

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Sep 18, 2008

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:04 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash of the LASD introduced 3 Detectives along with Deputy Crooks from the office. Burglaries are the main problem with a small upsurge. More in View Park and Windsor Hills than Ladera. Open windows in the summer lead to more burglaries. Residents should report any suspicious activities. Secure your homes and take normal precautions. Partner up with your neighbors.
- **LAPD:** Officer Garcia reported a couple of burglaries in Playa del Rey. Surveillance camera pictures, finger prints, and palm prints lead to arrests. Some stolen Ladera property was also found in conjunction with the arrests.
- **CHP:** Officer Armstrong introduced himself as the new representative for CHP and inquired about any traffic concerns. Residents mentioned speeding on upper Shenandoah. Last observations on upper Shenandoah earlier this year did not reveal a speeding trend due to CHP visibility. Officer Armstrong will look into the matter again. On the northbound exit from the 405 onto LaTijera the no right on red sign in the intersection facing the driver fell down about 9 months ago and has not been replaced. There has been an alarming increase in drivers making the illegal right with limited visibility to their left. The sign on the right as you come up the off ramp is less visible than the one previously posted in the intersection. Officer Armstrong will report the missing sign to Cal-Trans. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

New Business

- **November Annual Meeting:** President Ronni Cooper reported Carmen Spiva will organize this year's 11-20-08 meeting. Secretary Ruth Lawrence volunteered to help Carmen with the election activities. Freida Rentie and Shirley Miles volunteered to assist Carmen with the refreshment set-up. The meeting will be at Knox Presbyterian Church with displays open at 6:30 p.m. and the town hall meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **Applications for New Board Members:** Ruth e-mailed new applications to all Directors up for re-election. They are to be returned to Carmen via email or fax – return information is included on the form. Ruth also distributed applications to interested residents during the meeting.
- **Motor Home Permissions:** Ronni Cooper reported a suggestion from Dorothy Harris. It would be advantageous to residents with motor homes if they could be provided 12 one-day permits. The one-day permit would enable a resident to bring their motor home to the house and allow time to load and unload in preparation for trips. This would have no impact on the 3-day permits currently available for visitors and guests.

Committees

- **VP Report:** Allan Boodnick reported the Annual Night Out was held at the Del Rey Yacht Club and was a great event with food and music... The LHCA was presented with a Crime Prevention award. Allan pointed out a few of

the telephone number referrals on the newsletter are no longer good but he will have them corrected on next month's newsletter.

- **CAC:** Per Cliff Neuman in response to his query about security cameras in the newsletter he received zero responses. I know there are many cameras out there, some pointed at the street. There have been several vehicle burglaries in Ladera recently, which have been discussed in the Sheriff's report. There were no CAC meetings over the summer. The National Night out was held in the Marina. Next CAC meeting is this coming Monday. Gene Eldridge reported the CAC has a planning committee. There is a CAC conference next month which offers great programs. It is not federally funded this year. The CAC is also working to establish a non-profit status. If you observe taggers do not try to stop them – much too dangerous. Call the Graffiti Hotline to have it removed. On the subject of security cameras Gene recommends using a DVR to record on...
- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy:** Cliff Neuman reported lots of oil field activity during the summer. No further activity from the signage committee for Hahn Park beyond the results and plans that were covered at the last LHCA meeting in June.
- **PXP:** Not present
- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported: www.laderaheights.org to sign up for mailing list
 - 276 Confirmed members on the mailing list.
 - 117 more who signed up but never confirmed their membership
 - 7 members subscribed through google groups
 - Web site has:
 - All recent meeting minutes and newsletters.
 - Link to archive of recent message on mailing list.
 - For July and August:
 - 391 Unique visits (which involved 1,231 page views)
 - 35% direct visits (someone typed our site name)
 - 40% referrals (followed links from other sites,
 - 90% from laderaheights.info
 - Most other referrals email)
 - 25% from search queries
- **Membership Dues Committee:** Not present
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the LA Department of Parks and Recreation is holding a Health and Craft Fair here at the Senior Center on Saturday September 20th from 10 – 3.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported there were no major issues at the park during the summer. Neighbors have reported they like using the center. Darrick is still working with Joe Mendoza of the County. Trash crews have been coming on Sunday mornings to pick up litter.
- **Ladera Center:** not present
- **Beautification:** Ronni Cooper reported the south side of Slauson is completed and looks great. Phase 2 will include Fairfax and also the North side of Slauson.
- **Supervisor Burke's Office:** Not present.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary