

Lakeview Crime Prevention District

Meeting

April/28/2016

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Aquinas Hall Meeting Room  
6361 Memphis Street

Martin Landrieu called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Roll was called, in attendance were:

Reid Raymond, Joe Landry, Joe Giarrusso, Freddy Yoder, Brian Anderson, Martin Landrieu, Jeb Bruneau, Ann Leblanc, Nancy Lytle, John Grillot (arrived just after roll call). Also in attendance were board attorney Richard Borderlon, accountant Larry Jacobi and LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin and State Representative Stephanie Hilferty.

**Opening Comments:** Martin announced that in an effort to accommodate members of the public, an agenda of public interest would be conducted first, followed by an administrative agenda.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** Brian requested that on item seven on the last page of the minutes of the previous meeting that an addition to the minutes be made that states: *Brian Anderson had requested permission to put the RFP for the crime cameras out to bid and that the permission was approved by the board.* A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended by Joe Giarrusso, it was seconded by Ann. All were in favor to approve the minutes as amended.

## II. Public Interest Agenda

- A. Recognition of past service by Freddy Yoder.** Martin spoke of the time, effort, and dignity that Freddy brought to the board over the years. He announced that an oak tree with deep roots would be planted in Freddy's name that would be there for a very long time that would create a shade of security over the district. State Representative Stephanie Hilferty reported that Freddy would be recognized by the state House of Representatives and she read the proclamation. (attached). Martin left the meeting and Brian Anderson presided over the remainder of the meeting.
- B. Crime Prevention Report & Statistics:** The April 2016 Crime Prevention Report was presented and reviewed by Commander Rene Benjamin. (See attached). Ann pointed out that quality of life issues should be handled by the 3<sup>rd</sup> district and not LCPD. Sgt. Benjamin explained that the 4 min response time includes calls with crimes in progress or priority calls, calls that only require a report to be filed are not included. Reid stated that a recent burglary in the 5900 block of Orleans Ave. where the electricity was turned off was the second time recently when this was done.

- C. Financial Report:** Board accountant Larry Jacobi reviewed the monthly financial report (attached). Larry explained that the city was now on a policy of paying LCPD once a month on approximately the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month for the period ending the 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. So the check that LCPD received on approximately April 10<sup>th</sup> was for the period of collections through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Larry pointed out that patrols were up approximately five thousand dollars more per cycle in 2016 than in 2015, as was approved by the board. All other matters are within budget. He stated that the annual audit is in progress and is expected to be complete for the next meeting and that this audit will not be turned in to the legislative auditors whose requirement is for audits only every other year.
- D. Crime Camera Program Status Report:** Brian reported that the board had approved the RFP at the last meeting and that it went out on April 1. A pre-bid meeting for vendors was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 7 vendors attended. The bids are due on May 6. Brian explained that he expected to have a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. He explained that placement of the 128 cameras will be based on where they provide the best bang for the buck.

**Brian announced the end of the of the public interest agenda and began the administrative agenda.**

### III. Administrative Agenda

Nancy Lytle reported on the status of the quarterly newsletter. Cynthia Hayes of Tulane has 90% of what she needs to edit to get into the newsletter, the remaining 10% regarded the recent changes to the board and that they also discussed the process for mailing through the post office using LCIA's permit for mailing. Nancy added that nothing more was needed from anyone and that she expected the newsletter to go out within a month and that the form for alley addresses would be in the newsletter.

Brian presented Martin's Social Media Protocol (attached). He noted to bring up adding a 'questions' link and to add a PDF of the quarterly newsletter to the LCPD website. Brian made a motion to amend the agenda that the board vote on the LCPD website social media protocol tonight. It was seconded by Ann. Discussion followed and it was agreed that Martin should be present to discuss any changes to his protocol and for the vote. The motion was withdrawn by Brian.

The media outreach agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

Jeb requested that the establishing of a committee to review the board bylaws including the process to elect officers would be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

A motion was made by Ann and was seconded by Nancy to add Martin Landrieu, Brian Anderson, Jeb Bruneau, Ann Leblanc, and Freddy Yoder as signors on the LCPD bank account. All were in favor.

Public comments:

A question was asked by a member of the public if the board could accept donations. The board attorney explained that the board can accept donations but that they would not be tax deductible.

Freddy stated that the board is the governing authority and that the communication in the meetings as well as in social media needs to be organized and not chaotic with multiple comments being made at the same time. Brian agreed with Freddy's statement. It was agreed that the differing groups though all focused on crime in Lakeview, each served a different purpose. Reid asked that the issue of hiring a professional to take minutes be placed on next month's agenda. Ann explained that Roy Arrigo had agreed to take the minutes on a volunteer basis whenever he is available and that Ann would do them when he is not available. Nancy added that she would do so when Roy or Ann was not available. These were all on a volunteer basis and without payment.

A member of the public asked about the robbery at NOLA Beans and Sgt. Benjamin explained that LCPD responded within 2 minutes of the crime being reported.

Freddy pointed out that the deadline for board members to submit their ethics forms was May 10<sup>th</sup>. Richard added that it is a legal obligation of the board member and not the board lawyer.

Jeb made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by John Grillot, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45pm.