

Minutes of the Board of Directors

16 June 2005

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- May 2005 minutes of the Board approved
• Treasurer's Report for May 2005 approved

Crime and Safety

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

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.

Stats for Lower Ladera include Ladera Center. LASD unable to separate Old Ladera from Windsor Hills - Old Ladera not shown as of Jan 2005.

- LASD. Captain Mary Campbell reported Old Ladera crime stats will now be included with Lower Ladera. The Captain invited the community to participate on August 2nd in National Night Out. She also reported there will be a symposium on identity theft at the Foundation for Junior Blind on Angeles Vista. LASD unable to take action on those going through the trash now that recyclables are no longer in separate containers. If residents are suspicious of identity theft by trash scavengers, call the LASD. They won't really be able to enforce but can come by to discourage theft. Captain Campbell is pushing for continued crime reduction in Ladera Heights and the officers have been doing an excellent job on car thefts and solving cases. The department is interested in good candidates for recruitment so if you know of any please refer them. Terry Reinhart is a new deputy in the center assigned to help out with the neighborhood watch meetings.
• CHP: Officer Austin reported 2573 crashes occurred in Ladera and adjacent communities. Of those 151 were investigated and only 31 were in lower Ladera. He attributed this to good traffic enforcement and good reports from the community. Residents of Kings Road requested use of the speed trailer but due to the curve in the road and parking the trailer would not be effective in posting speed of drivers. In lieu of the trailer Officer Austin's captain will send an officer to observe and/or cite. 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 the signs posted in the center are not working as is evident by the continued parking, trash, and noise along old Ladera streets. Mrs. Williams would still like signs on the street advising No 24 Hour Fitness Center Parking. Per Clinton Tatum it is regional planning that got 24 Hour Fitness Center to come to the table and they are waiting to see whether the long-term suggestions need to be implemented. Clinton is trying to set up another meeting with the Regional Planning Commission along with Mrs. Williams to see what else can be done. The Commission has the ability to take action since 24 Hour Fitness Center has a conditional use permit.
• School Petition: We exceeded our goal of 2000 signatures. Bud and Cheryl will hand deliver to Danny Valenzuela on Monday, June 20th. Although LHCA is dark during July and August a special meeting can be called via email if necessary. We can also do a special mailer to get residents to attend any potential hearings that may be held during July or August.

- **Ladera Center:** Property manager, Kathy Roshay's assistant will be out ill so please do not use the previously published assistant email or phone number. Use Kathy's email instead for issues pertaining to Ladera Center. Kathy is accepting bids for security and landscaping services in Ladera Center. If anyone would like to recommend a company, let her know. Kathy's email address is kroshay@shelterbay.com.
- **LaCienega and 64th Street Sound Wall:** Clinton will bring a special representative to our September LHCA meeting to provide feedback on the recent traffic and sound wall study.
- **Senior Center:** Alma reported that Jim Smith is right on target and planning ground breaking in September.
- **310 – 424 Area Code Split/Overlay:** The LHCA letter of opposition to the CPUC was mailed on 6-2-05.

Committee Reports

- **Vice President's & BH Conservancy Report:** No update
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Radlock and Alvern are forming one club for several streets. Cheryl will provide Ronni with address ranges for new signage.
- **CAC:** Gene took a tour of the twin towers downtown and recommends it as a great eye-opener to show kids what prison is really like. Gene and Allan attended the recent open house hosted by LASD. Included were boat rides, helicopter, and rides on the camel. If you missed it this year try to make it next year. Gene also reported the billboard signs along Fairview at LaCienega are out of control again. Volunteers took them down last week and the signs were put right back up. It is dangerous for the volunteers to get them down. Hopefully will be able to get barbed wire put around the poles to deter the placement of signs. The CAC is accepting contributions for budget and funding. Allan proposed that the LHCA donate \$200 to the CAC; seconded and carried.

New Business:

- **Security Service Systems:** Owner, Ed Moore, reported we are getting closer to a 16 hour patrol service instead of the current 8 hour patrol serving old, upper, and lower Ladera. He also suggested when you see trash scavengers to tell them it is illegal, they must leave, and that you are calling the police. It usually works because they don't always know it can't be enforced. Allan requested that Ed Moore provide stats on SSS signups to LHCA, as previously promised on a regular basis.
- **Tony Gamble – Fairview Aptmt Bldg:** Mr. Gamble attended a meeting last year to request a "dear neighbor" letter be sent from the LHCA to the owner of the apartment building next door to the B of A on Fairview. The owner did not respond. Mr. Gamble asked the bank manager, Mark Campbell, to beautify the opening between the bank parking lot and the apartments. The bank previously agreed to do so but no longer has discretionary funds to follow through for this issue. Mr. Gamble attended the June 2005 LHCA meeting to speak on the same subject again. When asked what specifically he wants the apartment owner to repair or fix he stated there are no explicit code violations. Ronni agreed have Ruth send a letter on behalf of the LHCA the bank with the focus being on privacy and security at the ATM.
- **Request for "Dear Neighbor" Letters:** Residents from lower Holt complained about 2 homes that do not maintain the landscape and detract from the beauty of the neighborhood. Ruth will send our standard "dear neighbor" letter on behalf of the LHCA urging them to improve and maintain the appearance of the property.

- **Ethiopian Church on Shenandoah:** Ruth will write a letter on behalf of the LHCA requesting the church to urge participants who use the church halls to be mindful of the effect of loud noise to surrounding neighbors.
- **Pot Holes at Alvern and Centinela:** Residents reported potholes near Seven-Eleven cause traffic to navigate so slowly across intersection that other cars get caught in the intersection when the light changes. Ruth will write a letter on behalf of the LHCA to bring to the attention of the new L.A. City Councilman.
- **LaCienega / Fairview Beautification:** Hank Harris from Laurelwood in the Heights at Ladera community wants to work with the LHCA to clean up the strip of LaCienega at Fairview. This strip falls within the City of LA, County of LA, and Inglewood jurisdictions. Ronni suggested the formation of an Ad Hoc LaCienega Beautification Committee and those interested parties (Hank Harris, Lynn & Joseph Mitchell, Pinkie Nichols, Dorothy Harris) agreed to exchange phone numbers at the conclusion of this meeting and begin working together on this issue.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Directors present were Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, Florida Toussant, and Ron Woods. Alternates present were Alma Fowlkes and Bud Raymond.

Guests included Charlee Williams, Kathleen Roshay, LASD Sgt. Ron Thrash, LASD Capt. Campbell, CHP Officer Austin, Lynn Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Betty Willis, Pinkie Nichols, Hank Harris, Jodean Sparling, Tony Gamble, Harold Gee, Clifford Newman, and Clinton Tatum. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary