

Minutes of the Board of Directors

20 Oct 2005

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Allan Boodnick at 7:02 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- With correction to Senior Center statement "bids will be going out", the Sep 2005 minutes of the Board approved
Treasurer's Report for September 2005 approved

Crime and Safety

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

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 on a new issue involving the use of BB-guns or pellet guns to shoot rear windows of vehicles. Working with CHP as this is a multi-jurisdictional crime. Also working on some abatement issues on West Blvd. Involving homes that are a neighborhood nuisance. Two new deputies will be assigned to this area approximately December. They will be working with Ron and the neighborhood groups in the East End of the Marina. LASD held several lectures on identity theft - one at Starbucks and one at the Junior Foundation for the Blind. On November 8, 2005 a new LASD boat will be christened in the Marina.
CHP: Officer Austin reported working closely with LASD on the pellet gun issue. There have been incidents on the freeway and in the Ballona Creek area. He also shared a flyer with a long list of traffic infractions that are frequently observed at Parent Elementary. The flyer is to educate the parents who drop off and pick up children. Officer Austin also shared a new complaint form that residents can use to bring traffic issues to his attention. A resident cited a congested traffic corner at Corning and 64th. A resident sells snacks from their driveway and parents are parking illegally while their kids make purchases. The CHP will go ahead and ticket those parked illegally. If there are specific enforcement areas of concern, contact officer Austin via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- 310/424 Area Code Overlay: The LHCA received a letter from Douglas Carlson, a citizen in San Francisco, asking that we join him in opposing 1 + dialing for the 424 overlay and recommends 10 digit dialing instead. The LHCA will write another letter to the CPUC in support of Mr. Carlson's recommendation.
St. Mary's Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church: There were complaints in our June meeting of noise and litter resulting from social events held at the church hall. The LHCA sent a "dear neighbor" letter in July and received a positive response from Dr. Negash, Chairman, Board of Trustees. The church will stop the use of the hall for activities with high levels of noise until they install noise abatement devices. They are making arrangements to use the adjacent hospital parking for overflow on Sundays and other holidays. They will use a security guard when warranted to patrol the streets and also pick up litter. Dr. Negash expressed the desire to ensure the well being, comfort levels, and harmony among neighbors.

Committee Reports:

- **School Petition:** Cheryl Cook reported we are opposed to the Environmental Study because there is no impact. Allan has spoken to the Culver City Superintendent recently. Culver City parents only heard the negative issues like traffic. The Chief Petitioners will go to Culver City's City Council meeting. It is televised on local cable so hopefully the telecast will have a positive impact on Culver City residents.
- **Annual Meeting:** Carmen Spiva and Ron Woods reported the location, University Christian Church on Wooster and little Centinela, has been secured and county departments have been invited. Allan also suggested that Assemblywoman Karen Bass be invited. Clinton Tatum is providing the tables to arrive around 5 p.m. He has also invited LA County agencies and the Supervisor to attend. Carmen Spiva will ask Starbucks to donate coffee and pastry. A motion was made and carried to approve \$300 for refreshments in case the donation does not come through. Carmen has checked with the church and has their approval to serve refreshments.
- **Senior Center:** Alma reported the groundbreaking is tentatively to be held in 2006.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported the CAC is currently working with Bank of America to open an account.
- **LHCA Web Site:** Sy Fountaine, webmaster, reported our LHCA site is up to date.

New Business:

- **Symantec Traffic Mitigation Plans (Slauson/Centinela):** Jeff Thierry left a voice mail advising that he is not the contact for this issue. The appropriate agency would be the Culver City DPW and we will try to have hem speak to this issue at our November meeting. We are interested in what plans they have to mitigate traffic congestion.
- **Music Week Donation:** A request was received from Vicki Evans. A motion was made and carried to donate \$300 to Los Angeles Music Week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Directors present were Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Gene Eldridge, Sy Fountaine, Ruth Lawrence, Alvetia Smith, Carmen Spiva, and Ron Woods. Alternate(s) present: Alma Fowlkes, Shirley Miles, and Frieda Rentie.

Guests included Charlee Williams, LASD Sgt. Ron Thrash, LASD Capt. Campbell, CHP Officer Austin, Lynn Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell, Clinton Tatum, Dena Ingram, Janet Louie, Lovelle Hunt, and Harold Gee.. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted visitor names.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary