

Minutes of the Board of Directors

17 Feb 2005

LHCA Board meeting called to order by Vice President Allan Boodnick at 7:00 PM.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- January 2005 minutes of the Board approved with typo/corrections from Gene Eldridge.
Treasurer's Report for January 2005 was approved

Crime and Safety

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

Table with 14 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. * Old Ladera omitted pending data correction by LASD to separate from Winsor Hills

- LASD. Sgt. Thrash confirmed still working to get Old Ladera Crime Stats separated from Windsor Hills. Captain's Secretary filling in for previous Crime Analyst. Also reported a recent robbery on Springpark.
LAPD: Officer Wickes reported additional incidents related to the "bike robber" to include robbery with gun behind the 99 cents store, purse snatched from elderly lady, and a nun at St. Jerome's on Thornburn.

Old Business

- 24 Hour Fitness Center: Problems associated with litter, speeding, dressing-undressing, and long-term parking on residential streets increasing.
School Petition: Per Bud Raymond the petition has been filed for review and it takes about two weeks to get an answer.
LaCienega and 64th Street: No update - Clinton Tatum of Supervisor Burke's office not present.
Ladera Center: No update - new property manager, Kathy Roshay not present.
Ladera Park Construction - Picnic Tables: No update - Clinton Tatum of Supervisor Burke's office not present.
PXP Drilling Noise - Upper Ladera: Per Carmen Spiva drilling has apparently moved on, noise stopped.

- **Parent School – Air Conditioning Units on Roof:** No update on the air-conditioning units yet.

Committee Reports

- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** Allan Boodnick reported the Conservancy Newsletter is coming out soon. There will be a column addressing remarks frequently made by Culver City. Allan received a Public Hearing notice that AM PM Mini-Mart at the Arco Gas station on La Brea and Slauson asking for permission to sell alcohol. Board agrees we should also oppose on same grounds as the recent request by Unified Oil across the street. Charlee Williams agreed to attend the hearing and Ruth Lawrence, Secretary, will contact Phyllis Stewart who will probably want to attend too. Ruth will send letter over Ronni's signature expressing Board's opposition to Department of Regional Planning. Hearing is March 2nd, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. downtown 320 W. Temple Street. Allan advised Ruth to add the LaCienega – 64th Sound Wall with Shelley Ballance to the committee roster. Ruth will also contact some of the Alternates who have not attended in a long time to see if they plan to resume participation or remove them.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Cheryl Cook reported new group on Lower Corning between Slauson and 64th Street.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported the CAC will be involved in the interviews for the new LASD Captain. There are 3 candidates being considered. Allan Boodnick volunteered to participate in the interview process. Gene also reported there are special volunteers who go through the community and remove graffiti and take down the billboards that people leave on the utility poles.
- **Website:** Sy Fountaine reported no updates
- **Beautification:** Dorothy Harris reported the County Supervisor's office hired a consulting firm for the western end of Slauson over to and including Old Ladera. Not sure when the work might start due to the huge rain expenses that have occurred recently. We want a monument sign for the west entrance to Ladera Heights to go on Slauson near Wooster. Preferably something low-standing and with lights – if anyone knows of any civic minded architects, please contact Dorothy. Two new volunteers for the Beautification committee: Charlee Williams and Shelley Ballance.
- **Senior Center:** Florida Toussant reported for Alma Fowlkes. Plans are moving along fine and building will start approximately August or September. Alma has another meeting with Mr. Smith in March.
- **Newsletter:** Cheryl Cook reported the upcoming newsletter will be mailed with added color (lavender) and personalized addresses. Discussion resumed from last month regarding monetary incentives for reading newsletter. An alternate suggestion was made to include coupons from local merchants instead of awarding monetary prize. Cheryl suggested we spend \$500 on 5 dinners for 2 @ \$100 each. Other discussion included opinions that we should not pay people money to read the newsletter and join the Association. No decisions were made – ideas will continue to be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Directors present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Gene Eldridge, Sy Fountaine, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Alvetia Smith, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, and Ron Woods. Alternates present were Frieda Rentie and Bud Raymond.

Guests included Cheryl Irvine, Beverly Tillis, Cookie Simpson, Calvin Blue, Ivery Toussant, Sidney Logan, Shelley Balance, Charlee Williams, D. E. Harris, Tim Lester, Cassandra Mischeaux, Barbara Biggs, Judy Page, Lovelle Hunt, Dena Ingram, Edmond Durham, Donna Myrow. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary