

**Lakeview Crime Prevention District (LCPD)**  
**Board Meeting**  
**June 23, 2011**  
**6:00 pm**  
**St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room**  
**875 Harrison Ave. New Orleans, LA 70124**

Board Meeting Minutes

At the outset of the meeting, a quorum of the Board was not present. As a result, Vice 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 review of the crime statistics. He reported that crime in Lakeview continues to decline and the statistics remain well below last year's numbers. Although June 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 reported that there have been no "person" crimes since March of this year and that the big problems continue to be auto theft, auto burglaries, and burglaries. He noted an increase in crime in the Lakeshore and Lake Vista areas and has increased patrol along Robert E. Lee. He noted that citizens should see an increase in visibility by the Third District and LCPD. Mr. Yoder confirmed that Lakeview expects a lot out of Sgt. Eckert and LCPD and that they have 100% of our support.

LCPD Board Vice President Freddy Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Freddy Yoder  
John Gillot  
Roy Arrigo  
Leland Champagne  
Todd Wallace  
Wally Landry  
Val Culpit

Also in attendance:

Richard Bordelon, Board Attorney  
Lawrence Jacobi, Board CPA

Members of the public were also in attendance.

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

The following items were discussed:

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Resignation and Recognition of Charles Ciaccio. Mr. Yoder announced 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. My Yoder summarizing Mr. Ciaccio's numerous contributions to LCPD and thank him for his years of exemplary service. He will be missed. Mr. Yoder also recounted the history of LCPD given Mr. Ciaccio's role in its earliest years. The Board joined Mr. Yoder in thanking Mr. Ciaccio for her service.

2. Continued Discussion of City of New Orleans Paid Detail Recommended Revisions. Mr. Yoder then reported on Mr. Ciaccio's recent 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. Ciaccio met with NOPD to clarify the issue. Chief Serpas simply reported that LCPD would have to "follow any guidelines issued by the Justice Department" on the subject. The Board again discussed whether the arrangement between LCPD and NOPD constituted a paid detail and agreed that it does not consider LCPD to be a paid detail affected by the new revisions. **Action Item:** Again, 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 informed the Board that he will schedule a follow-up meeting with Chief Serpas in the coming weeks and would report back to the Board after that meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

3. Nominations of New Board of Director Offices. In light of Mr. Ciaccio's resignations, the Board determined it necessary to fill the position of President and nominate and approve new officers. After much discussion, the following decisions were made:

Treasurer – Mr. Yoder made a motion to nominate Wally Landry as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Champagne. No other nominations were made. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary – Mr. Yoder made a motion to nominate Todd Wallace as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Culpit. No other nominations were made. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice President – Mr. Yoder made a motion to nominate Jeb Bruneau as Vice President. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arrigo. No other nominations were made. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

President – Mr. Landry made a motion to nominate Freddy Yoder as President. The motion was seconded by Ms. Culpit. No other nominations were made. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Action Item:** At this point, the Board discussed officer terms and related issues. The Board also addressed Jim Ruffin, a LCPD Board Member appointed by Councilperson Guidry but who has yet to attend a meeting. Mr. Yoder will discuss this issue with Ms. Guidry and report back to the Board.

4. Addition of Signatories to LCPD Account. After a discussion by Mr. Jacobi as Board CPA regarding the need for additional signatories on LCPD accounts in light of the change in officers, Mr. Gillot made a motion to add the newly elected officers as signatories on LCPD accounts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arrigo. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Officers were asked to provide information to Mr. Jacobi who will take the necessary action.

5. Recommendation of Additional Board Member. In light of Mr. Ciaccio's resignation, Mr. Yoder recognized that a Board position is now available. The Board further recognized that the position held by Mr. Ciaccio is a position that must be nominated by Sen. Murray as per the LCPD legislation. Mr. Yoder asked the Board to consider recommending Nancy Lytle to Sen. Murray as his next nomination to the position. Mr. Yoder summarizing Ms. Lytle's countless contributions to the neighborhood and to the NOPD/LCPD officers during the past 20 years. As a result of this discussion, Mr. Yoder made a motion to formally recommend Nancy Lytle to Sen. Murray to replace Mr. Ciaccio. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landry and passed unanimously. **Action Item:** Mr. Yoder will contact Sen. Murray regarding this recommendation.
6. Update on LCPD Signs. Mr. Yoder reported that LCIA has agreed to fund the LCPD meeting notice signs. Mr. Yoder asked whether LCPD could accept LCIA's monetary contribution in the form of creating the signs. Mr. Bordelon, Board attorney, responded and agreed that LCIA's contribution was indeed lawful. Mr. Yoder publically thanked LCIA for this contribution.
7. Need for Completion of 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. **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. The Board agreed to do so.
8. LCPD Financial Review by Lawrence Jacobi. Mr. Jacobi distributed a Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the LCPD as of June 30, 2011. He reported that LCPD was on track to collect more tax revenue than last year. **Action Item:** Mr. Jacobi will look into the additional \$10 collection efforts and report back to the Board. Overall, Mr. Jacobi reported that LCPD is "very good shape" for this fiscal year.

Mr. Jacobi also provided the Board with a copy of the 2010 audit conducted by Silva Gurtner & Abney. He reported that the only item of interest (p. 12 of the audit) involved the auditor's recommendation for LCPD to "amend its budget when it is determined that revenues and/or expenditures will have an unfavorable variance of more than 5%." The Board is now aware of this recommendation and will do so going forward.

9. Questions from the Public.
  - a. Several questions were asked regarding LCPD's formation, obligations, procedures, etc. The gentlemen as provided a copy of the enacting legislation as well as list of all Board members. Additional answers were provided.
  - b. A question was asked regarding the meaning of GAP accounting. Mr. Jacobi responded fully to the question.
  - c. Ms. Lytle formally thanked LCPD's officers for their hard work on the streets.
  - d. A request was made by the public to have the Board review the need to paint street addresses and repair alley ways once a year. This will be added as a future agenda item.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

The next meeting of the LCPD Board will be held in August, 2011 as the Board does not meet in July.

Minutes prepared by LCPD Secretary, K. Todd Wallace,

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Approved by the Board on 8/25/11