

Minutes of the Board of Directors

May 17, 2007

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:10 PM followed by self-introductions of Board members and guests. President Cooper thanked everyone for coming since the location changed at the last minute to Knox Presbyterian Church - 5840 LaTijera Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90056

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for April 2007 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for April 2007 approved.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell reported a recent Parole Sweep in this area resulted in the arrest of several people for parole violations. She also said one of our station volunteers saw a suspicious person walking through the neighborhood talking on his cell phone. The volunteer followed him and called in a report. The suspect was stopped, had a crowbar on him, and ultimately stolen property was recovered at the suspects home. The LASD wants to start a youth activity league. They would have youth come after school and mix it up with Sheriffs. After school tutoring, esteem building, canoeing, etc. between the hours of 3 and 5. There will be a fundraiser soon. The LHCA Board passed a motion to donate \$500 to the LASD for the new after school group.
- **LAPD:** Not present.
- **CHP:** Officer Austin reported the loss of 10 officers from his area over the past 4 months. Residents asked if the CHP could enforce the no left turn at from eastbound little Slauson at Corning between posted hours of 4 – 6. Officer Austin said it is difficult due to the volume of traffic. Pulling violators over would stop the flow of traffic in one of the bumper-to-bumper lanes making it not feasible. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP Officer Blaise Austin directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- **Follow-up on Consolidated Waste:** James Castro, G.M. of Consolidated Disposal Service, was recently reassigned to our area. He stated our transition appears to have had very negative impact to our community. They have hired additional supervisors for operations and additional drivers. He apologized for the shoddy transition and reassured us he will work hard to correct our issues. His office number is 562 663-3436. He is committed to fixing these problems and volunteered to come back next month and follow-up on complaints and resident's requests for statistics about how well recycling is working.
- **Signs and Posters on La Cienega:** Ronni Cooper reported the annoying signs along LaCienega are so high our volunteers have difficulty getting them down safely. Gene Eldridge has been able to get something that will be a deterrent to those who put the signs up. The cost is \$1500 and a motion was passed to approve the expenditure.
- **Security Cameras:** Gene Eldridge gave an overview of the proposed project. The last bid was too high at \$60K. A resident (also a member of the LASD) suggested Gene check with Supervisor Burke's office because some of the other Supervisors are getting them for their districts.

New Business

- **Alternate Director:** Motion passed appointing Charlee Williams as new Alternate Director.
- **Inglewood YMCA:** The YMCA requested a donation. Motion passed to donate \$200 to the Y.

- **Johnny Young – IUSD Board President:** Ladera Resident, Johnny Young, reviewed his goals for the 2007-2008 school year for the IUSD's 20 Inglewood schools. He wants all of them to be high performing schools. He stated he would like to attend the LHCA meetings monthly or send a representative to forge a partnership with the community. Following an extensive Q & A session with Mr. Young, Hank Harris and other residents agreed to meet after the meeting to determine if there was interest among other residents to create an offline group that would communicate regularly with Mr. Young on IUSD issues.

Committee Reports

- **BHC, PXP Review:** Board member Carmen Spiva reported that PXP's request to the Department of Conservation is now ON HOLD. Regional planning will conduct an additional survey. Anyone who would like to comment may do so via email to RHamilton@planning.lacounty.gov or on 213 947-6651.
- **Beautification:** No update
- **Block Clubs:** No Update
- **CAC:** Not Present
- **Ladera Center:** Cyndy May reported the center is 100% occupied. Three recent leases were up for renewal and all three renewed. The management continues to work with the security guards on an ongoing basis to have them become proactive.
- **Ladera Park:** No Update
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the completion date has been changed to October. Although the work is commencing she's not sure if the date is correct. Miriam (representing Doris LaCour) of the Supervisors office advised Alma she will check on the new completion date for the Senior Center, hours of operation, name of center, and overall function. Allan Boodnick stated Doris LaCour confirmed it will be called the Senior Community Center and we get priority usage.
- **Website:** Not present

Directors present: Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Cheryl Cook, Sy Fountaine, Alma Fowlkes, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Shirley Miles, Alvetia Smith, Florida Toussant, and Charlee Williams. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary