

Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 18, 2006

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:04 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

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

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			2		1		4
Lower Ladera				1		2	5	1	1	1			11
Totals				1		3	5	1	3	1	1		15

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 Campbell summarized Upper/Lower Ladera crime stats January thru April. She also reported an early morning burglary at Sav-On Drugstore targeting the pharmacy.
 - Meetings with adjacent law enforcement agencies twice monthly are working very well. Includes Inglewood PD, Culver City PD, CHP, LAPD Pacific Division, and SW Division of LAPD recently joined.
 - LASD contacted Zoning and the Department of Public Works is addressing the property conditions recently reported on Reynier in Upper Ladera. LHCA President, Ronni Cooper, asked just what could the community do for issues like the property on Reynier. Captain Campbell recommended contacting Sr. Regional Planning Assistant, Jose De La Rosa to speak to us. He recently spoke at a CAC meeting and provided records, statistics, and explained the process. LHCA Secretary, Ruth, will write a letter requesting he attend next month's meeting. Clinton Tatum said he would also call Mr. De La Rosa on behalf of the Supervisor's office. Mr. De La Rosa often gives presentations working with Everett Emerson, Deputy District Attorney.
 - The LASD visited 6505 Shenandoah. There was no alcohol for resale in the home and no evidence of wine tasting parties. The ABC notice was posted in the window of the home because the Shenandoah address is listed as an additional business address. The alcohol is sold from a business warehouse location in the valley. Residents present at the meeting were insistent that there are wine tasting parties on Shenandoah. Captain Campbell suggested calling the LASD desk "during" the suspected event to allow them an opportunity to check it out.
 - There has been late night parking on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at Ladera Park violating the parking ordinance. Captain Campbell will make sure the Watch Commander knows the Ladera Park issue is ongoing and will focus on it. CHP needs to be notified also as it is on their turf. Resident Darrick Davis will let CHP know.
 - Sgt. Thrash will notify Officer Austin of the CHP the speed trailer on Shenandoah is not working. Officer Austin's new number is 310 642-3939 xtn 218.
 - Captain Campbell introduced and welcomed LASD Lt. Andy Brook. She has worked with him in the past and is exceptionally pleased to have him again as he is a great asset.

- LAPD: no update at this time
- CHP: no update at this time.

Old Business

- **Parking Enforcement:** Ronni Cooper has advised Jeff Thierry that the Board only received 3 responses indicating they'd want the parking enforcement hours for over-sized vehicles to remain the same. Jeff is now working with his boss to get enforcement to take away the restriction of hours so that we can move forward.
- **Reporting Districts for Crime Stats:** Allan Boodnick is continuing to align County's Reporting Districts into our 3 distinct areas of interest Upper, Lower, plus "Old" Ladera. Captain Campbell agreed send him the entire data file and we would have to apply it in a way that matches it up with the boundaries we are interested in. Allan asked for volunteer from Old Ladera to work with him on breaking out the crime report data. Darrick Davis, Cliff Neuman, and Ron Woods volunteered.
- **Graffiti Shopping Center Alley:** Cheryl Cook e-mailed Gene Eldridge last month regarding the graffiti and he had it removed.
- **Filming in Ladera:** Allan Boodnick took Resident, Joe Gazal, to Film LA Inc. offices downtown. Mr. Gazal was given a tour by the V.P., met with another V.P. who handles community filming, and was also introduced to the President. Joe agreed to monitor the existing guidelines and agreed to call Allan in the future to discuss any concerns that might arise.
- **Ladera Signage:** The Board still wants a sign that posts our next meeting: Thursday, MM-DD-YYYY. The date should be changed the Friday after each meeting so that it always reflects the correct meeting date. Residents need to see that we meet regularly and perhaps more people will come. Board agreed to think about the number needed to cover key entries to Upper, Old, and Lower Ladera. Sandra Bennett agreed to check pricing.
- **Parking at University Christian Church:** Ronni Cooper explained again that the parking on Little Centinela on Sundays is not an issue. We have an agreement that the church can overflow for the duration of their service. Their service is approximately 2 hours and they clear out immediately following the service. The Church, corner residents, and the LHCA made this agreement several years ago and the church has never abused it.

Committee Reports

- **School Petition:** no update at this time.
- **Conservancy:** no update at this time. Per Carmen Spiva meeting is not until tomorrow.
- **Beautification:** no updates at this time.
- **Block Clubs:** no update at this time.
- **Ladera Center:** no update at this time. Unable to follow-up on old business raised in April meeting related to specified truck deliveries early in the morning.. Ruth will send Tanya a letter to request consistent participation by the management group.
- **Web Site:** Per Sy Fontaine the site is up and running fine.

- **Web Content:** no updates at this time.
- **Senior Center:** Contractor selected and has first Notice to Proceed and has a month to complete 2nd Notice to Proceed.
- **Secretary:** Ruth reported on recent outgoing correspondence to include the updated member roster to all Board members, letter to Councilman Rosendahl regarding potholes in alley behind Fairview apartments, letter of opposition to Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control re 6505 Shenandoah, and "Dear Neighbor" letter to homeowner on Reynier.
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman advised meeting not until next week on Monday.
- **Clinton Tatum:** Clinton reported the County will start use of the new (large) trash receptacles in July 2006 and will provide the cans. Most residents were not aware the replacement would be as early as July and Clinton will ask someone to speak on the subject at our next meeting.

New Business

- **Ethiopian Church:** We wrote a "Dear Neighbor" letter July of 200t and received an exceptionally nice reply agreeing to monitor the events for noise, etc. Their events continue to be a nuisance. As a result of ongoing noise, Stephanie Jackson of Upper Ladera has maintained a log of the events held at the church. Ronni suggested pursuing Permit Parking and Allan suggested circulating a petition for neighbors to sign. Mrs. Jackson will share her log with Clinton and he will refer the complaint to code enforcement. Ruth will email Mrs. Jackson with Jeff Thierry's telephone number.
- **Eyesore Properties:** President Ronni Cooper proposed an idea for consideration by the Board. What if we on a one-time basis sent and paid for a gardener to mow an overgrown lawn with a sign posted that says "YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION DOLLARS AT WORK" so neighbors would know we were proactive? The homeowner would need to be notified in advance which might work in our favor – they may take care of it themselves to avoid further embarrassment. We could fund it with our beautification money. Members were asked to think it over and be prepared to work out the kinks and discuss how to shape the idea into one that works in our next meeting.

Directors present were Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Sy Fontaine, Alma Fowlkes, Willa Hector, Ruth Lawrence, Bud Raymond, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods. Alternate Directors present were Darrick Davism Margie Evans, Vickie Evans, Cliff Neuman, and Frieda Rentie. Visitors included Clinton Tatum, Sgt. Thrash, Capt. Campbell, Hank Harris, Stephanie Jackson, John R. Dunning Jr., Walter Maynard, John Young. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. Apologies for any errors of omission or spelling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary