

Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 21, 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 May 2007 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for May 2007 approved.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell reported burglaries are down due to some good arrests. A 14 year old was trying doors. If no answer he'd use a screwdriver to attempt entry. Now in custody. Arrested armed robber who was using guns to steal purses. Peeping Tom was arrested and got out. Peeping complaints began to recur – he was rearrested for a violation and reports stopped again. Tahoes/Yukons were being targeted and their mobile GPS devices were being ripped out. Arrests were made and those crimes stopped.
- **LAPD:** Officer Wickes reported LAPD is being proactive in the LA City strip to avoid the usual summer spike in crime. A resident asked Officer Wickes to look into blatant traffic violations at La Cienega Way and Fairfax (LA City) to avoid accidents. Drivers exiting the Ladera Shopping Center by B of A who do not have the right of way block the intersection and impede Fairview eastbound drivers who do have the right of way.
- **CHP:** Officer Austin reminded everyone to be exercise caution during the 4th of July holiday, Do not block intersections. Keep them clear – there is no time restriction on blocked intersection violations. CHP will try to pull violators over before they reach Slauson to avoid further delays on Slauson. Also working with Jeff Thierry. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP Officer Blaise Austin directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- **Ethiopian Church:** Ronni Cooper met last month with Upper Ladera Resident Sherry Jackson, Block Club, the Ethiopian Church, and Doris LaCour, Deputy to Supvr. Burke. Ronni will get a follow up from those groups in September to see how improvement on their issues has progressed.
- **LaTijera School Project:** Resident Hank Harris reminded attendees that in our May meeting IUSD Johnny Young spoke about the positive things in Inglewood schools. At the conclusion of that meeting Hank and 8 other residents agreed to form a committee for an exploratory session with Dr. Young. This committee wanted to hold him accountable for his commitment last month to get Supervisor Short-Powell's response to the outstanding issues related to the construction at LaTijera School. Hank distributed copies of the Supervisor's Q&A. The community was in agreement her responses were more of a PR piece and didn't really address the core issues. Residents are irate about the construction issues and would have preferred the use of an EIA (environmental impact assessment) instead of an MND (mitigated negative Declaration). This committee has been working with the Inglewood City Council and plan to go to IUSD also. Need a huge response on June 27th from as many residents as possible. A motion was made and passed to approve a \$6000 donation to this ad-hoc committee to use for signage and legal counsel.
- **Motor Homes, Trucks, and Oversized Vehicles:** Ronni Cooper reported that new wording for signs that would enable enforcement and citations is coming up to the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday for a vote. When passed this will prohibit the large vehicles from parking at any time. Permits will be available for short-term parking for your visitors.

- **Signs and Posters on La Cienega:** Gene Eldridge reported the poles have now been outfitted with large brackets and spokes to prevent the ugly party posters along La Cienega.
- **Follow-up on Consolidated Waste:** James Castro, G.M. of Consolidated Disposal Service, as promised in the May meeting returned tonight to follow-up on issues related to new mechanized pick up. Residents met with him on an individual basis at the conclusion of the June meeting.
- **Slauson Traffic Mitigation:** Allan Boodnick reported good news/bad news. Communications have been opened with Culver City to try getting each governing agency to work together to synchronize the lights. Grants have been approved for widening the off ramps at La Cienega and wider turnout lanes for buses are still desired. The bad news is none of this will happen until approximately July of 2009.
- **Appeals Process Update:** Allan Boodnick reported we are still working on the appeal to become part of the Culver City School District. Legal Counsel suggested getting signatures of Culver City residents who support our position. Need volunteers to get signatures. A motion was made and passed to pay \$600 for representation at Sacramento meeting.

New Business

- **LAX Roundtable:** The roundtable meets on the 2nd Wednesday of odd months. Dorothy Harris needs an alternate to attend when she is unable to. Several residents volunteered and will give Dorothy their information after the meeting.

Committee Reports

- **BHC, PXP Review:** Board member Carmen Spiva reported that PXP withdrew their recent request for 24 additional wells.
- **Beautification:** Dorothy Harris reported the final plan has been submitted for approval. An RFP will go out for bid 8-9-07, close on 9-4-07, and winning bid announced 10-2-07. Work will proceed in the November December timeframe. Supvr. Burke has committed to the completion of the project. The project will span from Wooster to Overhill.
- **Block Clubs:** No Update
- **CAC:** Not Present
- **Ladera Center:** Not Present
- **Ladera Park:** No Update
- **Senior Center:** Ronni Cooper reported the center will be completed with a Valentine's Day Ceremony.
- **Website:** Not present
- **Miscellaneous:** A resident reported that graffiti in the area is getting worse. The phone numbers for LA City, LA County, and Inglewood graffiti removal were provided.

Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Carmen Spiva, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Shirley Miles, Florida Toussant, and Charlee Williams. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary