

Minutes of the Board of Directors

19 May 2005

LHCA Board meeting called to order by Vice President Allan Boodnick at 7:08 PM (Quorum present at 7:15 PM)

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- April 2005 minutes of the Board approved with corrected spelling of McNeill.
672 members YTD. Treasurer's Report for March 2005 approved

Crime and Safety

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

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, and Totals.

Statistics for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. LASD unable to separate Old Ladera from Windsor Hills – Old Ladera not shown.

- LASD. Captain Mary Campbell was welcomed to the meeting. Captain Campbell stated she is trying to get out in the community as much as possible to meet people. She also explained the Old Ladera stats are no longer available because the reporting district is the same as Windsor Hills, therefore the numbers are combined. Allan asked if Old Ladera could be tracked by street boundaries instead and she agreed to look into it. Captain Campbell is looking forward to learning more about our needs and concerns as a community. Sgt. Thrash reported reduction in April crime stats and provided a correction - there were only 3 crimes in Lower Ladera for April instead of 4 originally reported. There have been reports of an alleged pedophile around Windsor Hills Elementary. The incidents reported are of a man who talks a little crazy, tries to attract children to him, and then masturbates in front of them. There was also a home invasion robbery in the View Park area near Stocker and Valley Ridge. A family was robbed when coming home at 3 a.m.
CHP: Officer Austin received 2 new radar trailers. Residents can leave a message on the LHCA voice mail of streets where speeding is a known issue and the message will be forwarded to the CHP or contact him directly. If the trailer detects a lot of speeding incidents, officers will go out and use the radar gun. Officer Austin also reported that CHP is working on the LaTijera and Centinela gridlock problems. A resident suggested also making the "no left turn" sign in the 5200 block of Westbound Fairview more visible by placing overhead signs instead of the present location obscured by the trees to the right. If there are specific enforcement areas of concern, contact officer Austin via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

24 Hour Fitness Center: Mrs. Charlee Williams reported meeting with Mr. Hill of Supvr. Burke's office, Clinton Tatum, 24 Hr Fitness Developers, and the County Regional Planning Commission. The center took signs provided by Mrs. Williams and agreed to post at the center. The sign says Stop – If you parked on a residential street, go back and move it. Mr. Tatum agreed to check with DPW to see if they would approve street signage. If so, 24 Hr. Fitness will pay for the street signs. The center also has clerks who tell members to go back and move their cars but the clerk is not empowered to force people to move. The center is still considering extending the free member parking from 2 hours to 3 hours but has not agreed to do it yet. There is still no trash receptacle for the bus stop and Mrs. Williams will follow-up with Mr. Tatum when he returns from vacation. Mr. Tatum arrived before the meeting ended and restated the information provided by Mrs. Williams earlier. He also reported the center claims they have

a daily trash pick-up between LaBrea and Kings Road. Mrs. Williams and other residents confirmed there is no daily trash pick-up. Mr. Tatum also added that Supvr. Burke and Herb Wesson met with Magic Johnson the previous night. Magic Johnson was reported as stating he is very familiar with the problems on residential streets and that he is implementing measures to notify all patrons their privileges will be revoked if parking on residential streets continues.

- **School Petition:** Cheryl Cook reported 200 new signatures during the April 23rd weekend blitz for a total of slightly over 1400 to-date.
- **Ladera Center:** Property manager, Kathy Roshay expressed concern for safety and security now that summer is here. She has been meeting with security because when visiting the center she's not pleased with observations and she is also planning to put out bids for new landscaping service. 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. Clinton Tatum of Supvr. Burke's office reported there is some consideration to making the Ladera Center all one domain – either all city or all county.
- **Quality of Life Issues:** In the April meeting Allan Boodnick launched a call for help on many of the quality of life issues prevalent in the community. Ruth will email Allan's message along with the May minutes for those who missed it and Sy will post it on the website. Residents interested in tackling these and other issues with solutions, contact Allan Boodnick directly.
- **PXP Drilling Noise – Upper Ladera:** Allan Boodnick took a tour with Steve Roush of PXP to observe drilling sites. Many corrective measures have been taken successfully to resolve the problems.. PXP still wants to be amenable to the neighbors regarding the noise.
- **Ladera Park – Picnic Tables:** Phyllis Stewart reported the picnic area is being rebuilt. It could not be relocated in the park without a lot of red tape so instead they tore down the old one and are rebuilding in the same spot. The neighbors never wanted the old covered area anyway because it encouraged drug activity and provided "lovers lane" environment.
- **310 – 424 Area Code Split/Overlay:** The community of Westchester attended recent public hearings on this issue and sent a letter of opposition to the CPUC because only half of the available numbers have been actually committed. The LHCA Board agreed to also send a letter of opposition to the CPUC. Ruth will draft letter on behalf of President, Ronni Cooper.

Committee Reports

- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** Allan Boodnick received a report in the last Conservancy meeting with the results from the survey that a lot of us participated in during last year's annual meeting. The survey was regarding what the community would like in the park and the highlights are now available. The BHC is seeking a PR firm to be proactive in providing information and the BHC has acquired a new piece of land.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Radlock and upper Holt forming new neighborhood watch groups.

New Business:

- **Ladera Heights Civic Association Signs:** A recommendation was made that we have signage posted in the community before each meeting as is done in other communities. Since Dorothy is looking for contractors for a Ladera monument, Cheryl will check with Dorothy to see if this could be included.
- **AYSO Soccer Field:** Derrick Butler, Regional Commissioner of Region 1031 reported on the soccer field on Fairfax and Slauson. Nearly 600 kids participated in its first year last year. Mr. Butler encourages the community to bring

your children to the fields. The fee last year was \$20 per child but this year it is \$30 to offset costs. All participating kids receive a uniform, picture, and trophy just for participation and regardless of the winners. Motion made and carried by the Board to donate \$500 to the AYSO Soccer Field.

- **LHCA Voice Mail:** Allan inquired whether anyone wants to take live phone call as opposed to our current voice mail. No takers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Directors present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Sy Fountaine, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, and Ron Woods. Alternates present were Frieda Rentie, Bud Raymond, and Phyliss Stewart.

Guests included Charlee Williams, Dena Ingram, Shelley Balance, Derrick Butler, Ivery Toussant, Kathleen Roshay, LASD Sgt. Ron Thrash, CHP Officer Austin, and Clinton Tatum. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary