

Minutes of the Board of Directors

April 20, 2006

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- The March 2006 minutes of the Board approved.
- The March 2006 Treasurer's Report approved.

Crime and Safety

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

Crime statistics	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				1		1				1			3
Lower Ladera						3		1	2		1	2	9
Totals													12

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:** Sgt. Thrash pointed out downward trend in Ladera crime and the stats look great. Of the 4 Lower Ladera crimes in March 2 were in the shopping center and associated with one event. The aggravated assault and robbery other structure were both related to an incident evolving from theft of pair of pants. The new security company in Ladera Center has been very proactive and effective so far.
- **LAPD:** Officer Wickes provided feedback on a recent incident in the B of A parking lot on Fairview. Officers responded to complaint of crowd and noise. Found guns in some of the cars but guns not linked to any known crimes. He also reported on incidents of "pocket checks" occurring at Westchester High. Lone kids are often singled out in remote areas of campus by groups who force them to give up valuables like IPODs, phones, money, and any other valuables. They sometimes pull up in a car and approach a kid for "pocket check" with a gun. This is only known to be currently happening at Westchester High. Regardless, Officer Wickes recommended counseling children to minimize the visibility of their electronic items. Ronni Cooper inquired whether LAPD had knowledge or complaints of prostitutes walking the streets on Centinela in front of the Villa Azure apartments and the answer was no. Ronni's inquiry was related to an email complaint she received from a resident.
- **CHP:** no update at this time.

Old Business

- **Parking Enforcement:** Ronni Cooper reported that of the 71 responses related to changing parking enforcement for oversized vehicles: 68 were in favor of change and only 3 wanted the enforcement law to remain the same. She will follow up with Jeff Thierry of County DPW.
- **Reporting Districts for Crime Stats:** Allan Boodnick met with the LASD regarding the districts used to count crime statistics. Ladera Heights has 3 distinct reporting areas including Upper, Lower, and Old Ladera. These districts do not align with the County's Reporting Districts and it's a very difficult task to segment our 3 distinct areas of interest. Allan is working on a process to make the desired distinction and is hopeful we may be able to resume our prior report format.

- **Filming in Ladera:** Allan Boodnick provided a handout that outlines the overall filming rules and guidelines, including the roles of film personnel and law enforcement agencies. The document has been updated and Film LA Inc. is in agreement with the content. Cheryl Cook will request the current rules be posted to the LHCA website replacing the old ones. Resident, Joe Gazaal, presented a proposal to minimize filming. Under his proposal filming would be restricted to once a year on any specific block. The Board explained that neither Mr. Gazaal nor the Board could prevent or limit the number of times a homeowner chooses to enter into a private contract with a film company. Allan Boodnick and Joe Gazaal agreed to reconvene between meetings to discuss the issue further.

Committee Reports

- **School Petition:** no update at this time.
- **Conservancy:** no update at this time
- **Beautification:** no updates at this time.
- **Block Clubs:** no update at this time.
- **Ladera Center:** Cyndy May reported a new security company started about 2 weeks ago. So far they are doing a pretty good job. There are no recent incidents that she is aware of. Cold Stone Ice Cream coming soon. There has been new spring landscaping completed and new irrigation and ivy on the Sav-On side that slopes down to Centinela. Grand Ladera is the name of the new shopping center owner. They have taken a personal interest in the maintenance and lighting. Cyndy will check to see if there is a time restriction for deliveries to Ralphs and Sav-On Drugstore in response to a resident's complaint about 5 a.m. delivery noise. There are plans to repaint the signage now that its no longer raining and bids have been requested.
- **Web Content:** the newsletter has been uploaded to our website.
- **Senior Center:** no update at this time
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman will be the new liason for CAC. If there are specific concerns you would like him to address he can be reached via email bcn@isi.edu or by calling 310 448-8736. Cliff gave feedback from the March CAC where the Regional Planner gave a presentation on zoning enforcement. Two areas of local concern were the sale of snacks from a residential driveway at Corning and 64th and the parking of recreational vehicles on private property. Cliff explained any resident can call 213 974-6453 to report zoning violations.
- **Clinton Tatum:** Clinton attended and no updates at this time.

Miscellaneous

- **Potholes - Alley Behind Fairview Aptmts:** A resident complained about size and depth of potholes in alley that runs behind the apartments ranging from 5200 – 5300 Fairview Blvd. Ruth will write to Councilman Bill Rosendahl and request attention to this matter.
- **Board of Directors Roster:** Ruth will update the Board's contact information list and e-mail to all Board Members.
- **Church Parking:** A relative of a Wooster resident complained about church overflow parking along Wooster and little Centinela. The Board reminded the complainant that the University Christian Church continues to be in compliance

with a joint agreement made with the LHCA and Ladera community several years ago. The Church committed to overflow from their parking lot onto Wooster and/or little Centinela on Sundays only - and only for the duration of the 2-hour church service. The overflow parking is very temporary and the cars clear out immediately following the service. The Board unanimously agreed not to raise this complaint as an issue with the University Christian Church as they continue to be good neighbors.

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Directors present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Sy Fontaine, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods. Alternate Directors present were Darrick Davism Margie Evans, Shirley Miles, Cliff Neuman, Florida Toussant. Visitors included Charlee Williams, Clinton Tatum, Sgt. Thrash, Officer Wickes, Bree Darden, Patt Adams, Joe Gazaal, Ivery Toussant, Digna Berry, Cyndy May. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Apologies for any errors of omission or spelling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary