

Lakeview Crime Prevention District

Meeting

09/24/2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Meeting started at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were:

Freddy Yoder	Jeb Bruneau
Joe Giarrusso	Nancy Lytle
Leland Champagne	Val Cupit
John Grilliot	Brian Anderson
Reid Raymond	Martin Landrieu

The board's attorney, Richard Bordelon, and accountant, Sudie Sutter, were also in attendance, as well as members of the public.

New Business:

Freddy Yoder discussed videoing the board meetings and posting them to the website. Questions were raised as to whether there were any legal issues regarding the videos. Richard Bordelon advised that there were no legal issues as to recording the meetings; however, LCPD would not own the recordings. They would need an agreement with St. Dominic Parish regarding its turning over the recording at the request of LCPD. Freddy Yoder stated that the Parish would give or sell the recording to LCPD, and LCPD would post it to their website. Martin Landrieu wanted to know who would retain the video and what it would be used for. Joe Giarrusso wanted to know how long it would have to be retained. Martin Landrieu stated that the LCPD would have to retain the videos forever. After a short discussion took place, Joe Giarrusso moved and Leland Champagne seconded motion to video the board meetings, which passed unanimously.

The minutes of the last meeting were not available and Martin moved to approve them at the next meeting. Joe Giarrusso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Bryan Lagarde, President of Project NOLA Followed by Power Point Presentation by Brian Anderson

This presentation was regarding installation of a crime camera system. Project NOLA could provide Lakeview with 128 high definition cameras strategically placed in Lakeview. The cost would be \$23,040 per year which would include building a Cloud for Lakeview and setting up a server. Residents, officers and private security would be able to actively monitor the cameras creating “real-time” supplemental information for officers. With the LCPD purchase, Lakeview residents would be able to obtain loaner cameras and be monitored under the LCPD server. They can also choose to be under the Project NOLA server and pay \$10/month. Camera quality was discussed as well as information on recent crimes that the cameras have helped solve.

Brian Anderson spoke about the benefits of using Project NOLA, LCPD Crime Camera history, the problems with past attempts to use crime cameras and the recent advances with the system. Residents could obtain cameras from Project NOLA, have individual access to their personal camera on-line and access to a HUB that would provide live feed to local law enforcement. He proposed a one-time fee of \$7,500.00 to set up the HUB which would be set up in an office at 3rd District, then yearly internet service.

Crime Briefing by Sgt. Christopher Prochaska on behalf of Sgt. Rene’ Benjamin

See attached report. There was also some discussion about residents needing to be more proactive, e.g., not leave car doors unlocked, become involved with Neighborhood Watch.

Budget Discussion

Summaries of past budgets and financial reports were distributed to board members, as well as a proposed budget. The surplus in years 2013, 2014 and 2015 were subjects of discussion. LCPD is not required to hold a surplus but always has for emergencies. Collections are at 95%. Martin Landrieu moved that the LCPD continue to count revenue as it was counted in previous years, i.e., to take the accountant’s recommendation keep revenue at 95% of fee collections. Val Cupit seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Freddy Yoder stated after if all other items of the budget were approved the balance would go to patrols. There was a discussion about the need for four (4), new patrol units with computers and GPS.

New line items for the 2016 budget were discussed.

Martin Landrieu made a motion and Joe Giarrusso seconded to adopt the 2016 budget and include changes to other items on the proposed budget: accounting (\$12,000.00 - previously \$10,000.00), phones (\$2,400.00), website (\$2,400.00), legal (\$15,000.00 - previously \$10,000.00), and bank/office expenses (\$1,500.00 - previously \$678.00). Martin suggested that the surplus go from \$50.00 to \$75,000.00, with the remainder of revenues to go to patrols.

Leland Champagne stated that if the LCPD needed to make adjustments to the budget it could amend it throughout the year and move money from where it wasn’t needed to where it was needed. Richard Bordelon advised that to amend the budget by 5% plus or minus on any line item would require that the LCPD send the amended budget to the City Council for approval.

Richard Bordelon discussed the Resolution to be considered. Revenue and disbursements were outlined. Martin Landrieu moved to adopt the budget as discussed, and Leland Champagne seconded the motion. The budget resolution passed unanimously with no opposition. A copy of the adopted resolution is attached.

Due to the length of the meeting to that point, Joe Giarrusso moved to defer the remainder of the new business to the next meeting and Leland Champagne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the adopted resolution is attached.

Public Comments:

During the Power Point presentation, there was an audience discussion regarding the prior 72% increase in the budget for patrols - can cameras provide better protection than additional patrols at a lower cost? Martin Landrieu justified the increase by indicating that there was a sense that crime was increasing and since there was a surplus in the budget it was decided that it was best spent on increasing patrols.

There was discussion about when the decals would be implemented. Leland Champagne advised that some quotes had been obtained already and if approval were granted at the next meeting, such would be implemented as fast as the vendor could make the decals.

Several residents advised that they were pleased with what the board has done and appreciate the work the board has done through the years.

Leland Champagne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Joe Giarrusso seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.