

**Minutes of the Board of Directors**

**21 Apr 2005**

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:05 PM.

**Secretary & Treasurer Report**

- March 2005 minutes of the Board approved.
- Treasurer's Report for March 2005 approved

**Crime and Safety**

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

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													
Lower Ladera													
Old Ladera	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Totals													

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. \* Old Ladera omitted pending data correction by LASD to separate from Winsor Hills

- **LASD.** Sgt. Thrash reported efforts are still underway to get the crime stats restored for Old Ladera. Also working with the new Captain, Mary Campbell, to try to get another crime analyst. The "possible" suspect apprehended and interviewed at LAPD Pacific Division on March 17<sup>th</sup> was not the "bicycle" robber. Although there has not been an arrest made, there have not been any recent crimes attributed to this person.
- **CHP:** Officer Austin has been working in Glendale with new CHP recruits. He reported a recent request for a new stop sign at Chariton and 55<sup>th</sup> in upper Ladera. Officers were placed there for observations and only 3 cars even passed through the intersection contradicting the resident's complaints of constant speed violations. If there are specific areas you would like to see enforced, contact officer Austin via email [baustin@chp.ca.gov](mailto:baustin@chp.ca.gov) or on 310 642-3939.

**Old Business**

**24 Hour Fitness Center:** Clinton Tatum reported since the last meeting he's had a difficult time reaching anyone empowered to do anything about the parking issues. He was advised that Magic Johnson is not associated with the center. Mark Scoggins is not a decision maker. Clinton was advised to get in touch with Mr. DeLaRosa but no response. The County Regional Planning Office went out to observe this week and followed up with a letter to the center recommending increased parking hours for patrons. The recommended increase was from 2 hours to 3. As of today the center hired a "monitor" who gives Fitness Center patrons coming from the residential streets a notice that says parking on those streets is a violation of their membership. Clinton and others walked over and the guy never stopped any of them. Clinton will call back and report his observations. The "monitor" is only employed between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Per Mrs. Charlee Williams, the fitness center has plans to extend their hours to 24 hours a day soon. Permit Parking was once again recommended to enable legal parking enforcement. The residents do not want Permit Parking. Mrs. Williams and one of the neighbors would like to have No Parking signs created – a sample picture was provided. Ronni Cooper, LHCA President, reminded them with no "enforcement" information on the signs people will probably ignore them. Ronni agreed the LHCA would reimburse them for the signs if they choose to proceed with them. Mrs. Williams also requested of Mr. Tatum a trash receptacle for the bus stop at Kings Road and Slauson. He agreed to take care of it.

- **School Petition:** Cheryl Cook reported there will be a weekend blitz the weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> to get more signatures.
- **Ladera Center:** New property manager, Kathy Roshay was not able to attend but provided an update via email. The landscape planter upgrade occurred in March. On a subsequent site visit she found some of the new plants had been walked on and damaged. She is looking into another option as the current choice will not flourish with pedestrian traffic. Asphalt work was completed the first week of April to correct potholes and large cracks in the parking lot due to winter storm damage. Sprinklers and irrigation lines continue to be vandalized and present an ongoing challenge. There are monthly replacements of parts due to pedestrian traffic and vandalism. The curbs have been painted red for easier viewing and the onsite maintenance is freshly painting all stop signs for easier identification. For any issues or concerns regarding the center Kathy encourages anyone to contact her assistant Carrie Flaherty @ 626 8/3-8224 xtn 16 or email [cflaherty@shelterbay.com](mailto:cflaherty@shelterbay.com).
- **Ladera Park Construction – Picnic Tables:** Clinton Tatum of Supervisor Burke's did not have an update at the February or March meeting but reported in this meeting that he'd had someone contact Phyliss Stewart directly to provide information on the park activity.
- **PXP Drilling Noise – Upper Ladera:** Clinton Tatum spoke with upper Ladera resident George Mallory on this issue but reported the County did not yet receive a letter from Mr. Mallory and the upper Ladera residents. The County did receive a letter from PXP. Carmen Spiva of Upper Ladera reported that she had recently met with a representative from PXP and they seem pretty committed to resolve the noise issues and the residents will stay on top of it.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** Allan Boodnick reported that the Conservancy Newsletter has been published and he provided copies. Allan and Dave McNeal, Executor of the Conservancy, went to Sacramento earlier this month. Efforts are underway to extend the sunset of the Conservancy until 2011. The next meeting will be at St. Mary's Church and the highlight will be the community's needs for the park. A motion was made and carried for the LHCA to provide \$160 reimbursement for gift presented to BHC member.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported the CAC has been very busy. There are community needs and projects they are examining and want to be more responsive to like graffiti removal, leftover posters on utility poles, etc. Gene also attended a Security Convention in Las Vegas and reported cameras continue to be excellent anti-crime tools.
- **Beautification:** Dorothy Harris reported the landscaping plans are under development, per Lance Grindle, but due to the unanticipated \$85M expense from rain damage last winter we can expect to be put on the back burner for a while.
- **Senior Center:** Jim Smith attended the meeting and shared color boards and a large poster of the proposed architecture for the Senior Center. There will be approximately 4K square feet for a large community room, kitchen, registration office, rest rooms, and manager's office. There will also be a computer room with computer classes provided for seniors. The facility will be a seniors and community use facility.

### **New Business:**

- **Area Codes:** There are 4 hearings next week on the proposed 310 / 424 area-code overlay if anyone is interested in attending.

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- **Quality of Life Issues:** Allan Boodnick launched a call for help on many of the quality of life issues prevalent in the community and cited many examples. For those interested in tackling these and other issues with solutions, feel free to contact Allan.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Directors present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Sy Fountaine, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Alvetia Smith, Carmen Spiva, and Ron Woods. Alternates present were Vickie Evans and Shirley Miles.

Guests included Elyn Lewis, Lorraine Hawkins, Charlee Williams, Dena Ingram, Beverly Tills, LASD Sgt. Ron Thrash, CHP Officer Austin, and Clinton Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary