

Lakeview Crime Prevention District
Meeting
April 23, 2015
Time:6:00 p.m.
St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Meeting started at 6:04 p.m.

Present were:
Martin Landrieu
John Grillot
Wally Landry
Jeb Bruneau
Leland Champagne
Roy Arrigo
Val Cupit

Also present were:
Richard Bordelon, attorney
Larry Jacobi, accountant
Sgt. Rene Benjamin, LCPD Commander
and members of the public.

In the absence of board president Freddy Yoder, Jeb Bruneau presided over the meeting. Jeb called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting. Leland mad a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting, it was seconded by Roy and it was the opinion of the chair that the yeas had it and the minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

Legislative auditor's questionnaire: Richard explained that there was a questionnaire that was requested by the legislative auditors to be completed by all political subdivisions, and that it required the names addresses and phone numbers of the board members. A sheet was passed around to collect that information from the board members that were present. Richard explained that he and the board's accountant Larry Jacobi, would work on completing the questionnaire. Richard and Jeb explained that this was not to be confused with the ethics disclosure form.

Selection of the board's official journal: Richard explained that the Advocate is not qualified to be the official journal because it is not located in Orleans Parish. Roy made a motion that Times Picayune be approved by the board as its official journal. It was seconded by Wally. Richard added t for the record that the costs are eighty cents an inch. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard's report on posting crime stats on the website: Richard explained that he drafted a disclaimer to be posted on the website along with the crime stats. A copy of the disclaimer was passed out (attached). Leland made a motion to accept the disclaimer that

Richard drafted. It was seconded by Val, a vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Val asked about items that may be coming up regarding the calendar. She reminded everyone that it was time for the board members to submit in their ethics disclosure forms. Roy notified everyone present that progress had been made on the website regarding having the archive of meeting documents (minutes, and reports) and that the board should see some good progress on the website with that regard by the next meeting.

Val requested that the review of the website be listed on the agenda for the next meeting. Val's request was notated for the next meeting agenda by Jeb. Larry added that there is a flyer about whistleblowers that the legislative auditor requires the board to post at its workplace. He stated that because the board does not have a workplace, that the legislative auditor suggested that there be a button on the crime district's website that would lead to the flyer on the legislative auditor's website. They also suggested that a copy of the flyer as well as the questionnaire be posted for public view at the board meetings. Leland made a motion that a button be placed on the website that would link to the legislative auditor's flyer (<http://www.lla.la.gov/hotline/>) and that a hard copy be displayed at the meetings. As part of the motion, it was agreed that Larry would make the flyer available at the meetings and that Roy would have the button added to the website. Wally seconded the motion, a vote was held and the motion passed unanimously. Jeb called for any other new business. There was none, and he moved to Larry's report.

Briefing by Larry Jacobi.

Larry gave the financial report (attached) and pointed out that the collections were at 100% of the expected collections. Larry stated that the city would be providing the exact number of parcels in the district. He reviewed the numbers that he stated looked pretty good and he stated that we were in very good shape to get through the year. He stated that he would be formulating with the auditors to show the five percent variances between our 2014 budget and the actual. With very short explanations for the variances. That would be submitted to Richard for the year end closing budget to satisfy the legislative auditor. John raised the issue of possibly lowering the amount collected on each parcel possibly to one hundred and ten of fifteen dollars. Richard stated that such discussion would need to be added to a future agenda. Larry reviewed the following time frame: He was committed to provide a preliminary budget in August; it would be reviewed in September, and finalization in October. This schedule would allow for any changes required to be made in time for those changes to be included on the ballot.

Briefing by Sgt. Rene Benjamin

Sgt. Benjamin reviewed his crime report (attached). The crime was notably down from the previous year. A member of the public requested that Sgt. Benjamin explain the process for reporting a non-emergency crime. Sgt. Benjamin explained that if the call is an emergency, or if it is believed that the perpetrator is still in the area, you should call

911. Non emergency calls should call 821-2222. Brian pointed out that he was ecstatic that we were fifty three percent down in crime and that that is exactly what everyone in Lakeview wants.

Briefing by Richard Bordelon

Richard pointed out that he had sent out the ethics disclosure form that that it was required for the board members to file it in before May 15th otherwise you may be subjected to a fine. Richard pointed out that it is required to be sent in the year after a board member is no longer on the board. Martin pointed out that there is pending legislation that if passed would eliminate the need for future disclosure forms. Val pointed out that Ann Leblanc would need to send a form and Richard added that he would advise her about the form.

Wally made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Leland seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM