

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Feb 19, 2009

LHCA Board meeting called to order by Vice President Allan Boodnick at 7:10 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for January approved.
- Treasurer's Report for January approved. Budget will follow calendar year January thru December as opposed to previous fiscal year.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Reggie of LASD Marina station reported we are still being hit with some burglaries but the deputies are doing an outstanding job. Seven arrests made during the last quarter. Residents were cautioned to be alert to vagrants moving into empty houses for sale. Be sure to report suspicious move-ins to the realtor or LASD.
- **LAPD:** No news.
- **CHP:** Not present. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- **Security Cameras:** Cliff Neuman reported he and Allan Boodnick met with people who have ideas about a corporate sponsorship. As an example, Target donated \$250K to a community as a collaborative effort. A visiting resident shared that Baldwin Hills is looking at solar powered cameras for 9 primary entrances and waiting for an estimate. More to come.

New Business

- **PXP Landscaping Proposal:** Lisa Paillet of PXP explained the landscaping proposal for the fields behind Ladera Crest. Project mission is to screen the oil field blights from view as much as possible. Don John, landscaper, shared conceptual before and after drawings. His goal is to screen but not block the view of residents. He would like to create a picturesque pastoral meadow-like view. Ladera Crest is phase 1. Windsor – LaBrea facing west is phase 2 and LaCienega facing east is phase 3. There is a 180 day mandate by CSD to submit proposal and a 45 day review period. Dorothy Harris and the beautification committee will be our point of contact for this effort.
- **Candidates Night:** LHCA and the LaTijera Concerned Citizens are hosting a candidate's night at Knox Church on March 19th at 7 pm. The candidates for the 3 IUSD board seats have been invited to participate. Motion made and passed authorizing \$200 expenditure to reserve Knox Church for the event. No need to allocate funds for refreshments because too much wasted lately.
- **T-Mobile Towers:** Margaret Bowers was unable to attend. On her behalf Lisa provided an update. CVS on Overhill and Slauson had planned to allow T-Mobile to install a cellular tower that would extend 12" above their rooftop parking. T-Mobile trying to compete on a very aggressive level with landline, cable, and wireless companies. In many cases there has not been any public notification. Tower would have negative impact on home owner property values. The public won over T-Mobile at CVS just yesterday. Unfortunately a resident on Northridge just discovered the excavation in front of his home is for a T-Mobile cell tower. The community needs to ask the county supervisors for a moratorium for our neighborhood. LHCA Secretary, Ruth, will write a letter to Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

Committee

- **Website:** Easy to sign up on our website email and be sure you respond back to confirm your enrollment.
- **CAC:** Cliff Neuman reported the CAC continuing to work with the LASD on community issues.

- **Vice President:** Allan Boodnick introduced a new concept for LHCA to increase community participation. It would include Neighborhood Watch excellence, graffiti control, financial contributions to LHCA or LASD, new neighbor welcoming, newsletter, and sheriff volunteers. The concept includes compiling Ladera's history and what the community is all about. Rewards the people who do these things with plaques, gift cards or honorable mention in the community newsletter. Contact Allan to sign up.
- **Senior Center:** No Update
- **Beautification.** Dorothy Harris reported that after many years Slauson is finally coming together nicely. Her committee will work with Lisa and Don on the Ladera Crest landscaping project.
- **Block Clubs:** Sandy Goldsmith-Bennett is our coordinator. She reported that she returns all of the calls she receives for people who are interested but they don't always call back after she leaves them a voice mail. Consideration will be given to maybe a separate meeting for residents who are interested in start-up clubs.
- **Mary Jones, Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Mary Jones reiterated that LHCA should write a letter of opposition against T-Mobile. Yesterday's victory against them with the Board of Supervisors is what happens when the community and government work together. She was surprised the community was not aware of the CSD Landscaping Project. Per Mary, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas wrote them to slow down and work with the community since another 60-90 days would not make a difference. Mary has also been in touch with Dorothy of the Beautification committee regarding the monument for Ladera. Mrs. Jones is not sure if she will be our permanently assigned deputy but we can call her until further notice. Downtown = 213 974-2222 and she will provide the airport office number later.
- **Ladera Park:** No recent events and everything status quo for now.
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.

In Attendance: Allan Boodnick, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Ruth Lawrence, Cliff Neuman, Ron Woods, Sandy Goldsmith-Bennett, Frieda Rentie, Dorothy Harris.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary