

Minutes of the Board of Directors

16 Dec 2004

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes of the Nov 18,, 2004 town hall meeting were approved.
Treasurer's Report for Nov 2004 was approved.

Crime and Safety

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

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.

- LASD. Sgt. Thrash reported recent petty thefts and snatch-and-grab incidents in some of the Ladera Center stores during holiday shopping. The Old Ladera crime stats for November indicate an unusually high increase and Ron will check to see if reported info is accurate.

Old Business

- LaCienega and 64th Street: Shelley pointed out in recent correspondence for the County that they describe LaCienega as a "highway" which makes it eligible for a sound wall. In her prior research she had been advised that it was ineligible because it wasn't classified as a highway. This is good news and the LHCA will wait while they conduct their sound studies and follow-up. Shelley will email Ruth with the peak traffic hours and Ruth will send letter on behalf of LHCA .

New Business

- Election of LHCA Officers: Motion made and carried electing Ronni Cooper as President, Allan Boodnick as Vice President, Ron Woods as Treasurer and Ruth Lawrence as Secretary for the upcoming year.

Committee Reports

- Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report: Allan Boodnick will Chair the BH Conservancy next year. He also reported the West LA access road is inadequate and residents behind the college are interested in another access road to LaCienega. The board members present agreed we should send a letter on this issue. Allan will send info to Ruth who will mail a letter on behalf of the LHCA.
Senior Center: Alma Fowlkes reported Jim Smith brought last part of the design. There were some concerns about the kitchen and those concerns are being addressed. Meetings are ongoing monthly.
CAC: Gene Eldridge was elected as the new CAC Chair for the upcoming year.

- **Update on School Petition:** Cheryl Cook reported the first meeting was held at Bud Raymond's house Sunday, December 12th. So far there are approximately 250 signatures. We need 25% of the community. Cheryl distributed additional petitions to those Directors present to use in their neighborhoods.
- **Beautification:** Cheryl Cook reported we will go forward and add landscaping where trees used to be (Slauson) per Supervisor Burke at the November Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Directors present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, Ron Woods, and Alternate Alma Fowlkes. Guests included Ivery Toussant, Janine Haydel, and Shelley Ballance. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary