

Minutes of the Board of Directors

Feb 18, 2010

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

Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

Crime and Safety

- **LASD:** Sgt. Thrash gave a report on January crime stats. Residential burglaries = 1 upper Ladera and 3 lower Ladera. Vehicular thefts in lower Ladera = 3 and 1 in upper Ladera. The LASD also working with Allan and LMU on crime stats. Allan Boodnick advised residents they can also access crimestatics.com, enter your zip code, and view nearby crimes on the web. The LASD has taken over the Park Police and is beginning to put bodies into that unit. If there are any problems with Ladera Park just call the Marina station.
- **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

- **LHCA Officers:** Margaret Bowers would like to serve as our second Vice President. A motion was made and carried electing Margaret as second Vice President.
- **Neighborhood Watch Signs:** Allan, Margaret, and Erin Stennis of the Supervisor's office drove upper, lower, and old Ladera to assess the NW signs. They observed 126 signs with 82 in good shape and 44 rusted, faded, bent, or placed too high. They also drove through the Heights @ Ladera. Their signs were fine and the ratio of signs to streets was very high. LMU will also study the effectiveness of NW signs and whether there is any correlation with crime rates.
- **LMU:** Gene Eldridge has not been contacted by LMU yet but graffiti is currently at an all time low which is probably a result of the back-to-back rain storms. Ronni knows Dorothy met with the Professor but Dorothy isn't present to report out.

Committees

- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported the website is up to date and the transition to the new server is complete. We have 488 registered email addresses. Margaret Bowers suggested notifying residents of deaths, births, new residents, and other events. She will serve as the point of contact and will provide her contact information in the next newsletter so people will know how to reach her.
- **CAC:** No update
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.
- **Ladera Park:** No update.
- **BHC:** Carmen Spiva attended a meeting last month and there were only 16 complaints about sound and that sounds pretty low. She will provide the number for Debbie to publish in the newsletter and encouraged people to be sure to call in.
- **Senior Center:** Alma Fowlkes provided a calendar of upcoming classes and programs at the Senior Center.
- **Beautification:** Not Present
- **Block Clubs:** Sandy Bennett, reported reactivating a block club at 58th and LaTijera. Great meeting with lots of young residents including renters.
- **Oilfield Update:** Margaret Bowers reported that the lawsuit challenging the County's Environmental Impact Report is scheduled to be heard on February 25th and we will be notified of the results. Since the last meeting, Citizen's

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Coalition for a Safe Community, Culver Crest Neighborhood Association and Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance working with South Coast Air Quality Management District, have conducted particulate air samples, these are small pollutant particles present in our air, principally from diesel engines and other burnt fuels. AQMD's lab analysis is pending. The AQMD will provide 3 or 4 stationary Tedlar Bag Samplers to area residents who are willing to volunteer to have the air samples taken on their properties abutting the oil field, when they experience petroleum or rotten egg odors from the oil field. AQMD will collect the samples. For more information call, **310 227-3201** or email **800CCSC@gmail.com**

There will be a screening of the documentary, "Split Estates" at the Ladera Senior Center on March 20th. 1-3 p.m. This is a film about oil and gas exploration in Colorado and other neighboring states and the contamination of ground water caused by the extraction process known as "fracturing" For more information on this screening call **310 227-3201**.

- **Newsletter:** Debbie Woods has agreed to be editor of the newsletter. Ronni will collect the articles for her and it would be great to have someone else help collect them also. Mrs. Woods will do the editing and we'd also like to have someone else help her proof it initially before sending it to the printer. Sandy Bennett volunteered to help with proofing. Alvetia Smith reported on the recent undeliverables. The majority were from apartments on Springpark or Fairview. The USPS will not deliver to vacant apartments or full mailboxes. The other undeliverables were returned for no such address which indicates the printer also used an obsolete mailing list. Allan Boodnick will make sure the printer has the "correct" address again and we will start fresh.
- **Representative from Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Erin Stennis of the Supervisor's office chaired the last meeting related to the LaCienega corridor beautification. She reported the meeting was tremendous with great participation from a lot of agencies interested in making LaCienega beautiful. All jurisdictions for our corridor were present with the common goal of a consistent appearance from Centinela to Rodeo. PXP also taking a very active part. A resident reported an unsightly home at 55th and Senford. We have not been successful in having the zoning commission take action. Erin agreed to follow up on this issue.
- **Miscellaneous:** Mrs. Eva Green shared information with residents about a new sprinkler system she likes.

In Attendance: Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Margaret Bowers, Ronni Cooper, Darrick Davis, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Ruth Lawrence, Clifford Neuman, Alvetia Smith, Ron Woods, and Carmen Spiva.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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