

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

March 15, 2007

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:10 PM. President Cooper welcomed the large turnout of newcomers and encouraged everyone to continue attending. During introductions the visitors acknowledged seeing the new LHCA meeting signs!

### Secretary & Treasurer Report

- The February 2007 minutes of the Board approved
- Treasurer's Report for February 2007 approved.

### Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Mary Campbell introduced her staff. She expressed concerns about being under-staffed and encouraged the community to do two things. Recommend volunteers by contacting Sgt. Thrash and continue to be the eyes and ears of the community by reporting suspicious activity. President Cooper encouraged all residents to subscribe to the low cost patrol service of Security Service Systems to provide Ladera with additional hours of drive-thru coverage. Captain Campbell reviewed recent crime stats. The Ladera Heights level of crime is consistent and there are no new trends. She strongly recommended parents review how openly their children display their personal electronics. Kids generally carry a wide variety of expensive electronic devices in their hands, clipped to belts, in their ears, or clipped to backpacks/purses. Captain Campbell suggested parents discuss limiting the visibility of these items so children do not become prime targets to rob.
- **LAPD:** No update.
- **CHP:** No update.

### Old Business

- **Correspondence:** Vice President Allan Boodnick reported notice received from the County that the MTA is seeking approval for a proposal that creates turn-out lanes along Slauson for buses. A turn-out lane would enable the bus to move to the right in an indented lane allowing them to stop for passengers without impeding traffic in the existing right-hand lane. The proposal requires a \$2.5M grant and if approved would be completed in 2013. Secretary Ruth Lawrence reported a letter was sent recently to the CEO of McCormick-WestMed Ambulance to lodge a complaint regarding incessant siren noise very late at night. The constant noise is due to the company's use of the Windsor Hills Florist parking lot for dispatch base. No response yet.
- **Update on LHCA Meeting Signs:** The increased attendance (40 + residents) at this meeting speaks volumes for how effective the meeting signs will be. Due to time constraints only a few signs were placed at strategic Ladera Heights intersections prior to the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once our process is finalized for the strategic placement and removal of all the new signs on a regular basis, we expect an even larger turnout. The LHCA Board expressed their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Charlee Williams for her diligent efforts on the design and procurement of the meeting signage.
- **IUSD Election – WISE Candidates:** Karen Robinson, Earnestine Howard, and Trina Williams (also known as WISE: Women of Inglewood Schools for Excellence) recently requested to speak at our LHCA February Board meeting. As a follow up, they made election flyers available at the March meeting for any interested residents. President Ronni Cooper reminded Board members although the Ladera Heights Civic Association as an organization cannot endorse any political candidate, we as individual residents of the community are free to personally endorse whomever we choose.
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- **Sepulveda Blvd Citizens Advisory Committee:** Carmen Spiva will attend their meetings related to the proposed reconstruction along the Jefferson-Sepulveda-Sawtelle shopping corridor. She may attend as an interested party on behalf of the LHCA Board but the LHCA cannot become an actual member of the Culver City CAC.

### New Business

- **Brief Video of Kenneth Hahn Park and BHC:** Vice President Allan Boodnick shared an excellent slide presentation about current and future plans for Kenneth Hahn Park.
- **Neighborhood Annoyances and the Sheriff:** There was a recent issue raised at a local NW meeting related to loud party music in upper Ladera. The Sheriff's logs only indicate receiving 1 call regarding this disturbing-the-peace incident. Don't always assume someone else has called – be sure to make a call yourself when these issues arise. You can also ask for the Watch Commander if dissatisfied with the initial response.
- **Residential Speed Limit:** Vice President Allan Boodnick reported there are some residents who disagree with the 25 mph speed limit. Three collector streets (upper Corning, upper Shenandoah, and upper Sherbourne) will be studied using the black cable across the street to see if 30 mph would be ok or not.

### Committee Reports

- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported that the Senior Center construction at Ladera Park is coming along very well and is confident we'll be very proud of it. Work is on schedule and should be completed in the July or August timeframe.
- **Ladera Center:** Cindy May, Property Manager, reported all is going well and the center is fully rented. One resident reported cars speeding in parking lot on a week night at 8 or 9 p.m. – if occurs in future residents should notify law enforcement. Another resident questioned role of Ladera Center security officers as it relates to increased number of kids loitering in the summer. Security officers can only encourage them to move along. In terms of authority they can observe and report loitering to law enforcement but have no authority to take charge.
- **Doris LaCour:** Deputy Doris LaCour of Supvr Burke's office reported the parking lot at the soccer field on Fairfax is being redone. The Senior Center at Ladera Park is progressing as planned. The project for Slauson Beautification will commence in August. There are plans for a new Ladera Heights monument sign at Wooster and Slauson. Board member Darrick Davis thanked Doris for her immediate attention to recent graffiti removal at Ladera Park. Ms. LaCour can be reached via email at [dlacour@bos.la.county.gov](mailto:dlacour@bos.la.county.gov) or on 213 974-1028.
- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported he has the necessary log-in information from Sy Fountaine and is in the process of changing over. He plans to have more updated content on the LHCA website which is laderaheights.org.
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman asked to be notified if there are any outstanding community issues that need to be presented at future CAC meetings. Vice President Allan Boodnick attended last CAC meeting and gave feedback regarding a very informative speaker on the subjects of pedophilia and child molestation.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported heightened suspicious activity in the park with more daylight hours and nicer weather. Will continue to be diligent and report issues and encouraged others in the area to do the same.
- **BHC:** Carmen Spiva explained the ordinances passed last August to reduce drilling operations and limit the number of rigs that can drill at one time. An interim ordinance also requires site-view compliance. Landscaping should be enhanced to shield the view of wells. We have not seen any of this. The Department of Conservation contact is

- Linda Campian 916 324-1268. Carmen will draft a letter to her, forward to Ruth who will affix Ronni's signature, put on letterhead and send off with a cc to Supvr. Burke's office.

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Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Sy Fontaine, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carmen Spiva, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alvetia Smith, and Shirley Miles. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary