

Minutes of the Board of Directors

16 Sep 2004

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:04 PM.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes of the June 16, 2004 meeting were approved.
Treasurer's Report for June 2004 was approved.

Crime and Safety

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

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.

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center.

- LAPD. Officer Wicks reported recent takeover robberies at Von's LaTijera and Denny's Manchester.
LASD. Sgt. Thrash reported upward trend in summer burglaries. Cautioned people to be alert to suspicious activity.

Old Business

- Ladera Center: Tanya Keshishian of Shelter Bay reported Fatburger will be moving to Manchester and Crenshaw in Inglewood.

New Business

- EIDC (Film Permit Agency): Donna Wells and Susan Yackley of the EIDC gave an overview of how their organization tries to insure film permits always include detailed information about our neighborhood's requirements and attributes.
LaCienega and 64th Street: Resident Shelley Ballance reported wide break in the chain link fence in the 6100 Block of LaCienega on the west side of the boulevard.

and hazards. Letter will use Ronni's office number in lieu of LHCA voice mail number and will go to Supvr Burke, Councilwoman Miscikowski, LA County DPW, LA City DPW, and Cal-Trans as the affected area spans both city and county lines. Location is where 5200 block of 64<sup>th</sup> St. ends and faces LaCienega traffic through chain link fence.

- **Urban Education Partnership:** Erin McGoldrick gave an overview of her organization's project. She outlined 3 major components of the project. A community assessment of current resources and needs, recommendations on how the BH Conservancy can meet the needs of the community, and creating a curriculum guide. This organization is interested in how we, the community, might get involved. Erin would like to provide us with surveys on our opinions and come back in a few months and have us state what we need. Erin will forward the survey to Ruth to forward to members along with the September minutes. Ruth will also provide copy for Sy Fountaine to post on the LHCA website.
- **Annual Meeting:** The next annual meeting will be held in November. The Annual Meeting Committee consists of Frieda Rentie and Ron Woods. They will need to arrange for use of Parent Elementary. The board discussed checking local churches also since the school's acoustics are so bad.
- **Election Committee:** The Election Committee consists of Willa Hector and Alvetia Smith. Cheryl Cook has the master Board of Director election application form. Cheryl will mail it to Ruth. Ruth will re-mail it to members who are up for re-election. Members will return directly to Cheryl, not Ruth. Directors elected in 2002 and all Alternates are up for re-election.
- **United Oil Gas Station:** (SW corner of Slauson & LaBrea) Lower Ladera residents are strongly opposed to beer and wine being sold because of the station's proximity to the Park and homes. Owner, Jeff Appell, willingly withdrew the beer and wine request from the permit.
- **Sheriff Office:** The LHCA would like to help the Sheriff's modify their new location to make it more conducive for community meetings. Board could use some of the filming proceeds to fund the expense. Ronni will discuss further with Tanya. May be possible to have a professional designer look at the space and make a recommendation taking the Sheriff's needs into consideration. Cheryl Cook will also look at the space and offer her advice. It is extremely important that any recommended changes not impede the Sheriff's ability to conduct business as usual.
- **New Alternate:** Motion made and carried naming Bud Raymond as an Alternate Director to the LHCA Board.
- **Miscellaneous:** Members complained about the large groups of weekend runners and walkers (practicing for the marathon) on the streets of Lower Ladera who do not yield to oncoming cars behind them. They extend well into the driving lane. Members were reminded to call the Sheriff's office when this occurs. Members also complained about the 5200 block of 64<sup>th</sup> street facing LaCienega because it has become a popular parking spot for kids observed smoking marijuana and is also being used for a "lovers lane". Members were again reminded to call the police when these things are happening.

## Committee Reports

- **Security Cameras:** Gene Elder reported that research for this project is ongoing.
- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** Allan Boodnick shared information he gathered in an effort to determine how Ladera schools, currently part of Inglewood Unified District, could become part of the Culver City School District. Starts with a petition and signatures. Must have a valid reason for example: improve educational opportunities or fiscal solvency. Cheryl Cook will add information on this subject in the newsletter and include a

tear-off for residents to respond. Bud Raymond volunteered to be the point of contact for responses and will field the calls.

- **Neighborhood Watch Clubs:** Cheryl Cook suggested that block clubs interested in closing off their street for an event may need to get a \$1M insurance policy as a result of previous accident that occurred in Santa Monica. Make sure your club does the appropriate research before closing off your street.
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported ground has been broken for the Senior Center and work has been started.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Board members present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Sy Fontaine, Alvetia Smith, Carmen Spiva,, and Ron Woods. Alternates Alan Bernstein, Margie Evans, Roy Harris, and Ruth Lawrence were present. Guests included Tanya Keshishian, Hillard Sorey, Bud Raymond, Shelley Balance, Donna Wells, Erin McGoldrick, Susan Yackley, Officer Wicks, and Sgt. Thrash. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence