

Minutes of the Board of Directors

February 15, 2007

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash reviewed Ladera crime stats. Two of the homes burglarized in upper Ladera recently had alarms but did not have them on. 7 burglaries for upper Ladera is higher than usual. Trend has been the use of a pry tool on front doors. LASD has an aggressive plan to address these crimes. A peeping tom has also been arrested and will be going back to prison.
- **LAPD:** Officer Wickes reported things have been pretty quiet in the Pacific Division. He reminded everyone when calling dispatch to report suspicious activity sometimes it may be necessary to insist it is extremely suspicious but always state the facts honestly.
- **CHP:** No update.

Old Business

- **Security Cameras for Ladera Heights:** Vice President Allan Boodnick reported he has spoken to the County regarding required process to get meters from Edison to measure cost of power needed for security cameras. Allan will continue to pursue additional information. We are looking at approximately \$100K for cameras in all of Ladera.
- **School Board Candidates:** Karen Robinson, Earnestine Howard, and Trina Williams (also known as WISE: Women of Inglewood Schools for Excellence) spoke to the Board. Each candidate provided a brief intro of themselves, their beliefs, goals, and plans to make a difference.
- **CCUSD:** Allan Boodnick and Ronni Cooper will meet with the new Culver City Superintendent of schools in the near future. Hopefully we'll have another shot at getting their support.
- **Sepulveda Blvd Citizens Advisory Committee:** Carmen Spiva has completed the lengthy application to participate on the Culver City CAC representing the LHCA. Allan Boodnick will call Culver City prior to submission of the application to determine whether LHCA will even be given consideration since the group is Culver City based.

New Business

- **Homeowner Associations:** Allan Boodnick raised the issue of a homeowner who recently violated their CC&Rs. Allan suggested perhaps we could engage Neighborhood Watch groups to get involved with the LHCA for project approval and in turn the LHCA could request the Neighborhood Watch join the LHCA. This item was tabled for now and we will revisit next month when there is more time.
- **Ambulance Noise in Old Ladera:** Mrs. Annette Duhan of Old Ladera reported since May 2006 McCormick and WestMed Ambulances have been using the Windsor Hills Florist parking lot on Slauson as a base while waiting to be dispatched. She spoke with the Fire Dept. Captain who explained the ambulances want to be close to the fire station on Fairfax/Slauson and are dispatched to serve Inglewood and Culver City. The noise is loud and incessant

making it pretty much impossible to sleep through the night. The Board agreed to send McCormick a letter advising them we appreciate the work they do but request they relocate to get the noise away from our community.

- **Future Impact at Corporate Pointe:** We hired an attorney to help us with a challenge to the additional traffic issues that will result from future building plans. After reviewing all of the documentation the attorney determined all of the traffic studies were settled in the 80s and we don't stand much of a chance in blocking them unless the deviate from the original documentation. Allan Boodnick also called Culver City to investigate other alternatives for mitigating traffic on Slauson. Ronni and Allan met with Holy Cross Cemetery for support regarding the new buildings and added traffic. Holy Cross has the same difficulties with Culver City as we do and suffers from the same traffic issues.
- **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)

- **Web Site:** Cliff is working in parallel to move information from his web site to our organization's site so we can have one site for Ladera Heights.
- **Doris LaCour:** Doris LaCour of Supvr Burke's office reported she met with Mrs. Stephanie Jackson of upper Ladera, Jeff Theiry, and the Ethiopian Church's new Chairman of the Board, Tesfaye Kinfe. The church has stopped evening wedding events but also complained of lost revenue. The chairman committed to no noise after 8 p.m. There will be no drum ceremonies prior to 10:00 a.m. The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church will celebrate 6 – 7 religious holidays per year. Mrs. Jackson indicated the desire to pursue permit-parking which will require 2/3 agreement of neighbors. The church also uses 100 parking spaces at the adjacent hospital on Sunday. Ms. LaCour also announced the annual Living Legend Ball honoring Lou Gossett Jr. and Chaka Kahn will be February 24th at the A. C. Bilbrew Library at El Segundo and Main. Director, Carmen Spiva inquired of Doris whether efforts would be stepped up regarding the trash on LaCienega. Doris will talk to Public Works. She reminded us the area in question is a three-way jurisdiction (County, City, and Inglewood) and may take a while to get results.

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Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Ronni Cooper, Sy Fountaine, Alma Fowlkes, Dorothy Harris, Willa Hector, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, and Shirley Miles. Visitors included Sgt. Ron Thrash, Officer Wickes, Doris LaCour, Earnestine Howard, Karen Robinson, Trina L. Williams, Annette Duhan, and Charlee Williams. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary