

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Sep 21, 2006

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:03 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- The June 2006 minutes of the Board approved.
The June, July, August 2006 Treasurer Reports approved.

Crime and Safety

- Statistics. September crime statistics:

Table with 14 columns: 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. 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: Sgt. Jeff Olander of the Marina LASD was introduced by Captain Campbell. Summer crime stats reviewed and remain status quo. Productivity at the station is up with a lot of very hard work being done by the Sheriffs. Suspect in custody for July Blockbuster robbery. Slauson Home Depot was robbed several times in July and August and significant leads are being followed. Two good arrests for residential burglaries. Arrested 3 on one case and arrested 2 on another. Got good calls from neighbors. Gas station customer car jacked at 3700 W. Slauson. Received many inquiries about recent shooting at Friday's but shooting was actually at gas station across the street. No details at this time as it occurred in another agency's jurisdiction. Resident inquired what could be done when transients frequently wander down vicinity of Sherbourne, Bedford, and Little Centinela. LASD advised if they appear suspicious residents should phone it in. LASD will respond unless otherwise engaged in major crime activity. Lots of complaints about the activities at the park but LASD not getting the calls. There are only 2 Park Police roving a wide area of parks throughout the county so it is OK to contact the LASD.
LAPD: no update at this time.
CHP: Officer Blasé Austin asked for help with traffic issues around Parent Elementary. He has already approached the new principal and faculty to no avail. The Educational Deputy from Supvr Burkes office will meet with Officer Austin offline to see what pressure can be put on the school to assist in reducing the traffic violations that occur daily. For other traffic issues Officer Austin can be reached on 310 642-3939 xtn 218 or via email baustin@chp.ca.gov.

New Business

- Slauson Traffic: Allan Boodnick met with Symantec and Culver City. The lane re-striping was actually Cal Trans' 90 freeway project and not Symantec. The freeway is supposed to be completed by end of year. Symantec should be done by December 2007. Additionally, another 12 story structure is scheduled in the future at Buckingham and Hannum. The community will need to speak up about the deplorable conditions resulting from traffic issues.

Old Business

- **Ladera Signs Posting LHCA Meetings:** Sandra Goldsmith Bennett unable to attend tonight. Ruth shared info from Sandra's email. Sandra checked with a carpenter who felt the cost would be prohibitive based on wood, lettering, and weatherproofing. She's getting a referral from a realtor to a sign company that might be a better resource for our needs.
- **New Trash Receptacles:** Residents related complaints related to transition of new trash receptacles. Major complaint is that requests for smaller sized cans have not been taken care of and in most cases residents have not been able to get a response. Clinton Tatum and Doris LeCour of Supvr Burke's office reported that the smaller cans are out of stock and on backorder. Doris will arrange representation from the agencies associated with the new trash receptacles attend our next meeting to discuss this and other outstanding issues.
- **Ethiopian Church:** Shenandoah resident Mr. Jackson reiterated the complaints from previous meetings to include noise from social hall events, noise from services with drums, litter, overflow parking, double parking, blocked residential driveways, and provided pictures documenting these issues. Dr. Negash representing the church reported flyers are put on worshiper's cars and not within their control. As people leave church they rip them off and drop them on the ground. Security guards have been instructed if flyers dropped or left behind to pick them up. He reported the social hall events have been minimized. The outside worship service is conducted 7 to 8 times a year. On those holy days the service begins inside the church and the celebration culminates in the parking lot. Weddings also end in the parking lot with a celebration including drums but hose are only on Saturdays around 11:00 a.m. Following a very lengthy discussion between both sides, Dr. Negash agreed to enforce better controls of the parking and litter and in exchange the residential community agreed to accept the noise associated with the 7 or 8 festive outdoor holy days.

Committee Reports

- **School Petition:** no update at this time.
- **Conservancy:** Please support the Conservancy – it's sunset is in 2008 and unless renewed the park is gone.
- **Beautification:** Dorothy reported on the monument. She spoke with overseer of the project who will meet with her and the beautification committee. Landscape Architect, M. Jones, is overseeing the project.
- **Block Clubs:** no update at this time.
- **Ladera Center:** Cyndy May was unable to attend but provided the following info via email. We have changed security companies three times in the past nine months. We are pleased with the current company; although there is always a goal of obtaining and maintaining the best guards possible. Cold Stone Creamery is due to open "any second". TGI Friday's is undergoing a major remodel - all good for the center.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported he has been working with Jeff Thierry regarding residential parking issues by the park. Jeff has been out to assess the conditions during the summer while the parking lot was closed for construction activity. He was able to get pictures of the beer bottles, cans, and general litter. He actually observed public urination. Jeff is pushing for permit parking. Darrick has obtained all but 2 of the needed signatures at this time.
- **Web Content:** no update at this time.
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the center is in the process of being built. The foundation is being laid.

- **CAC:** included in Captain Campbell's remarks.
- **Clinton Tatum:** Clinton Tatum introduced his replacement, Doris LeCour who will be working with the LHCA. This change is due to shifting roles and responsibilities within the Supervisor's office. Doris will arrange representation from the agencies associated with the new trash receptacles attend our next meeting to include Public Works and Consolidated Waste Management.

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Directors present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, and Ruth Lawrence. Alternate Directors present were Darrick Davis, Shirley Miles, Cliff Neuman, Florida Toussant. Visitors included Charlee Williams, Clinton Tatum, Doris LeCour, Sgt. Thrash, Officer Austin, Sgt. Olander, Capt., Campbell, Patt Adams, Ivery Toussant, Digna Berry, Sandra Bible, Lynn Mitchell, Donna, Singh, Dr. Negash, John Young, Patricia Williams Graves, and Lovelle Hunt.. The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Apologies for any errors of omission or spelling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary