

LHCA Candidates Night

19 Feb 2004

The LHCA Candidates Night was called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:05 PM.

Participating candidates for the 47th District Assembly Seat included Karen Bass, David Cooper, Nate Holden, and Ricky Ivie. Each candidate gave an opening statement about themselves and participated in a question & answer forum with questions from Ladera residents presented by moderator, Ronni Cooper. The candidates also made closing statements at the end of the Q & A. The forum ended at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes of the Board of Directors

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Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes of the 15 January 2004 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report for January 2004 was approved.

Crime and Safety

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

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
Upper Ladera						2		1	1		2	1	7
Lower Ladera					1		2		1			2	6
Old Ladera				1	1				1		1		4
Totals				1	2	2	2	1	3		3	3	17

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center.

New Business

- **Ladera Center:** A community group representing 63rd Street expressed their grievances about the Ladera Center to include loitering, public profanity, safety, undesirable establishments, noise, low riders, etc. Tanya Keshishian of Shelter Bay Management, Kimberly Thompson of TGIF & Starbucks, Sgt Ron Thrash of LASD, and several LHCA Board members provided some background on recent and ongoing efforts made to improve the security and overall environment in the Ladera Center. Concerned citizens were encouraged to continue reporting suspicious incidents, to subscribe to SSS Patrol Service for broader coverage, and to become active participants in future LHCA meetings.
- **Holiday Ball:** Allan Boodnick raised a concern that B of A manager thought the bank's cash donation towards the 2003 Holiday Ball had been sought on behalf of the Ladera Heights Civic Association. Gerald Riberio (member of the Holiday Ball committee) was present and advised us that it was the Southbay branch of B of A and not the Ladera branch that donated the funds. Mrs. Riberio clarified based on her personal knowledge that B of A Southbay was fully aware the donation was to the Laderian for the Holiday Ball and was not in any way solicited in the name of the LHCA. Misunderstanding corrected.
- **Thank You Letter:** Secretary, Ruth Lawrence, acknowledged thank you letter from Donald Jones, United International Realtors who spoke at January meeting.

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Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.

Board members present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Sy Fontaine, Dorothy Harris, Willa Hector, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, and Ron Woods. Alternates Ruth Lawrence, Frieda Rentie, and Phyllis Stewart were present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence