

Lakeview Crime Prevention District (LCPD)
Board Meeting
May 26, 2011
6:00 pm
St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Board Meeting Minutes

LCPD Board President Charles Ciaccio called the meeting to order

Board Member Attendees:

Charles Ciaccio, President
Freddy Yoder
John Gillot
Roy Arrigo
Leland Champagne
Jeb Bruneau
Lawrence Jacobi
Martin Landrieu
Todd Wallace
Richard Bordelon, Board Attorney

Members of the public were also in attendance.

~~Eight~~ ^{Nine} (9) Board Members were present, establishing a quorum.

The following items were discussed:

1. LCPD Meeting Dates. The Board discussed the need to move the LCPD meeting dates from the fourth Thursday of each month. After discussion, the Board decided to keep the 2011 meeting dates "as is" and will meet the fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of July and December.
2. Discussion of City of New Orleans Paid Detail Recommended Revisions. Mr. Ciaccio reported on the current proposed revisions to the NOPD paid detail procedures. As part of the revisions, contracts with political subdivisions would not be allowed. The Board discussed whether the arrangement between LCPD and NOPD constituted a paid detail. After much discussion, the Board agreed that it does not consider LCPD to be a paid detail affected by the new revisions but, out of an abundance of caution, the Board will take a hard line approach with the City that LCPD is not a paid detail. Mr. Ciaccio informed the Board that he has a meeting scheduled with Chief Serpas in the coming weeks and would report back to the Board after that meeting.
3. Briefing by Sgt. Eckert. Sgt. Doug Eckert with LCPD attended the meeting to provide his review of the crime statistics. He reported that crime in Lakeview is down substantially from last year. Although May saw a slight spike in crime, the overall numbers are down considerably from 2010. Sgt. Eckert distributed a written report of statistics to the Board and those members of the public in attendance. He also reported that several suspects of recent crimes were promptly apprehended. Overall, crime is down 37% with specific crimes showing a greater percentage of decrease: burglaries (down 40%), auto burglaries (down 48%), and auto theft (down 57%). Sgt. Eckert also thanked Daniel Bent and Cynthia Hayes for their efforts in upgrading the LCPD

website. He encouraged the Board members and the public to visit the updated website to review the latest crime statistics. He reminded everyone that credit for the reduction in crime "goes to the [police] officers on the street."

4. LCPD Financial Review by Lawrence Jacobi. Mr. Jacobi distributed a Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the LCPD as of May 31, 2011. He reported that LCPD was on track to collect more tax revenue than last year. In 2010, LCPD collected \$506,000. Through May 31, 2011, LCPD has collected \$473,000. Net income is slightly less because of the LCPD vehicle purchase. Mr. Jacobi reported that we are on track to meet budget for 2011.

However, Mr. Jacobi cautioned the Board that an increase in fees will need to be discussed in the future. A large surplus following Hurricane Katrina has carried LCPD for the past several years. Prompted by questions from the public, Mr. Jacobi explained that the surplus is gone and that increased fees will be needed in the future to meet budget projections for 2012, 2013, and beyond. Mr. Jacobi will provide the Board with 2012 budget data by the August Board meeting.

5. Questions from the Public.
 - a. Mr. Jacobi was asked to explain the balance sheet. He complied and walked the public through the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
 - b. A request was made to move ahead with the crime report by Sgt. Eckert even when the LCPD does not have the requisite quorum to hold an official meeting. The public commented that Sgt. Eckert's review of and report on recent crime is extremely helpful to have each month regardless of whether the LCPD meets. Sgt. Eckert agreed to do so. The Board also agreed to do everything it can to provide more advance notice of changes to meeting dates and times.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Martin Landrieu. The motion was seconded by Leland Champagne and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

The next meeting of the LCPD Board will be held on June 23, 2011.

Minutes prepared by K. Todd Wallace, Secretary of LCPD Board

