

Minutes of the Board of Directors**17 Jun 2004**

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:00 PM.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes of the May 20, 2004 meeting were approved.
- Treasurer's Report for May 2004 was approved.

Crime and Safety

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

| 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 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Lower Ladera | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Old Ladera | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Totals | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 16 |

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center.

- **CHP.** Officer Austin reported 27 total citations issued in Ladera area for the month of May. A brand new radar trailer has been used on lower Corning to track speed of driver upon entering from Slauson and continues tracking as the car approaches the trailer. 20 citations were issued in just a 3 to 4 hour period yesterday, June 16th. The trailer will be moved around to different streets.
- **LAPD.** Sgt. Akune of the Pacific Division outlined National Night Out march planned for August 3rd. The march will begin at 7 p.m. from the Culver/Centinela station north to Inglewood Ave, south on Inglewood Ave to the Mar Visa housing community. Officer Beecham has done a great job in that community and this march is to have everyone come together and send a strong message to criminals.
- **LASD.** Sgt. Thrash reported May crime statistics continue to be lower but cautioned that we should not let our guard down since we usually have an increase during the summer months. Four more deputies have been assigned to the Marina Station. They are trainees now but will soon be helping out.

Old Business

- **Corning Ave Traffic Mgmt Program:** Jeff Thierry, Traffic Advisor LA County DPW, explained speed cushions are planned for lower Corning and Springpark in the early fall. Radlock to Springpark may be considered next but the initial study will be limited to Corning/Springpark. The cushions are friendlier to the Fire Dept than speed bumps. Although the Fire Dept does not like any apparatus on the streets, they will be able to straddle the cushions.
- **Buses, RV's, Motor Homes, Trucks:** Jeff Thierry has been studying the ordinances for large vehicles. Ronni Cooper clarified that we would like the current ordinance to stay the same but remove the time element (12 a.m. to 6 a.m.) from the ordinance. Jeff will look at the ordinance to determine if the time can be removed.
- **Ladera Center:** Tanya reported weekend security is increasing for summer. Wells Fargo construction is underway. September 30th will end Fatburger's tenancy. Shelter Bay will consider sponsorship on our website and Tanya will provide Sy Fountaine, Webmaster, with contact names. Sy will forward letters to Ruth to affix Ronni's signature.

Shelter Bay is working through an issue with Hip Hop's unauthorized "Platinum" sign. They are in default on their lease and legal issues are pending.

- **Von's LaTijera Center:** Tanya, Officer Wicks, and the Von's store manager have not been able to get together yet due to scheduling conflicts.
- **Sidewalk Repairs:** Lance Grindle, Assistant District Engineer, LA County DPW, addressed recent concerns raised about sidewalk repairs. THE DPW has been grinding some of the displacements on the sidewalks and removing some of the black asphalt displacements. The new ground down surface is initially lighter in color than the original sidewalk but will eventually weather and oxidize to match the surrounding pavement. This process also saves money for the county during tight budgets.
- **Clinton Tatum, Deputy for Supvr Burke:** Clinton responded to the LHCA letter of last month. There will be no reduction in the Sheriff's Ladera presence or the Marina Station. Motion pending to restore the Sheriff's \$35M that was submitted to be a reduction.

Committee Reports

- **LHCA Website:** Sy Fountaine projected the software and hosting costs to be about \$5,400 and could be split between the LHCA, Baldwin Hills, and View Park. Baldwin Hills and View Park have some issues and are far more conservative so Sy will check with Shelter Bay and Magic Johnson's TGIF regarding sponsorship. The goal is for us to pay nothing with the website being self-sufficient. Worse case would be LHCA pays minimum of approximately \$600.
- **Security Cameras:** Carmen Spiva will host another meeting next week. At the first meeting the committee discussed more detail needed for a "talk-from" piece so everyone will be comfortable discussing with neighbors. Also discussed starting with an introductory mailer in upper Ladera. Celebrity endorsements will be welcomed. Toby Bailey will donate \$1000. November 15th was selected as a proposed installation date. Gene Eldridge discussed a proposed sign for those residents who do contribute that could serve as a great deterrent as well as an incentive for others to contribute. "Video Recorded Neighborhood Watch Program" was one of the suggestions.
- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** Allan Boodnick reported large crowd in attendance at the May CAC meeting to support the desire to keep the Sheriff Ladera sub-station open. The Sheriff said we could end up with Marina being a sub-station. Allan also attended the County Commissioner's meeting downtown. He inquired if the Supervisors were supportive of the half-cent tax increase. A decision is still pending on support. However, we just learned from Mr. Tatum the Sheriff will get the \$35M back. The soccer field was dedicated on May 22nd and Dorothy
- Harris presented a \$500 check from the LHCA. Captain Dacus had a luncheon for the Youth Foundation which was founded in 1985. Motion made and carried approving a \$250 donation from the LHCA. A recent film director antagonized a homeowner who wrote an angry letter to a lot of people. Allan intervened with the location manager and homeowner to resolve the issue and also recruited the homeowner who has become an LHCA dues paying member. Filming complaints should go to Allan since filming provides a great financial boost to the LHCA.
- **Neighborhood Watch Clubs:** Cheryl Cook reported we have 12 NW Clubs and new signs are up on Holt, Sherbourne, and Flores.

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- **Senior Center:** Allan Boodnick asked Clinton Tatum if the \$2.5M for the senior center remained in the budget. Per Clinton the Sr. Center is still on track and is still in the design phase.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported the new Culver City Police Chief attended the last CAC. The CAC is still working on a recognition program for volunteers. The new traffic signal at Holy Cross cemetery (Slauson & Bristol Parkway) is now photo-enforced.

New Business

- **New Alternate:** Motion made and carried naming Alan Bernstein as an Alternate Director to the LHCA Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Board members present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Sy Fountaine, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, and Ron Woods. Alternates Ruth Lawrence, and Roy Harris were present. Guests included Tanya Keshishian, Jeff Thierry, Lance Grindle, Alan Bernstein, Hillard Sorey, Clinton Tatum, Clifford Newman, Officer Austin, Sgt. Akune, and Sgt. Thrash. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence