

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Oct 19, 2006

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- The Sep 2006 minutes of the Board approved with 2 corrections.
 1. Darrick Davis of Old Ladera does have sufficient approval signatures for permit parking.
 2. Error of omission: Allan Boodnick reported filming liaison requires ensuring that our rules and regulations are adhered to by the production companies, dealing with any residents during filming who make it difficult for the crews to complete their work, negotiating the donation to the LHCA (some companies donate less than they promised), occasionally going to the filming site to assess what's occurring, and stimulate production companies to return.
- The Sep 2006 Treasurer Report approved.

Crime and Safety

- **Statistics.** October crime statistics 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:** Watch Commander Andy Brockwell represented Captain Campbell. The COPS Team is back and Deputy Scott Polaski was introduced. Quality of life issues, drug sales, and ongoing problems will be the focus. He can be reached through the Ladera Sheriff's office or email directly to sekalass@lasd.org with a copy to Sgt. Thrash at RBThrash@lasd.org. Last months stats were reviewed and no major trends observed. Last month Director Ron Woods got stats from Deputy Olander but has not had an opportunity to break them out yet. Ron will continue to work with Director Darrick Davis to focus on Old Ladera portion of stats.
- **LAPD:** no update at this time.
- **CHP:** Officer Blasé Austin reported that he hasn't received calls and asked for known problem areas. Residents provided: no left on little Centinela at Slauson/Corning between 4 – 7, rolling stops at Condon and 62nd, Buckingham at hospital backing up at turn lane, Condon speed always greater than 25 mph. For other traffic issues Officer Austin can be reached on 310 642-3939 xtn 218 or via email baustin@chp.ca.gov.

New Business

- **Annual Meeting:** Carmen Spiva is leading the coordination of this year's meeting. Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on November 16, 2006 at the University Christian Church. Carmen Distributed applications for the board election. President Ronni Cooper encouraged attendees to run for the board and become active participants. Ruth will e-mail an electronic copy of the application to all board members. Invited guests include: Karen Bass who will send a representative, Supervisor Burke, David McNeil, and speaker from Diabetes Awareness. Members should email Carmen with any additional suggestions for the guest list. Refreshments will be provided again. Helpers with set-up are needed around 5:15 pm.

- **Donations:** Motions were made and passed to donate \$500 to Wiseburn Elementary School, \$300 to Dana Middle School, and \$250 to L.A. Music Week.
- **City of Hope:** Nancy Jo Funt provided literature and information on The Angels of Hope, an association that is part of the City of Hope. They conduct fundraisers and also educate people about the outstanding services provided by the City of Hope so they can use them if the need arises.
- **Wireless Tower:** Residents Dena Ingram and Charlee Williams of Old Ladera will attend a Public Hearing on November 14th to oppose the location due to its proximity from the alley to residential homes. The proposed site is located: within the public right-of-way, northerly of 5823 S. Kings Road, in the unincorporated community of Ladera Heights/View Park/Windsor Hills in the Baldwin Hills Zoned District. Ruth will also send letter of opposition from the LHCA Board to the Hearing Officer.

Old Business

- **Ladera Signs Posting LHCA Meetings:** No update - Sandra Goldsmith Bennett unable to attend tonight. Charlee Williams knows of a company in the Raintree Shopping Center that can probably provide what we're looking for. She will check into pricing for approximately 12 signs to cover key areas and email info to Ruth for distribution to Board Members.
- **New Trash Receptacles:** Ronni Cooper provided pictures taken today of trash and litter left throughout the neighborhood when the new trucks raise/lower the new cans. Her observations also noted the litter was not there before the truck completed the pickup. Allan has had daily calls with Amiko and Mr. Glen who are doing a great job of keeping the lines of communication open. Mr. Glen took note of the issues and will look into them. The smaller cans are still backordered. They were originally ordered and delivered for the automated kick-off on September 1st. Once more people were aware of the smaller containers the demand increased and the new cans are being manufactured now. Consolidated is still manually picking up the old non-automated cans. Mr. Glen will do some drive-thrus to observe newly trained drivers. If debris blows or spills the driver is supposed to stop and pick it up. He also stated cans should not be dropped and lids should be closed in place when can is set down. Hassan from the County encouraged visiting website of www.888cleanla.com. Residents complained that some people put their cans out several days prior to pick up and others leave them out long after trash has been picked up. Per Hassan, Nionika Walker is the Administrator and can enforce through the health department the need to move cans in and out timely. She can be reached on 626 458-3509.

Committee Reports

- **School Petition:** No update at this time.
- **Conservancy:** No update at this time.
- **Beautification:** No update at this time.
- **Block Clubs:** No update at this time.
- **Ladera Center:** Cyndy May reported Cold Stone Ice Cream has opened for business. Friday's remodel is almost finished. The parking lot will be a big mess next week for re-stripping so avoid it if at all possible. They will close off a section at a time. A resident asked if the spaces would be made larger – no they will be the same size.
- **Ladera Park:** No update at this time.
- **Web Content:** no update at this time.

- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the foundation has been layed and encouraged members to drive by during the day to take a look.
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman unable to attend tonight. Ruth read his written submission: Last CAC meeting was the Monday following the last LHCA meeting. Next CAC meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday. Thanks to Officer Austin for trying to address the speed issue on Shenandoah. I saw him out there during the morning busy times a couple of weeks ago. The CAC will be seeking sources of donations for new Toys that they distributed throughout LA county, and I expect to have more information on that after next Monday's CAC meeting, but if anyone has contact with companies that can make such donations feel free to pass the information on to me, so that I can bring it up at the CAC meeting. If there are new issues that anyone feels need to be brought up, which they haven't been able to raise directly here or would like me to bring up at the CAC meeting, please contact me at bcn@isi.edu and I will make sure that we raise the concerns.
- **Doris LaCour:** Doris LaCour of Supvr Burke's office reported she is still working with the Ethiopian Church to resolve recent issues raised in last month's meeting. Resident, Nancy Day inquired about the debris on North Slauson between Corning and LaCienega. She has been picking up the trash by hand. Doris will refer the issue to Road Maintenance who should be picking it up.

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Directors present were Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, and Ron woods.. Alternate Directors present were Darrick Davis and Florida Toussant. Visitors included Charlee Williams, Sandra Bible, Nancy Day, Walter Maynard, Doris LaCour, Sgt. Thrash, Officer Austin, Sgt. Olander, Scott Polaski, Ivery Toussant, Nancy Jo Funt, Dena Ingram, Mark Robinson, and Cyndy May. The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Apologies for any errors of omission or spelling.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary