

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

June 19, 2008

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:09 PM

### Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for May 2008 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for April and May 2008 approved.

### Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash of the LASD introduced 2 new patrol deputies, Deputy Burnett and Deputy Jones, so we can become familiar with each other. Sgt Tony Gonzales of the detective unit reported a decrease in crimes and a good drop in burglaries. Deputies have been doing high visibility drives throughout the neighborhood. So far the mid-month numbers are down dramatically. Only increase observed was related to theft of 3<sup>rd</sup> row seat in SUV's. The department got a quick handle on squatters in homes for sale and made arrests. Residents were cautioned to keep windows closed and locked at night during the warm summer months. LASD putting the word out to gangs that they are watching them and will come down hard.
- **LAPD:** Officer Garcia reported a person has been arrested and is in custody for the Baskin Robbins and Good Will robberies. LAPD will be working with Sgt. Thrash of LASD on some task force activity for summer issues in Ladera Center and other areas.
- **CHP:** Not present. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP Officer Blaise Austin directly via email [baustin@chp.ca.gov](mailto:baustin@chp.ca.gov) or on 310 642-3939.

### Old Business

- **Westfield Mall Project:** Kim Brewer, Development Mgr., gave an overview of the remodeling efforts. The Fox Hills shopping center is not meeting the needs of the community so \$170M is being invested to bring the community back to the mall. Westfield would like the community to consider the mall a destination for their families. Target will be a new anchor. Upscale retail stores, new sit-down restaurants, and hundreds of new parking spaces are part of the plans. Grand opening slated for October 2009.
- **Metropolitan Water Project:** Sal Vasquez, Program Manager, explained the pipe repair project in the 5200 block of 64<sup>th</sup> street. He has walked the street and worked with all impacted neighbors to mitigate the inconvenience. Work will be done 24 hours a day from June 22<sup>nd</sup> thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July.
- **Security Cameras:** As a follow-up to the brief discussion from the last meeting regarding security cameras, we would like to compile a list of residents with security cameras where one of the cameras is pointed at the street. This list would be shared with the Sherriff's department, and would include contact information so that they can contact the homeowner for help if a crime occurs for which their camera might have picked up a vehicle. The list would not be published. We would also like to encourage those with security camera to point at least one camera out to the street to capture vehicle descriptions and possible license plates, thus protecting not just yourself, but also your neighbors. Allan reported last month on what he found for those that are interested in installing cameras. I have also started to install a system myself and once I have more experience with it, I can report further for those wanting the benefit of what I have learned. For more information on this project, and to let us know about your security cameras, or any others you may be aware of, please send email to [cac@laderaheights.org](mailto:cac@laderaheights.org).
- **Slauson Bus Turnouts:** Per Allan Boodnick the bus turnouts won't be feasible due to encroachment on nearby properties.

Committees

- **Vice President Report:** Allan Boodnick reported the county will give residents a tree by the curb if you want curb appeal. Contact Lance Grindle on 310 348-6448 if interested. Another way to bring the community together is to host walks around the community and tour homes if people are interested. Allan will discuss further with Dorothy.
- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy:** no updates.
- **PXP:** Carmen Spiva reported the interim ordinance which limits PXP's drilling ends on June 26<sup>th</sup>. New standards are to be drafted by August.
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman – nothing to add to LASD report.
- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported: [residents@laderaheights.org](mailto:residents@laderaheights.org) mailing List (formerly e-mail tree):
  - The new mailing list has about 232 confirmed members, and an additional 94 who have submitted their email address through the sign up form, but have not clicked on the link in the confirmation message to complete their addition to the mailing list. There is also 1 member that is receiving the mailings through the Google Groups digest of recent messages.
  - Instructions for signing up are on the [www.laderaheights.org](http://www.laderaheights.org) website. The site also has a link to a google group's interface that archives most of the previous months messages to the list. You can view recent messages there if you have deleted them from your mailbox or if you feel that for some reason you have not received recent messages. The website also has a page that describes how to post a message to the mailing list, and a summary of the policy determining what messages are appropriate for the list.
  - We still have problems with confirmations from many residents who use sbcglobal, and to a lesser extent AOL addresses. The web page explains steps that can be taken to try to resolve these issues for those that are having problems signing up.
  - [www.laderaheights.org](http://www.laderaheights.org) website.
  - All newsletters from Fall 2003 forward are online.
  - Minutes from 2003 forward are online.
  - I still need someone to provide me with better text for the front page describing the association. This has not been updated because I have not received any contributed text for this page yet.
  - I have text from one of the newsletters on history of Ladera Heights, but it is part of a series for which I don't have any other pieces. If anyone has these, let me know and I can create a history section for the website.
- **Membership Dues Committee:** Not present
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the center is working on fund raising activities to take care of some needs the county doesn't provide. There are activity schedules at front desk. Lunches are served daily. Attendance is really growing which is great. Allan Boodnick made a motion for LHCA Board to donate \$1000 to the senior center. Motion was passed.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported the jazz concert last month overall was a good experience. The crowd was pleasant. Some neighbors had volume issues. LASD ticketed cars that were blocking driveways. Many families enjoyed it and Darrick will continue to work with Joe Mendoza. Joe is working on some event next month and is being very proactive in working with Darrick.
- **Ladera Center:** not present
- **Beautification:** not present

- **Supervisor Burke's Office:** Doris LaCour reported great jazz festival held couple of weeks ago @Ladera Park. Slauson beautification going well and progress continues to be made. Phase 2 will begin approximately September for Slauson/Fairfax. Groundbreaking approximately 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.

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Directors present: Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Darrick Davis, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods. Alternates Sandra Goldsmith-Bennet and Frieda Rentie. Apologies for any misspelled or omitted names.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary