

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District

### Minutes of Meeting -- May 26, 2016

Location: St. Dominic's Rectory Meeting Room  
775 Harrison Ave., New Orleans, LA 70124

Brian Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM. Roll was called. Members of the board in attendance were; Joe Landry, Freddy Yoder, Brian Anderson, Jeb Bruneau, and John Grillot. Val Cupit arrived just before the Crime Prevention Report. Also in attendance were board attorney Richard Bordelon, accountant Larry Jacobi, LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin, and Reid Raymond whose appointment to the board is pending. There was a discussion regarding the approval of the minutes from last month's meeting, however no vote to approve the minutes was taken.

The discussion of the confirmation of the re-appointment of Reid Raymond was deferred until the board's counsel was present. Val Cupit arrived and a quorum was attained.

#### **PUBLIC INTEREST AGENDA**

**Crime Prevention Report & Statistics:** The May 2016 Crime Prevention Report was presented and reviewed by Commander Rene Benjamin. Highlights of the crime statistics report were: Only 13, or 1% of the 1197 crimes committed in the City of New Orleans were committed within the jurisdiction of LCPD. Of the 6 auto burglaries committed during the month of May in Lakeview, 5 of the vehicles were unlocked. 61% of the crimes committed within the LCPD jurisdiction were auto burglaries. 5 of the cars that were stolen had the keys in them. 4 vehicles were recovered. Auto theft is down 27% year to date. Response time for LCPD was three minutes fifty eight seconds.

In connection with a news report regarding burglaries, news reporter David Hammer reported a response time for LCPD that was substantially higher than the actual 3 min 58 seconds. The information Mr. Hammer relied upon was incorrect

**Financial Report:** board accountant Larry Jacobi reviewed the monthly financial report. Highlights of Larry's financial report were: The draft report of the audited financial statement was passed out for board members to review. The actual audited financial report was expected shortly. Larry reported that the auditors found it to be as clean of an audit report as could possibly be gotten. It was not required to be sent to the legislative auditor. Financial Statements: Larry reported that expenditures are in line with the adjusted budget. Stg. Benjamin's patrols are averaging about thirty thousand dollars per cycle. Larry expressed that he anticipated having funding for the increased patrols and for another vehicle and that he

does not anticipate any other major items that will be needed. John Grillot pointed out that the extra patrols were directly resulting in a reduction in crime. This was confirmed by Sgt. Benjamin and John pointed out that it was money well spent. Freddy inquired about the funding of the money for crime cameras. Larry pointed out that the funding for the cameras would be coming from fifty thousand dollars in revenue that was expected, but not yet collected from the city.

**Crime Camera Program Status Report:** Brian Anderson gave a crime camera report. He reported that five vendors attended the pre-bid meeting. Three of those five vendors came to the bid date to turn in bids. Of those three, only two were responsive and the third did not meet the criteria **of the RFP submittal.**

**Quality of Life Issues:** Freddy reported that because the Third District had lost a quality of life officer, that we needed to make certain that Lakeview maintains some form of “quality of life” oversight. A discussion regarding quality of life issues ensued. Sgt. Benjamin explained that the method to report quality of life issues was to call 311. Richard pointed out that quality of life issues may be outside of the scope of the board’s authority and could possibly be outside of the scope of the board’s contract with the city. Val reported that 311 was very responsive. It was agreed that the Lakeview Civic Association was better suited to follow up on Lakeview quality of life issues.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**Public outreach and communications:** Brian passed out copies of the Social Media Protocol (attached). He pointed out that the items that were changed from last month were the items that were highlighted in yellow. Brian reviewed the protocol. It was agreed that the minutes should not be posted until they are voted on by the board. A motion was made by Jeb that they accept the Social Media Protocol as presented. It was seconded by John Grillot. After a brief discussion, a vote was held and the motion passed with all in favor.

**Appointment of committee to review LCIA bylaws:** Upon the suggestion by Richard that the board defer the item until the next meeting when the board president could be present, the item of the bylaws committee was deferred.

**Consider whether LCPD can and should accept private donations:** Larry pointed that any donated funds would require a separate accounting and that the board would incur additional accounting costs for the additional accounting. The board agreed that they should not actively seek fund raising, that it was always available should circumstances in the future change. No action was taken.

**Confirm annual filings with the Board of Ethics:** Richard reminded the board that they were each personally obligated to file the required form with the Ethics Board.

**Public Comments:** A member of the public asked about the shift changes of the patrols, the answer was provided by Sgt. Benjamin. Another member of the public commented that she sees a strong police presence in Lakeview. A motion to adjourn was made by John, it was seconded by Freddy, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

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