

Town Hall – Annual Meeting

Nov 20, 2008

The LHCA Annual Town Hall meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:04 PM

Town Hall Highlights:

- President Cooper welcomed the residents, visitors, and guest speakers. She introduced the individuals running for the Board of Directors. Mike Bohike and Doris La Cour of Supervisor Burke's office were honored with a plaque presented by President Cooper in recognition of their many years of dedicated service to the needs of the Ladera Heights community.
- David McNeill gave an overview of the Baldwin Hills Conservancy and their plans for the future.
- Captain Victory of the LASD gave an update on crime activity and reported zero burglaries for Ladera Heights in the month of October.
- Supervisor-elect Mark Ridley-Thomas gave a brief speech on his vision for the future. He introduced Mary Jones and Fernando Ramirez of his staff. The Supervisor will assign staff to work directly with the Ladera Heights Civic Association.
- Sylvia Castillo gave a presentation on behalf of Karen Bass and an overview of current activities in the State Assembly.
- Board member, Charlee Williams, gave an update on the Slauson Beautification project.
- Alma Fowlkes, Board Member, provided an update of the Senior Center and the services they provide.
- Town Hall adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Nov 20, 2008 8:10 p.m.

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for October 2008 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for October 2008 approved. Ron Woods explained we are changing our fiscal year to run from January to December so the current fiscal year will run thru 12-31-08.

Election:

- **Results:** Ronni Cooper, Ron Woods, Ruth Lawrence, Allan Boodnick, Cliff Neuman, and Alvetia Smith were elected as Directors for a 2-year term. Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Margie Evans, Frieda Rentie, Florida Toussant, Charlee Williams, and Margaret Bower were elected as Alternate Directors for a 1-year term.

Old Business

- **Oil Field Issue:** The Board of Directors deliberated with the awareness no real factual evidence has been provided to-date regarding faults, cracks, and hazardous gases. The Board agreed to make a small donation since there is a filing deadline in less than a week. A motion was made and passed to donate \$500 to the Greater BH Alliance towards legal fees. Gary Gless was asked to provide another brief overview of the current issues and upcoming deadline filing date of 11-26-08.

Directors In Attendance: Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Shirley Miles, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods, Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Frieda Rentie, Alvetia Smith Florida Toussant, Charlee Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary

Special Board Meeting

Nov 23, 2008

The LHCA special board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 5:05 PM

Old Business:

Oil Fields and Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance Donation: President Cooper welcomed David McNeill. Since the Board has heard the Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance viewpoint on several occasions, Mr. McNeill who is in a position to know virtually all aspects of the oil field concerns was asked to enlighten the Board. Mr. McNeill summarized the oil field activities over the past 3 years and participated in Q & A with Board members. Afterwards, Mr. McNeill was thanked and excused so the Directors could conduct official LHCA business.

The Board shared a common concern for the Ladera Heights Civic Association. As contributors to the legal expenses for a lawsuit against PXP we might put the LHCA in a precarious position. **If there is a lawsuit and trial and PXP wins they could require the association to reimburse them for their legal expenses.** The Board of Directors agreed this potential liability to the Ladera Heights Civic Association outweighs the oil field issue itself. A motion was made and passed to overturn the 11-20-08 decision to donate \$500 towards legal fees for the lawsuit against PXP and to refrain from any monetary involvement at this time. Treasurer, Ron Woods, stopped payment and gave Gary Gless a courtesy call.

We will continue to carry this as an agenda item under Old Business in future meetings. Carmen, Cliff, Sandy, or Margaret should provide an updated report in the December meeting to let us know whether any of the neighboring community groups filed or not.

Meeting adjourned 6:25 p.m.

In Attendance: Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Margaret Richards-Bowers, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Shirley Miles, Cliff Neuman, Charlee Williams, and Ron Woods.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Lawrence, Secretary