

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

Jan 15, 2009

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

### Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for December 2008 approved.
- Treasurer's Report for December 2008 approved. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2009 and shifted an additional \$200 to the CAC (for a total of \$400) taking \$200 from Special Projects with an approved motion. With the aforementioned change the Board voted to accept the 2009 Budget.

### Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Victory thanked the Board for a wonderful 2008 and is looking forward to serving the community in 2009. Sgt. Thrash reported for December (which is usually high in burglaries) only 3 burglaries for Lower Ladera and 2 burglaries for Upper Ladera. A recent arrest was made in conjunction with an attempted burglary at Chariton near Slauson. Resident had seen 3 suspicious people on block followed by a broken window at the rear of her home. LASD with canines apprehended 1 of the 3 suspects. Great response, good containment, with one arrest. Sgt Thrash commended the community for doing great job of making reports.
- **LAPD:** Officer Garcia reported the Los Angeles strip adjacent to Ladera Heights has been quiet and nothing new to report.
- **CHP:** Per Sgt. Thrash, CHP Officer Austin unable to attend but reported on his behalf they've been shooting radar at LaBrea and Stocker and no other news. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP directly via email [baustin@chp.ca.gov](mailto:baustin@chp.ca.gov) or on 310 642-3939.

### Old Business

- **Oil Field Update:** Gary Gless reported there are 4 lawsuits pending. Two ask for limited drilling but his organization and Culver City's both seek an injunction.

### New Business

- **Inglewood YMCA:** The Board received a request for donation from Mr. Guillory of the Inglewood YMCA and a motion was approved to donate \$200.
- **Annual Meeting:** LHCA Directors held discussion on pros and cons of moving annual meeting from November to January. Upon further consideration the decision was made to leave the meeting in November. The Board also weighed the pros and cons of shortening the summer break to one month instead of two. No changes were made following the discussion.

### Committees

- **Website:** Cliff Neuman encouraged people to sign-up and emphasized to respond to confirmation request to complete the process.
- **CAC:** Per Cliff Neuman the LASD covered the highlights already.
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported the Yvonne B. Burke Senior Community Center will have an inaugural party open to the community on January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Miscellaneous

- Resident, Mr. Lee Walker, expressed the need for the community to have centralized meeting sites and plans in the event of a Disaster. The Board explained the concept of CERT training and encouraged him to attend. He was also advised to work with the local LAFD at Slauson and Fairfax to determine whether there are designated disaster gathering points and report back to the Board and residents at a future LHCA meeting. Mrs. Rita Harris shared his concerns and was encouraged to work with Mr. Walker on this project.

In Attendance: Sandra Goldsmith-Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Ronni Cooper, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Carmen Spiva, Ron Woods.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary