

Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 15, 2006

LHCA Board meeting held at University Christian Church and called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:09 PM

New Business

- New Trash Receptacles:** The Department of Public Works and Waste Management gave a presentation on the upcoming change to blue, green, and black trash receptacles used for automated pick-up. The actual cans were on display at the meeting. Resident's concerns included: some side gates not wide enough for cans, weight of large cans, elderly or persons with disabilities, curb space on crowded streets, special pick-ups, large quantities of green refuse after major landscaping, insufficient community notification, lack of community input on decision-making, cost to purchase an additional can, and smaller cans easier to handle but not large enough. The DPW and Waste Management noted all of the issues/ concerns and agreed to seek a postponement of the July implementation date. Postponing the date will allow for broader communication, wider community participation, and more DPW answers to resident's concerns. They further agreed to do another mailing to Ladera residents. Board Member Alvetia Smith of the USPS suggested they not mail as 3rd class mail again but use 1st class to ensure prompt delivery. Ms. Thomas of DPW agreed use 1st class mail. The next mailer will also include FAQs. Another meeting will be held in July and DPW will provide answers to the recycling questions that could not be answered at this meeting.
- County of LA Regional Planning:** Jose De La Rosa, Senior Regional Planning Assistant gave a comprehensive presentation on role of Zoning Enforcement. Overall role is to protect public safety, health, and welfare in unincorporated areas protected by Title 22. Zoning Enforcement gets involved by complaints from other agencies or by complaint-based referrals. Complaints can be anonymous. A complaint can be filed by phone 888 924-HELP, FAX 213 217-5108, or mailed to Regional Planning, Zoning Enforcement, 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, 90012. Identify the specific complaint or nuisance, exact location of problem, type of debris, vehicle description, or type of products being sold. The Ladera Heights Civic Association will fax future complaints in writing. Zoning Enforcement will investigate and if the complaint is valid, they are then required to issue a proper warning notice to the owner(s) to give them an opportunity to obtain compliance. This legal process may take between 30 and 120 days depending on the nature of the violation. Violations could result in citation and/or monetary fines. With voluntary action from a cooperative owner, this time may be reduced to as few as 15 days. Zoning Enforcement supports maintenance standards that reflect a high quality of living.

Resident Complaint

- The LHCA received a written complaint accompanied with a picture. The complainant discovered that the neighbor has removed a large portion of the wall dividing their property in the back yard. Mr. De La Rosa had already left the meeting so Ruth will contact him to find out whether this falls within Zoning Enforcement.

Crime and Safety

- Statistics.** Crime statistics for June not available at this printing:

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													
Lower Ladera													
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 Campbell provided Upper/Lower Ladera crime stats year-to-date.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Old Business

- **Ethiopian Church:** We wrote a "Dear Neighbor" letter July of 2005. As a result of last month's meeting we wrote another letter advising we will consult with Zoning Enforcement on this issue. Ruth will follow-up with Jose De La Rosa to see if this falls within the scope of Regional Planning or whether it is a disturbing the peace complaint to be directed to Sheriff's.
- **Potholes in Alley Behind 5200 Block of Fairview:** LA City Councilman Rosendahl responded that he referred the issue to Nancy Aguilar in his Westchester Field Office. He further stated that the City has a 48-hour turn-around for filling potholes. He is the Chair of the Public Works Committee on the City Council and thanked us for bringing this matter to his attention.

Committee Reports (skipped due to extraordinary length of meeting)

- **Clinton Tatum:** Clinton will make sure the Supervisor is aware of the concerns about new trash receptacles and ask her to delay the implementation. The Supervisor's new budget should be finalized in July and Clinton will be able to report on the budget in our next regular meeting in September. Mrs. Fowlkes inquired why the County no longer has the "Just Right" program in Ladera but in other county areas. This program provided in-home assistance. Clinton was not aware of the answer but agreed to check further.

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- **Ladera Park:** Condon Avenue and other Ladera Park residents are concerned with activities occurring at the park. The incidents are increasing now that summer is here. Cars parked after posted times, loud voices/music, gun shots, graffiti, etc. Darrick Davis will invite Jeff Thierry, of DPW, to discuss alternative no-parking measures that can be enforced and also a representative from Public Safety. Darrick will also work with Ladera Park resident Phyllis Stewart who has previous experience with keeping the appropriate agencies focused on these types of issues.

Directors present were Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Alma Fowlkes, Willa Hector, Ruth Lawrence, Bud Raymond, Carmen Spiva, and Ron Woods. Alternate Directors present were Darrick Davis, Vickie Evans, Frieda Rentie, and Alvetia Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary