

## Minutes of the Board of Directors

March 18, 2010

LHCA Board meeting called to order by President Ronni Cooper at 7:06 PM

### Secretary & Treasurer Report

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

### Crime and Safety

- **LASD:**
  - Sgt. Thrash reported February crime stats. Upper Ladera: 1 robbery with weapon, 1 grand theft, 1 petty theft. Lower Ladera: 1 burglary, 1 grand theft, 6 vehicle burglaries.
  - Sgt. Thrash thanked Deputy Stennis of the Supervisor's office for her efforts working with the LASD. She hit the ground running and became involved on relevant issues very quickly.
  - The person who recently stole ID and credit cards from two people in Ralph's parking lot was apprehended in El Segundo. The suspect had recently approached people near Ralph's under the pretense of needing to exchange insurance information because he'd bumped their cars while they were in the store. He further suggested they sit inside the other person's car to get out of the rain during the information exchange.
  - Deputy Harrison and CHP Officer Blaze tackled the double parking issues at Parent Elementary last week and 30 citations were issued. The LASD activity observed later that afternoon was dealing with 2 guys with "medicinal" drugs.
- **LAPD:** Not present. Sgt. Thrash provided a report for Officer Garcia of LAPD who could not attend tonight. Officer Garcia was instrumental in cleaning up all of the motor homes on Centinela near Sherbourne by the Azure apartments.
- **CHP:** Not present. For traffic concerns you may contact CHP directly via email [baustin@chp.ca.gov](mailto:baustin@chp.ca.gov) or on 310 642-3939.

### New Business

- **LaCienega Off Ramps at Slauson:** Lisa Woung, LA County DPW, gave an overview of the upcoming work. The northbound and southbound LaCienega exits at Slauson will be widened to include a 3<sup>rd</sup> lane. The project was designed to assist with getting traffic moved more quickly. LaCienega is not being widened – just the two off ramps. This project will start October of 2010 with the southbound ramp and will take approximately 9 months. Upon completing the southbound exit, the work will move to the northbound exit. Lanes will be shut down as needed but the entire street will never be closed. The project is also adding new equipment to synchronize the County's traffic lights in advance of synchronization coming into play. There will be a camera but it is associated with synchronization and NOT a speed or ticketing camera. The County is unable to synchronize with Culver City's lights on Slauson unless they too update their equipment.
- **Jet Motel Permit Renewal:** Will Nieves is the property owner's representative. The Jet Motel is a 3-story motel on Slauson 2 doors west of Overhill Drive. Mr. Nieves explained their zoning permits are renewed every 20 – 30 years under a non conforming use review permit. If all factors are in place upon review, the County will allow it to continue to exist with minor improvements to the exterior and interior. The date of the public hearing is TBD and Mr. Nieves will email Ronni Cooper with the date. The LHCA will send a letter to the Zoning Commission summarizing the numerous illegal activities that have been responded to by the LASD. Sgt. Thrash will ask Reggie to provide the info to Ruth who will cc LASD on our letter.
- **Update From Senator Price's Office:** Andrew Lachman of Senator Curren Price's staff reported the Senator continues to support the Supervisor's efforts to get the oil field health study done. Senator Price also recently held a joint committee on The Arts. Most people are unaware that 1 out of 6 jobs is directly or indirectly related to the

entertainment sector and the question becomes how we continue to grow those jobs? There was a 13% increase in filming permits last month in Los Angeles. The Senator's office continues to be vigilant in dealing with this economic deficit.

- **Fruit Vendor at Bank of America:** Resident Victor Smith has not received a consistent response from the City of Los Angeles related to the fruit vendor on Fairview. The vendor is not licensed, unsanitary, and the phone number on the cart is bogus. When residents reported the zoning violation in 2009 the City Zoning Commission would dispatch someone to shut him down. This year the Zoning office refers callers to the dispatch desk of the LAPD Pacific Division. The police are not as responsive as Zoning was. We invited LAPD Officer Garcia to tonight's meeting but he was unable to attend. Concerned residents will continue calling the Pacific Division dispatch desk. The LHCA will also write to the bank manager, LA City Councilman Rosendahl, Ladera Center Property Manager, Judy Dunlap, LAPD Pacific Division Captain, with a cc to Erin Stennis and Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

### Committees

- **Website:** Cliff Neuman reported the website is up to date, the current newsletter is posted, and we have 500 email addresses. 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:** Gene Eldridge reported that Bank of America has started charging the CAC a \$17 monthly service charge in spite of the fact they are a non-profit. He has spoken to the manager and the new policy invokes a monthly fee unless you keep a minimum balance or get a debit card. For now he has ordered a debit card to offset the charge.
- **Ladera Center:** Not present.
- **Ladera Park:** No update.
- **BHC:** No Update
- **Senior Center:** Ruth reported for Alma Fowlkes on the upcoming April 24<sup>th</sup> Free Health Fair at the senior center. The health fair includes a 5K power walk and special guest speakers on fitness.
- **Beautification:** Ronni Cooper reported the beautification meeting today was canceled but we are working with LMU students who are going to try getting sponsors to adopt portions of LaCienega.
- **Block Clubs:** No Update
- **Oilfield Update:** Margaret Bowers reported that 9 or 10 air samples were studied. They came back with results that basically were unremarkable. They found burned combustible material greater than typically found in ambient conditions. The samples were done after heavy periods of rain. A spectrum analysis was not done and would have given us more information but the study is ongoing. There are no results yet from the 2-25-10 lawsuit hearing.
- **LAX Noise Roundtable:** Mrs. Yvonne Bedford attends these meetings in Dorothy's absence. In 2008 there were 1800 flights daily and in 2009 1300 daily flights. She hasn't seen any noise complaints specifically from Ladera Heights and wants to be sure we know about their website. Complaints can be made using the website lawa.org. The site also has other information as well to include flight origins, destinations, altitude, and time.
- **Newsletter & LMU Community Project:** Allan Boodnick reported the spring issue of the newsletter was mailed last week but has not been received by most residents yet. There was a time-sensitive survey in the newsletter so the response time has been extended until March 25<sup>th</sup>. Survey information will be analyzed by LHCA directors working with LMU students. The goal is to use anonymous feedback to assess how residents feel about their community and determine direction for future plans. Allan needed to verify Ladera zip code information. Alvetia Smith invited him to meet her at the Crenshaw and 39<sup>th</sup> USPS station tomorrow at 9 a.m. and she will provide the information.
- **Representative from Supvr Ridley-Thomas Ofc:** Erin Stennis of the Supervisor's office provided feedback on the property at 55<sup>th</sup> and Senford which is an eyesore. The Supervisor's office reached out to the property owner and waiting for a response. The Supervisor's office is continuing to stay involved with the health studies related to the oil fields. Mrs. Stennis also met with Lisa Woung's team last week to be sure the proposed off ramp modifications for LaCienega at Slauson goes smoothly.

In Attendance: Sandra Bennett, Allan Boodnick, Margaret Bowers, Ronni Cooper, Gene Eldridge, Alma Fowlkes, Don Helwig, Ruth Lawrence, Clifford Neuman, Alvetia Smith, Ron Woods, and Charlee Williams.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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