

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Jan 15, 2007

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:08 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- The December 2006 minutes of the Board approved
- Treasurer's Report for December 2006 approved. Reviewed proposed budget for 2007 and increased special projects from \$7K to \$10K for anticipated legal expenses. The Board approved the budget for 2007 with the aforementioned change.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell introduced Captain Craig of the SW Division who is also a Ladera Heights resident. Also present was Lt. Reggie Gott of the COPS Team and formerly our original LHCA liaison years ago. Captain Campbell encouraged more people to attend the upcoming Citizens Academy. Captain Campbell provided Sgt. Thrash's email address for those who would like to direct questions directly to him. She also stressed we experienced typical holiday burglaries and did not have a big increase in crime. President Ronni Cooper asked Board members Darrick Davis and Ron Woods for status of separating Old Ladera from Lower Ladera Crime stats. They are still working on the project but were busy during the holidays. Ronni also advised future dues envelopes will be updated to allow residents the option of providing their email addresses.

Old Business

- **Time Warner Cable:** Vice President Allan Boodnick reported that there were only 2 or 3 people who stopped to voice complaints at the special table provided at the annual meeting in November in spite of the terrible transition from Comcast. Although a summary complaint was lodged Allan has been advised that each individual must file his or her own complaint. Cheryl will send a follow up email to advise the community.
- **LHCA Signs:** Charlee Williams gave an updated report on her research for signs to post our monthly meetings and will proceed with getting them.

New Business

- **Wiseburn School District:** Dr. Brann provided a history, overview, and plans for the future of the Wiseburn School District. Ladera parents who have students attending schools in the district are exceptionally pleased. Dr. Brann encouraged parents to tour the facilities even if their children are not middle school age so they can plan for the future. Arrangements can be made in advance by contacting Alicia Galindo on 310 643-3022.
- **Green Dot Schools:** Ryan Smith provided an overview and history of the Green Dot Schools founded by Steve Bar. They run 10 of the highest performing schools in Los Angeles. They take kids who are not performing well in middle school and bring their grades up and get them college-ready. Mr. Smith reminded everyone the School Board Elections are April 11th. There are 3 Inglewood mothers that are candidates who care about children's educations and want teachers and administrators to be held accountable. WISE: Women of Inglewood Schools for Excellence. The LHCA will help orchestrate a big push for residents to use absentee ballots for better voting turnout. The candidates are: Karen Robinson, Earnestine Howard, and Trina Williams.
- **Future Impact at Corporate Pointe:** They still have one undeveloped parcel and want to build a 12-story building which further ruins the existing traffic nightmare on Slauson and adjacent streets. Ronni contacted a law firm for an estimate of costs for a non-profit group like us. For what we need, the firm estimated no more than \$10K. Culver City says they conducted an EIA in the 1980's for traffic and continues to update it. They feel synchronizing the

lights will make everything OK traffic-wise. Motion made and carried for Ronni to continue assessing our needs with the law firm and proceed with hiring them spending up to \$10K.

- **Sepulveda Blvd Citizens Advisory Committee:** Culver City plans to level the existing commercial area starting at Big Lots (NW corner of Jefferson and Sepulveda) down to Sawtelle. The plans include building an entirely new area with new restaurants and shops. The plan also includes mitigating the traffic on Sepulveda. Carmen Spiva volunteered to represent us on this committee.

Committee Reports (Skipped due to time constraints)

Old Business

- **LHCA Meeting Signs:** Mrs. Charlee Williams provided a detailed report on sign research including a picture of the proposed tent-frame signs to be used at approximately 12 proposed sites. A motion was made and passed by the Board to move forward with signs as reviewed with a budget allocation not to exceed \$1500. The signs are estimated to be approximately \$70 each. The signs are durable and would be put up the weekend before a meeting displaying date, time, and location. Gene Eldridge will review with the Explorers and Volunteers to see if they could put them up and take them down.

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Directors present: Sandra Goldsmith Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Sy Fountaine, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, and Florida Toussant. Visitors included Sandra Bible, Dena Ingram, Patricia Adams, Shirley Ford, Charlee Williams, Alicia Galindo, Dr. Brann, and Ryan Smith. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary