider this proposal. Dorothy Harris proposed we have an ad-hoc committee to review Mr. Jones' need and ours while also giving LHCA an opportunity to consider offers of others as well. It was suggested that the ad-hoc group also include an accountant and attorney to keep us on track to avoid losing our tax status. Sy will chair the ad-hoc group and Gene Eldridge, Dorothy Harris, and Alma Fowlkes will assist him.
- **Slauson Beautification.** Dorothy Harris reported that Slauson planting has begun. She will also work with Clinton Tatum of Supvr Burke's office on a photo op while beautification activities are going on.

Meeting adjourned 9:34 p.m.

Board members present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Sy Fountaine, Dorothy Harris, Alvetia Smith, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, Alternates Ruth Lawrence, Alease Love, Robert Shaw, and Shirley Miles were present. Guests included Tanya of Shelter Bay, Clinton Tatum of Supvr Burke's office and Donald Jones of United International. With apologies for any spelling errors.

Respectfully Submitted, Ruth E. Lawrence