

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

September 28, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and roll was called. In attendance were: Rory Bellina, Joe Landry, Freddy Yoder, Brian Anderson, Reid Raymond, Jeb Bruneau and Michelle Douglas. Board accountant Larry Jacobi, and board attorney Richard Bordelon were also present. (Sgt. Rene Benjamin was not present due to a family emergency.) Brian pointed out that three members of the community were also in attendance.

### **Public Interest Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Brian called for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and noted that they had been distributed to the board earlier. The motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 meeting was made by Reid, and was seconded by Joe L. All were in favor of approving those minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Larry Jacobi reviewed the financial reports that had been distributed. He reported that a little over ten thousand dollars had been collected in the month of September and that total collections were currently at just over nine hundred thirteen thousand dollars or at about seven percent over what was budgeted for collections. Collections were good, and patrols were in order and tracking right on budget for the remainder of the year. Collections are ahead of last year by fifty-four thousand dollars.

Next year's budget: Larry reviewed the proposed budget for the 2018 year. Freddy inquired about the projected surplus of the 2018 budget. Larry explained that the surplus from 2017 was carried into the 2018 budget. Freddy also asked about the additional IT budget item. Larry explained that it was for crime cameras, license plate readers and other technologies. Freddy cited a study that found that the tremendous costs specifically with the monitoring of cameras for a geographic area such as Lakeview doesn't necessarily give you the return on investment that you would have by taking an equal amount of money from patrols on the street and putting that money in monitoring. Freddy also expressed that he liked moving forward on the cameras considering how long it had been under consideration by the board and that he would like to see the board posture itself so that there is an avenue to transfer more money towards cameras if positive results are seen with those cameras already in place. Larry pointed out that the revenue is there in the overall budget and that there are several places in the budget such as patrols, and vehicles where money is built into the budget and that could easily be moved if needed.

Brian pointed out that the budget is looked at on a monthly basis, he also noted that although the board is looking at spending one hundred thousand dollars more on patrols, that it does not represent an increase in patrols, but rather the increased costs of those patrols. A motion was made by Michelle Douglas to adopt the 2018 budget as proposed by Larry Jacobi. The motion was seconded by Jeb. All were in favor, none were opposed and the motion passed. No one was interested in proposing any changes to the parcel fee, thus no motions were made.

Brian called upon Mr. Ross Bourgeois from the City of New Orleans office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Bourgeois explained that the city's Real-Time Crime Center would be opened shortly. This center will be able to monitor the city owned cameras around the city and the expected approximately 200 additional cameras that are going to be installed soon. This project is expected to better leverage the city's limited police resources. Freddy asked about how would the placement of cameras be decided and he asked that because of the results that LCPD has had with crime reduction, that Lakeview not be penalized about getting its fair share of these cameras that are being paid for with tax money. Brian stated that what Freddy proposed needs to be had, but it needs to be had with the new mayor, not with Mr. Bourgeois. Brian explained that Lakeview Crime Prevention District was being given the opportunity to tie their cameras into the Real-Time Crime Center's camera system at no costs to LCPD. Mr. Bourgeois explained that District Commanders are the ones determining the locations for the cameras in their districts. He added that he was assured by the mayor's office that this is a city-wide plan that no area of the city would be under-served by the plan. The timeline is that within weeks the contract for a company to install the cameras will be awarded. The center is capable of handling well over two hundred feeds. Their goal is to have hundreds of cameras both private and public being monitored. He explained that it is being done this way in many cities across the country. Ann made a motion to allow LCPD to forward video feeds from the LCPD cameras if it is allowed in the releases provided by the homeowners. A vote was held and all were in favor of turning over access of the video to the Crime Center.

#### Nomination of the 2018 Officers:

Brian called for nominations for the office of president. Ann nominated Brian Anderson. He called for any other nominations for the office of president and there were none. Brian accepted the nomination. Next Brian called for nominations for the office of vice president. Jeb Bruneau was nominated by Ann and several others. He asked for any other nominations for that office and there were none. Brian then called for nominations for the office of secretary. Reid nominated Ann Leblanc, and for the office of secretary, no other nominations were made. Brian called for nominations for the office of treasurer. Joe Landry was nominated and there were no other nominations. So, the slate of nominations for officers for the election was established as Brian Anderson for President, Jeb Bruneau for Vice-President, Ann Leblanc for Secretary, and Joe Landry for Treasurer. Brian again called for any other nominations, there were none and he stated that there would be an opportunity to make other nominations at a future meeting.

#### Other Business:

Brian called for any new business. Ann reminded that anyone who has an alarm system that they should register their alarm system if they have not done so already. Brian stated that if someone has a certain number of false alarms, that the NOPD will no longer respond to calls for alarms at that address.

Brian reminded Freddy to pass out the information that he wanted to pass out to everyone. He then called for a motion to adjourn. Ann made the motion and Michelle seconded it. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:13PM.