

Minutes of the Board of Directors

April 16, 2009

LHCA Board meeting called to order by Vice President Allan Boodnick at 7:08 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for March approved.
- Treasurer's Report for March will be covered with the April report in the May meeting.

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Captain Victory expressed her appreciation of the wonderful LHCA support for the Baker to Vegas Relay. She modeled their nylon jackets displaying "Donated by LHCA" lettering on the back. Sgt. Thrash reported March stats are excellent with only 2 burglaries in lower Ladera (includes shopping center and old Ladera) and zero burglaries in upper Ladera. He attributes the results to active community participation and watchful eyes. On May 6th the Sheriff's Ladera station will participate in "Gifts for Guns". Take this opportunity to get rid of unwanted firearms and receive a gift certificate in exchange. They will use a drive-thru process. The firearm must be in your trunk and unloaded. A deputy will remove it from your trunk. Sgt. Thrash reported a surge in domestic violence. We all recognize that it is very personal but it does happen. He asks that everyone be reminded there are resources available and the LASD would like to provide intervention where possible. Sgt. Thrash announced that Deputies Crooks and Harrison used to run the Youth Activity Program out of Ladera Park and those activities have now moved to Parent Elementary.
- **LAPD:** Not present
- **CHP:** Not present. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP directly via email baustin@chp.ca.gov or on 310 642-3939.

Old Business

- **CCSC Donation:** Margaret Bowers reintroduced our December decision not to donate money to fight off increased drilling. The December decision was based on legal counsel. She has investigated further and found we can't be sued simply because we donate money on behalf of the community because we are not paying their legal fees. Per Margaret, Civil Procedures code 425.16 gives us the constitutional right to donate. In the absence of our Treasurer and the Treasurer's report we will discuss a specific donation in the May meeting. There is a PXP hearing on July 23rd. All lawsuits have been combined and are to be heard by one judge.
- **T-Mobile Towers:** Margaret Bowers provided an update on the recent victory scored against T-Mobile by Windsor Hills and View Park residents. T-mobile is appealing and there will be a bus available to transport residents to the May 26th hearing. A flyer was distributed with the specifics. Ruth reported that the Supervisor's office acknowledged the letter from LHCA opposing the aggressive addition of new towers. Allan proposed that he and Ronni visit the Supervisor in the near future since his office is not represented at our meeting. Margaret volunteered to attend also.

New Business

- **At-Large School Board Seats:** Mary Bueno, former IUSD School Board Candidate, reported there will be a run-off for all 3 seats. Mrs. Bueno proposed an idea for the IUSD to be districted the way it used to be so that communities have their own seats. For example, Ladera could have a specific seat representing their community and elect a candidate for that seat. Returning to that process would have to be done by ballot measure and by vote. Mrs. Bueno has formed a committee to determine what specific steps are required to propose a process change. She welcomed more participants on her committee which meets on Monday nights. She can be reached via email at

MaryBuenolUSD@yahoo.com or on 310 677-4363. She will return to future LHCA meetings and keep us informed of the group's progress as she learns more.

- **U.S. Census Bureau:** Kit Loring provided information on the upcoming census and alerted everyone that there are some low-key census activities out in the neighborhood right now. They are trying to identify all livable spaces this year even though the census is not until next year. They have badges and bags both of which she displayed. You may simply see them walking the sidewalks with handheld electronic devices. They rarely ring door bells unless the address is for some reason questionable – maybe due to a new addition or rear living quarters. The census bureau does not share any information with other agencies like the IRS, INS, or police. To do so would be punishable by law. For more information got to www.2010census.gov or call 310963-8608.
- **BHC Overlook:** Allan Boodnick reported the grand opening for the BHC Overlook is this Saturday, April 18th. Location is Jefferson east of LaCienega, south side of Jefferson at Kessler.
- **Stocker Beautification:** Allan Boodnick reported that the temporary traffic diversion on Stocker between LaBrea and Crenshaw is almost done. The beautification will add new plantings in the center of Stocker and is being sponsored by the County of Los Angeles.
- **Baldwin Hills Relay for Life:** The event has not been well attended in the past and Madeline Wilson encouraged support from Ladera Heights residents. It is a 24 hour event which is very significant because cancer never sleeps. The event is a relay so an individual participant is not there for the entire 24 hours. It will be held on June 2^{8th} at the baseball fields on Fairfax behind Home Depot. Cancer survivors will be honored for their courage and strength by beginning the event with an honorary lap and other special activities. There will be 24 hours of games, food, fun, activities, and music as everyone joins for a common cause.

Committees

- **Website:** No update
- **CAC:** No update
- **Vice President:** Allan Boodnick provided his comparison of customer service and price between ADT and Security Service System. SSS provides a significant savings for patrol and monitoring service. They are also local to Ladera and the LHCA encourages residents to subscribe to SSS patrol service even if they already have monitoring.
- **BHC:** Carmen attended a Community Advisory Panel on March 26th. The next meeting is 4-23-09 and if any concerns feel free to contact Lisa Paillet@PXP.com. Carmen also gave information for upcoming meetings. They are not restricted to specific attendees, any resident may attend.
- **Senior Center:** No Update
- **Beautification.** No Update
- **Block Clubs:** No Update
- **Representative from Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Not present
- **Ladera Park:** No Update
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.

In Attendance: Allan Boodnick, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Alvetia Smith, Sandy Goldsmith-Bennett, Margaret Bowers, Charlee Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary