

**Lakeview Crime Prevention District (LCPD)**  
**Board Meeting**  
**August 25, 2011**  
**6:00 pm**  
**St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room**  
**875 Harrison Ave. New Orleans, LA 70124**

Board Meeting Minutes

Before officially calling the Board meeting to order, President Freddy Yoder asked Sgt. Eckert to give his monthly briefing to the Board members and general public in attendance.

Sgt. Doug Eckert with LCPD attended the meeting to provide his monthly review of the crime statistics and to answer questions. Sgt. Eckert distributed a written report of crime statistics to the Board and those members of the public in attendance. He reported that, while crime in Lakeview remains well behind last year's totals, July and August did see an increase in person and property crimes. He specifically addressed certain person crimes including the robbery of a pizza delivery boy, an attempted robbery at the Dollar Tree, and three instances of domestic violence (2 suicides, 1 murder by a son, 1 rape by a father). July actually marked the first armed robbery of the year (pizza delivery scam). He also noted that LCPD made a significant arrest of Michael Short, a career criminal wanted to a number of burglaries and thefts.

Sgt. Eckert explained that problems remain with auto thefts, auto burglaries, and general burglaries. The primary targets appear to be copper wiring, A/C units (with copper wiring), boats, and boat motors. He emphasized the need for residents to lock and secure your surroundings as most crimes occur at properties where items are not secure. He also explained how he examines crime trends and implements strategic plans based on those trends.

LCPD Board President Freddy Yoder called the Board meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Freddy Yoder  
Roy Arrigo  
Leland Champagne  
Todd Wallace  
Jeb Bruneau  
Nancy Lytle  
Martin Landrieu

Also in attendance:

Lawrence Jacobi, Board CPA  
Sgt. Doug Eckert, LCPD

Five (5) members of the public were also in attendance at various times during the meeting.

A quorum of the Board was established and the official meeting was called to order.

A MOTION to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2011 LCPD Board meeting was made by Jeb Bruneau. The motion was seconded by Martin Landrieu and passed unanimously.

The following items were discussed:

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Resignation and Recognition of Charles Ciaccio. Mr. Yoder announced once again that Mr. Ciaccio has resigned as President of the Board for LCPD due to the fact that Mr. Ciaccio has accepted a position with the City Attorney's office and his role in LCPD would therefore be a conflict of interest. Mr. Yoder expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ciaccio for his years of service. Mr. Ciaccio has been nominated for a community service award to be given by LCIA. In addition, a gift certificate will be provided by LCIA as an expression of community's appreciation.
2. Change to Agenda Notice. At the request of the Board's attorney, the address for each meeting will be posted on the agenda.
3. Continued Discussion of City of New Orleans Paid Detail Recommended Revisions. Mr. Yoder briefly reported on LCPD's last meeting with Chief Serpas of the NOPD. Due to the current proposed revisions to the NOPD paid detail procedures, there is a possibility that contracts with political subdivisions would not be allowed. Mr. Yoder is still trying to schedule a meeting with Chief Serpas to discuss this issue. **Action Item:** 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. Yoder will schedule a follow-up meeting with Chief Serpas in the coming weeks and will report back to the Board after that meeting.
4. Appointment of New Officers. Mr. Yoder reminded everyone that new LCPD Board officers were nominated and appointed during the June meeting. The new officers include: Wally Landry (Treasurer), Todd Wallace (Secretary), Jeb Bruneau (Vice President), and Freddy Yoder (President).
5. Appointment of New Board Member. During the June meeting, Mr. Yoder asked the Board to consider recommending Nancy Lytle to Sen. Murray as his next nomination to the Board. The Board agreed to do so and, on August 25, 2011, Mr. Yoder received notice from Sen. Murray that he is indeed appointing Ms. Lytle to serve on the LCPD as his appointment as required by LCPD legislation. The Board welcomed Ms. Lytle as the newest Board member.
6. LCPD Meeting Signs. Mr. Yoder reported that the LCPD meeting notice signs have been completed and installed throughout Lakeview (3 locations). The signs have been attached to the blue LCIA meeting notice signs at three entry points in Lakeview. Mr. Yoder also publically thanked LCIA for agreeing to fund the construction of the new LCPD signs.
7. Reminder to Submit Personal Financial Disclosure Forms. Mr. Yoder reminded all Board members that Personal Finance Disclosure forms were required of each Board member by the State of Louisiana. All Board members were asked to submit their Tier 2.1 disclosures as soon as possible. Most members indicated that their forms have been completed. **Action Item:** Mr. Yoder also requested that each Board member send him a PDF copy of their respective forms so that he can keep them on file as needed. Some members already have complied and the other Board members agreed to do so.
8. Appointment to LCPD Board by Councilmember Guidry. Mr. Yoder reported that, under the LCPD legislation governing the composition of this Board, the current councilperson for District

“A” shall appoint one member. Originally, Ms. Guidry appointed Jim Ruffin. However, Mr. Ruffin has yet to attend any LCPD Board meeting and, despite numerous efforts to reach him, Mr. Yoder has been unsuccessful. As a result, Mr. Yoder placed a call to Ms. Guidry’s office to explain the situation and to stress the importance of full participation by all members of this Board. Ms. Guidry will investigate her current appointee (Mr. Ruffin) and, if necessary, will appoint a new member. **Action Item:** Mr. Yoder will report back to the Board once Ms. Guidry responds.

9. Additional Signatories and Public Funds Resolution. Mr. Jacobi explained that he is working with Board attorney Richard Bordelon to ensure that the new officers are added as signatories to the bank account (two signatures required on all checks) as well as to complete the requisite public funds resolution. The original signed minutes of the Board meeting whereby these actions were authorized are required before these documents can be submitted. The June minutes authorizing such actions were approved at the outset of this meeting so that Mr. Jacobi and Mr. Bordelon now have what they need. **Action Item:** Mr. Jacobi and Mr. Bordelon will complete the paperwork and transactions at issue over the next month and report to the Board in September.

Mr. Yoder asked if there was any other “old business” to be considered and addressed by the Board. Hearing none, he proceeded with “new business.”

## NEW BUSINESS

10. Proposed “Lakeview Lockdown Day”. New Board member Nancy Lytle circulated a proposed handout and discussed her idea of a “Lakeview Lockdown Day.” Ms. Lytle explained that the purpose of the event would be to remind residents about common sense approaches to deterring crime and to securing your property. She provided the Board with a sample handout for such an event and explained that this was merely a draft. She then explained the proposed event in greater detail. The Board thanked Ms. Lytle for the unique idea and Mr. Champagne and others specifically complimented her on these suggestions. However, Mr. Landrieu and Mr. Wallace noted that this type of an event would be better suited for a group like LCIA as LCPD funds should not be used in such a way. LCPD funds are to be used to fund additional officers and equipment to supplement NOPD officers in Lakeview. Ms. Lytle confirmed that she was not seeking funds; she was simply proposing a new safety-based initiative. Mr. Wallace explained that LCIA would take a look at this initiative to see if it is something that can be pursued and funded through that organization.

11. LCPD Financial Review by Lawrence Jacobi. Mr. Jacobi distributed a Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the LCPD as of August 31, 2011. He reported that LCPD was on track to collect more tax revenue than last year. He then explained the financial statement and walked everyone through the numbers. Mr. Jacobi also reported that the efforts to collect the additional \$10 in tax revenue are ongoing. Overall, Mr. Jacobi reported that LCPD is “very good shape” for this fiscal year.

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12. Questions from the Public.

- (a) Joe Legarde asked if the LCPD financial reports were available to the public. Mr. Jacobi responded that the monthly reports are available on the LCPD website. In addition, Mr. Jacobi brings extra copies to each meeting and copies were passed out to all present.
- (b) Mr. Reid Raymond asked the Board to clarify a few statements from the May 26, 2011 Minutes. He asked the Board to clarify whether the statement in the May, 2011 Minutes that the Board would meet on the "fourth Thursday of each month with the exception of July and December" was accurate. Mr. Raymond then reminded the Board that the fourth Thursday of November was Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Raymond stated that he has attended every LCPD meeting for the past year and a half, and that several times in the past the Board failed to reach a quorum, and cancelled the meeting without prior notice, resulting in an inconvenience to those who had planned to attend. The Board agreed to consider rescheduling the November meeting, and will discuss this as an agenda item at the next meeting. The Board also re-confirmed that, in the event that a quorum is not present, the members present will continue with an information-only meeting, and Doug Eckert, at a minimum, will report on the crime statistics and answer any and all questions. Mr. Yoder also noted that two open spots on the Board have been filled so he does not anticipate future problems with the requisite quorum.

**ACTION ITEM:** Add need to reschedule November meeting to next agenda.

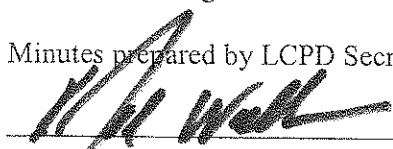
- (c) Barbara Sallettes asked Mr. Jacobi to explain the statement of insurance costs in the Profit and Loss Statement, which he did. He further explained that LCPD is required to pay for insurance, including supplemental workers comp, even though LCPD does not have any employees. The policy includes General Liability, Director and Officer and workers comp coverage.
- (d) Mr. Lagarde asked Doug Eckert to explain the patrol schedule, and whether LCPD has considered use of bike patrols, horses or other less-conventional methods of patrolling Lakeview. He explained that LCPD has 2-4 officers (in separate cars) on the street 24 hours per day. Each officer works a 4 hour shift. Doug outlined the daily schedule and expressed that his daily review of the crime trends drives the scheduling decisions and the focus of the patrols. The decision making and allocation of resources is precise and deliberate. All in attendance were duly impressed.
- (e) Kathleen Wendell expressed her appreciation to Sgt. Eckert for attending a community meeting in South Lakeview/Navarre to explain the LCPD activities.
- (f) Mr. Raymond asked if the Board would include in its Minutes the number of persons from the public who attended the meetings. All were in favor of doing so from this point forward.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

The next meeting of the LCPD Board will be held on September 22, 2011.

Minutes prepared by LCPD Secretary, K. Todd Wallace,

  
 Approved by the Board on 9/22/11