

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Jan 21, 2010

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

- Minutes for December approved
- Treasurer's Report for December approved

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash gave a report on December crime stats. Residential burglaries = 3 upper Ladera and 3 lower Ladera. Vehicular burglaries in lower Ladera = 2 and 2 in upper Ladera. Ross department store hired very aggressive plain clothes security for the holidays and there were 2 grand theft property crimes there. Keith of LASD reported the Youth Activity League is still thriving and currently has a waiting list. The YAL uses creative motivation. Bikes that were confiscated as stolen property and never claimed used to be auctioned off. Now they are used to award students for completing the YAL tutoring program. President Cooper recommended Keith submit an article for the next newsletter
- **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

- **CERT Training:** Hank Harris reported the January class date will change until our instructor returns from Haiti. The session will be moved from the Senior Center to Parent Elementary. In using the school there will be a \$250 expense for maintenance. The LHCA will allocate \$250 to cover the expense. Hank also reminded the community the recent Haitian disaster should be a wake up call for everyone and encouraged others to consider signing up for CERT.

New Business

- **LMU Cooperative Project:** Vice President Boodnick introduced Dr. Jennifer Ramos and Maria Alderete of LMU. Allan met with them last month to seek their assistance with providing crime statistics for the LHCA. Due to budget constraints the LASD is no longer able to provide a resource for statistics. Dr. Ramos of LMU provided an overview of Ethical Research accompanied by a handout that outlines the course curriculum. In the classroom students analyze statistics but she also wants to bring them into the community for more experience. Ms. Alderete explained they like to help LMU students become engaged in communities to help them understand their role in interacting. She asked the community for additional suggestions. The Sheriff would like help with tutoring students in the YAL. Director Dorothy Harris would like help with analytics on feedback received from community "walkers" who report on beautification issues. Gene Eldridge could use help with graffiti removal. Dr. Ramos and Ms. Alderete will follow-up with LHCA members on these ideas.
- **Election of Officers:** Results: Ruth Lawrence, Secretary; Ron Woods, Treasurer; Allan Boodnick, Vice President; and Ronni Cooper, President. The by-laws state there can be up to 3 Vice Presidents and Director Margaret Bowers will consider whether she'd like to assume the role of a 2nd V.P.
- **Haiti Relief:** The board approved a motion to donate \$500 to the Red Cross for the Haiti Relief fund to assist with the aftermath of the recent earthquake.
- **Filming Issue:** Resident, Tyrone Smith, reported issues encountered with recent filming on lower Sherbourne. He made several attempts to reach Director, Don Hellwig. Mr. Smith and his neighbors were not notified of the filming event. After contacting Film LA they placed a notice on his garage door on the Saturday after the filming. He expressed concerns that the filming process and protocol had not been followed. Vice President, Allan Boodnick,

confirmed that he checked with the VP of Film LA after the fact who did admit the permits and notifications were processed late.

- **Curb Painting:** Director, Sandy Bennett, raised a concern about the people who paint our addresses on the curb. They are rude and quite adamant when they come to your door to collect a "donation" for the service. Most residents agreed they frequently paint the curbs whether it is desired or not and then insist on a donation. They have been known to completely paint over the house number if a donation is not made. Defacing the owner's property is considered vandalism and should be reported to the Sheriff or Police department when it happens.

Committees

- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported the mailing list will be updated to transition to Google Groups. He also provided an overview of the advantages in having 2 separate mailing lists for email. The content distributed in the current list would remain the same. Content distributed in the 2nd list would be somewhat broader in scope and could include topics not endorsed or controlled by the LHCA. The board agreed to try the 2nd list and if it doesn't work we will discuss it again.
- **CAC:** Gene Eldridge reported a meeting was not held in December. Gene raised a concern related to graffiti on bus benches. Removing the graffiti could ruin the paid advertising so requires special attention and increased costs. Gene requested a \$300 increase in the LHCA donation for graffiti removal. Treasurer,, Ron Woods, will make adjustments to the new budget which has not been approved yet.
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.
- **Ladera Park:** Darrick Davis reported that in a recent complaint made by old Ladera they discovered the transition of the Park Police to the LASD has not yet occurred and is planned instead for June 2010.
- **BHC:** No update, Director, Carmen Spiva, is attending a meeting tonight.
- **Senior Center:** Director, Alma Fowlkes, reported the center is planning a new line dancing class, an April fair, and a newsletter.
- **Beautification.** Director, Dorothy Harris reported we may need to contribute some funds to the LaCienega corridor clean up. She will know more after their next meeting. We also need to come up with a permanent plan for the clean up and maintenance of LaCienega corridor from Centinela to Rodeo. Dorothy is also working on getting the LH monument sign at the fire station on Slauson and Fairfax. Work continues on "keeping up appearances". Residents who walk in the community make observations and provide feedback to Dorothy. Dorothy notifies the county ASAP.
- **Block Clubs:** Director, Sandy Bennett, reported establishing a new block club in Director, Shirley Miles' block.
- **Oilfield Update:** Director, Margaret Bowers reported there should be an update next month on pending lawsuits.
- **Newsletter:** We need a new editor and committee for the newsletter to replace Allan. Looking for volunteers. If we could get people to submit articles it cuts down on the work. Need an editorial team to work with Sherry, the printer, and on mailing issues. Director, Sandy Bennett, expressed a willingness if other former newsletter members willing to help again. Ron Woods will ask Mrs. Woods if she's willing to edit.
- **Representative from Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Not present

In Attendance: Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Margaret Bowers, Ronni Cooper, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Dorothy Harris, Ruth Lawrence, Clifford Neuman, Ron Woods, Florida Toussant, Charlee Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted with apologies for errors or omissions,
Ruth E. Lawrence, LHCA Secretary