

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Sep 17, 2009

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:08 PM

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash reported for August there were zero crimes in Upper Ladera. In Lower Ladera there was 1 residential burglary, 1 vehicle burglary, 1 petty theft, and 3 grand theft auto. Captain Victory was very innovative and proactive in the use of summer teams to provide more cars patrolling the area. Deputies Crook and Harrison have so many kids participating in the Youth Activity League this year they've had to turn some back. They are tutoring, mentoring, and conducting field trips after school all free of charge. Captain Victory thanked the residents of Ladera for being the eyes and ears in helping the LASD monitor suspicious activity and crime. The Captain will email Allan Boodnick a copy of Crime Tips for use in the upcoming newsletter.
- **SSS:** Yvette of Security Service System reported that on her patrols she's been running a lot of young people out of the neighborhood that don't live here.
- **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

- **Community Disaster Survival Fair:** Hank Harris reminded everyone the fair will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Parent Elementary School. There will be participants from police, fire, health and other local businesses. There will be raffles, gifts; and a book signing with our Tuskegee Airman neighbor, Claude Davis. The LHCA has often had attendees raise concerns that about a lack of preparedness in our community. This is your opportunity to not only improve your disaster awareness but bring your neighbors with you. Hank also gave a reminder there will be CERT training in January at the Senior Center. He will send info for Allan to use in the upcoming newsletter. Ron Woods made a motion to donate \$350 to this event. The motion was passed.

New Business

- **November 19th Annual Meeting:** Gene Eldridge volunteered to co-ordinate this year's meeting. He will contact the LA County agencies who participate each year. Carmen will assist by creating the ballot and applications. Ron, Ruth, and Sandra agreed to assist with other tasks
- **Elect New Alternate Director:** Don Helwig was elected as an Alternate. Don is a Past President of the LHCA. He has volunteered to take over the filming activities and is currently overlapping with Allan Boodnick to learn the tasks and duties associated with this role.
- **LaCienega Beautification:** Dorothy Harris is working to get businesses in and adjacent to Ladera to participate in cleaning up the LaCienega strip starting at Rodeo Road and southbound down to Centinela. She has held meetings to seek the involvement of the City, County, plus fast food locations (McDonalds, Curls, Burger King). We want them to help fund the LaCienega clean up of weeds, trash, and tossed fast-food debris. Mary Jones of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas's office has been very helpful. No funding as of yet but we are still in the initial stages.
- **Filming Update:** Allan Boodnick reported pleasing everyone is a tough proposition due to conflicting interests. City and County officials have said filming can and will occur in Los Angeles. Warner Brothers films the NBC show Southland on several streets in Upper Ladera including Shenandoah and Bedford. Warner Brothers recently met

With some of the residents in an effort to make their presence palatable. Approximately 13 episodes will be filmed for the current season. Residents whose homes are used enjoy the money. Others are opposed to the presence of the film crews. Film LA, Southland representatives, and residents who like and/or dislike filming came up with some solutions.

- Southland will email residents in advance to advise when they are going to be here.
- No more big metal trash bins – they will have someone pick up trash using plastic bags.
- They will move the porta-potties as best they can.
- The big trucks will unload, leave, and come back later to reload.
- Cones will be picked up.
- Food trucks will be relocated

We as residents need to hold them accountable. Allan Boodnick and Don Helwig will try to have some of the Southland mitigation steps broadened to be used by other film companies as well.

Committees

- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported the website is up to date and has 385 on the mailing list.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported the CAC took a couple of months off but will reconvene in September. During the summer break there was Cancer awareness in the park behind Home Depot. Gene reported the event was fantastic and encouraged residents to attend next year. Madeline Wilson attended our April meeting to also encourage participation in the 24-hour Relay for Life event. The events are staged over a 24 hour period because cancer never sleeps.
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported a pretty good summer with minor issues that he is following up on.
- **BHC:** Cliff Neuman reported not much activity other than Supervisors re-opening the standards issue. Per Carmen there will be a town hall meeting on 10-15-09 in West LA and she will represent the LHCA. Allan reported the 4 lawsuits related to the oilfields are going to trial on 11-13-09. PXP filed for dismissal but their request was denied
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes reported there will be a Health Fair at the center on 10-3-09. She will follow up to be sure we don't have future issues with our standing monthly reservation for the room.
- **Beautification.** See new business.
- **Block Clubs:** No update.
- **Representative from Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Not present

Miscellaneous

- **New LHCA Participants:** 3 residents expressed a desire to know more about the committees of the LHCA. Felicia Richard expressed a desire to become a board member and will be elected as a formality in the October meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary