

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

Feb 21, 2008

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:05 PM

### Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for Jan 2008 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for Jan 2008 approved.

### Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Campbell introduced Rod Cush, acting Captain. Captain Cush reported an increase in burglaries and grand theft. During the summer months the LASD had some overlapping help from other agencies to help deter some of the crime. Captain Campbell also announced her upcoming retirement. The LHCA Board thanked and applauded her for the support she's provided to the Ladera Heights community.
- **CHP:** Not present
- **LAPD:** Officer Tony Ramos gave a report and announced our new LAPD representative will be Officer Reuben Garcia, replacing Thomas Wickes. In the Los Angeles strip there has been an increase in burglaries and thefts of items left visible in vehicles. He cautioned against leaving items of value in plain view. There has been a decline in the theft of SUV thefts. Officer Ramos also provided a contact information sheet for the Pacific Division's Senior Lead Officers, Dispatchers, and Watch Commander.

### New Business

- **LHCA Voice Mailbox:** Charlee Williams volunteered to assist in checking voicemail and distributing messages to the appropriate people.
- **Los Angeles Alzheimer's Assn:** Sal Angeles provided an overview of the services the Alzheimer's Association provides. Many of the services are designed to provide assistance and relief to those who provide care for Alzheimer's patients. Providing care for these patients is often a 24-hour job making it difficult for family members to get out and learn more about the kind of help that is available to them. Sal stayed after the meeting to share additional information to interested residents and would like to have a table at our annual meeting in November so that he can speak with even more members of the community.

### Old Business

- **Dues Committee:** Charlee Williams introduced the committee members. Their goals include collecting dues from a greater number of residents and will seek the board's consideration of a dues increase. The committee will also develop a corporate membership to encourage local business to participate and help fund community needs.
- **March Candidate Night:** Ronni Cooper reported Bernard Parks accepted our invitation and she expects Mark Riddley-Thomas probably will also. It is important for residents to come out and bring your neighbors to also hear how these candidates plan to support Ladera Heights. This will be a very important election for our community. A resident suggested that flyers be distributed to increase attendance. Mrs. Patti Nelson volunteered her husband to create a flyer. President Ronni Cooper thanked her and advised her to have him pass on any related printing costs to the treasure for reimbursement. Carmen Spiva is organizing the event for March 20<sup>th</sup> at Knox Presbyterian.

Committee Reports

- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy:** Cliff Neuman reported they are working on park signs at Hahn Park and surrounding area. Sites for the signs have been selected and permits are being obtained. Landscaping improvement plans are being made for LaCienega and the ridge around the park entrance
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman reported nothing new at this time – meeting this coming Monday.
- **Beautification:** Dorothy Harris reported we have a date for the ground-breaking ceremony – May 5, 2008 on the SW corner of Wooster and Slauson at 10:00 a.m.
- **Block Clubs:** No update
- **Senior Center:** Doris LaCour announced the Center's grand opening is tomorrow the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Preparations have been made for large tent in anticipation of rain. The Center will be open 7 days a week and seniors get preference and then community events.
- **Supervisor Burke's Office:** Doris LaCour reported the county has redone all of the park restrooms, tennis courts, and will be working on the basketball courts. Doris also reported Home Depot would like to refurbish the amphitheater in Ladera Park. This would mean revenue for the park. Would be great place for children's events or weddings. However, residents that live by the park raised concerns about noise and trash management from these events. Ronni also pointed out the Park Police need to be held accountable for noise and trash abatement from these types of events. Doris said she would work with the residential constituents. Doris also agreed to look into issue raised by a resident about a falling fence between the park and a residential yard.
- **LHCA Website:** Cliff Neuman requested authorization to transfer the website back to the name of the Civic Association from the name of the previous web master. A motion was made and carried for Cliff to spend up to \$150 to transfer the name and shift the domain as well.
- **Ladera Center:** Cyndy May reported the center had been at 100% occupancy but two tenants recently moved. Several other potential tenants are lined up so expect to be back at 100% very soon. A resident complained about skate boarding in the parking lot. Cyndy encouraged residents to report such incidents to the Sheriffs and she will also bring it to the attention of Security.
- **Ladera Park:** No Update

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Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Cheryl Cook, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge Alma Fowlkes, Sy Fountaine, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carman Spiva, Ron Woods. Alternates: Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Frieda Rentie, Charlee Williams. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:125 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary