

Lakeview Crime Prevention District (LCPD)
Board Meeting
November 22, 2011
6:00 pm
St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room
875 Harrison Ave. New Orleans, LA 70124

Board Meeting Minutes

LCPD Board President Freddy Yoder called the Board meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Board Member Attendees:

Freddy Yoder
Val Cupit
Jeb Bruneau
Wally Landry
Nancy Lytle
Martin Landrieu
Joe Giarrusso
Roy Arrigo
John Gillot
Leland Champagne

Also in attendance:

Lawrence Jacobi, Board CPA
Richard Bordelon, Attorney
Sgt. Doug Eckert, LCPD

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 October 27, 2011 LCPD Board meeting was made by Wally Landry. The motion was seconded by Nancy Lytle and passed unanimously.

The following items were discussed:

REPORT FROM SGT. DOUG ECKERT

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 Lakeview stands at 246 crimes for the year which represents a significant decrease from the previous year. However, person crimes are up in 2011 (16 in 2011 as compared to 8 in 2010). While crime was down in October and November, we continue to see a spike in thefts, including wiring and construction materials on new construction.

He also reported on specific thefts and burglaries in the area including the break in of a Mondo chef's car in the 900 Block of Harrison. Sgt. Eckert raised the issue of adding patrol cars to

Harrison with lights to promote a more visible presence. One restaurant has expressed opposition to police patrols with lights on Harrison claiming that it is not good for business. The LCPD Board per discussion will support the discretion of the LCPD Commander regarding the need for patrols (with or without lights) on Harrison. It was noted that some businesses prefer the visibility of the patrols for its patrons.

Sgt. Eckert also reported that his officers are on the streets 24/7 with up to five officers per shift. Officers continue to be concentrated along the Harrison corridor between 7 – 11 pm each night as well as around the Park Place area during football season (Tad Gormley Stadium). Sgt. Eckert explained that problems remain with auto thefts, auto burglaries, and general burglaries. The primary targets continue to be copper wiring, A/C units (with copper wiring), boats, and boat motors. He once again emphasized the need for residents to lock and secure your surroundings as most crimes occur at properties where items are not secure. Sgt. Eckert has requested officers to patrol homes under construction in an effort to deter such problems.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. LCPD Financial Review and Proposed Budget by Lawrence Jacobi. Mr. Jacobi distributed and explained the Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the LCPD as of November 30, 2011. Overall, Mr. Jacobi reported that LCPD should end up with a surplus of approximately \$60K for this fiscal year. The Board discussed the reasoning behind the surplus as well as anticipated budget items for 2012. Mr. Jacobi noted that the LCPD is required to prepare and file a Budget Variance Report in light of the fact that the revenue/patrol items show a greater than 5% variance. Mr. Jacobi will prepare the report to be reviewed and approved at the January meeting.

Next, Mr. Jacobi reported that LCPD received a negative report from the auditor in light of the fact that the numbers were “off” by \$96. Mr. Yoder noted that it is imperative to check all numbers to make sure they are corrected going forward. Finally, Mr. Jacobi also reported to the Board that the names on LCPD checks have changed to Board of Commissioners – LCPD.

2. Resolution and Report from Richard Bordelon – Board Attorney: Board Attorney Richard Bordelon reported on a resolution from the Taxing District on the amount of fee/per parcel (\$110), the District’s adopted itemized budget for 2012, and the ballot language with authorization (all of which is included in the letter dated October 17, 2011 to the City).
3. Additional Discussions Regarding Patrols: The Board discussed patrol issues with Sgt. Eckert. Sgt. Eckert would like to add patrols at night as well as placing a car on Harrison Ave. Mr. Landrieu and other Board members noted that, if Sgt. Eckert feels it is appropriate to make these changes, then the Board supports his decisions. Mr. Landrieu noted that the Board supports Sgt. Eckert’s discretion and expertise.
4. Miscellaneous: Mr. Yoder reminded everyone that the LCPD does not meet in December and that the Board will reconvene in January. He then wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

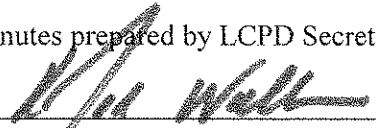
Mr. Yoder asked if there was any other "new business" to be considered and addressed by the Board. Hearing none, he requested a motion to adjourn.

A **MOTION** to Adjourn was made by Leland Champagne. The motion was seconded by John Gillot and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

The next meeting of the LCPD Board will be held on January 26, 2011.

Minutes prepared by LCPD Secretary, K. Todd Wallace,



Approved by the Board on 1/26/12.