

Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 20, 2007

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:10 PM.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell reported that existing communications are being revamped so law enforcement agencies can share a single channel with expected completion about a year out. A suspect was arrested in connection with recent home invasion in lower Ladera. Residents were terrorized while items were stolen. Robberies of personal electronic devices from kids continue to increase. Purse snatchings have also increased with criminals looking for personal electronics. An increased number of deputies are currently in our community to try solving the recent increase in home burglaries. Please continue to call in reports of suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Four new block clubs were created over the summer. Two clergy recently graduated from the academy and will assist with grief counseling. Great turnout at August 7th Marina National Night Out. Captain Campbell extended a warm thank you to the LHCA for our donation to the Youth Activity League.
- **LAPD:** Not Present
- **CHP:** Officer Austin reported 4 new officers allocated for the COPS Team effective October 1st. They will be dedicated to quality of life issues in the community related to traffic and speeding. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP Officer Blaise Austin directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- **School Appeal Update:** Allan Boodnick reported we are in an appeal mode and staying in touch with the attorney to know what is going on in Sacramento. We got 330 Culver City resident's signatures to take to the CC July Board Meeting. Dorothy Harris spoke with the Culver City Board President who clarified Culver City did not vote against us – they voted not to take action. Allan is attending another meeting next week in Culver City and the plan is to determine whether there is still any spark in CC. If so, Allan recommends hiring a lobbyist to stay involved and we'll need to allocate money for attorney fees. The Board agreed we should wait and get a written letter from the Culver City Board stating they will take "no position" before LHCA commits more money. If Culver City agrees, we can conduct a motion and approval of funds in email prior to our next meeting.
- **Ethiopian Church:** Upper Shenandoah residents, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson, were present but the church did not have a representative here tonight. We will add this item to next month's agenda and they will invite the church rep to be here next month.

Committee Reports

- **BHC, PXP Review:** Not present
- **Beautification:** Not present.
- **Block Clubs:** Need to order more NW signs. Ron Will order 20 new reflective ones and have them sent to Ronni.
- **CAC:** No update

- Ladera Center: Not Present

- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis recently met with LASD, CHP, Parks & Recreation but no one showed up from Park Police. Darrick provided pictures of parking and trash issues. No concessions have been made to provide parking for visitors. Neighbors have been left with overflow parking, loud music, and concert noise. People had permits issued and unfortunately music was not kept at a reasonable level and caused vibration of residential windows for 5-6 hours. Neighbors were forced to pick up trash including clothing, bottles, garbage, luggage, and food. Park hours are an issue. Does it close at sunset or is it 8 p.m. or is it 10 p.m.? Answer is 8 p.m. but the residents are unable to get it enforced and the Park Police says they can be there until 10 p.m. There are only 6 Park Patrol units covering 19 parks in the Second District. Per Doris LaCour, the Sheriff is helping with some of the enforcement issues. For restricted parking Darrick needs 78% signatures from specific streets. Doris will give the residents east of LaBrea on 62nd a heads up that they will probably get more overflow parking once the streets closer to the park get restrictions in place.

- **Senior Center:** Doris LaCour, Deputy to Supvr. Burke, reported a grand opening is being planned for Valentine's Day 2008. Also revamping the restrooms, basketball court, tennis court, baseball field, bleachers, and brighter baseball field lighting.

- **Supervisor Burke's Office:** Doris LaCour reported work being done on driving range in Kenneth Hahn Park. Slauson landscaping contract will be awarded in January and work will begin in March 2008 on phase 1 which is Wooster to LaCienega. Centinela trees are dying along the fenced area. Lance Grindle is working on replacements and Doris will have him report back to us with an update.

- **Website:** Not present

Directors present: Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Ron Woods, and Alternates Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Shirley Miles, Frieda Rentie, and Florida Toussant. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary