

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

November 21, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Brian Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM and roll was called. In attendance were Graham Ryan, Freddy Yoder, Nancy Lytle, Brian Anderson, Val Cupit, Reid Raymond, Martin Landrieu & Jeb Bruneau. A quorum was confirmed. Also, in attendance were board accountant Larry Jacobi, board attorney Richard Bordelon, and LCPD Commander Sgt. Benjamin.

**Approval of Minutes:** Brian Anderson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting that had previously been distributed. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Freddy Yoder & was seconded by Martin Landrieu. The motion passed with all voting in favor, none opposed.

**Crime Report:** Sgt. Rene Benjamin introduced Lt. Ryan Lubrano the Third District Commander. Lt. Lubrano announced that the NOPD does not monitor the website 'Nextdoor', & reminded those at the meeting about a process that is now available for the online reporting of minor incidents. He stated that the auto-burglary problem is city wide, but that violent crime in Lakeview was the lowest in the city. He discussed some options that could be taken to help address the current auto-burglary problem in the Lakeview area & answered several questions about crime. He said that he would look into the possibility of locating mobile license plate cameras in Lakeview, and he asked LCPD to help promote the self-reporting of minor crimes online.

Sgt Rene Benjamin reviewed the LCPD crime report (attached). There were 21 UCR crimes reported in the past month in Lakeview, 18 of which were property crimes, 3 were persons crimes. Several auto burglaries were investigated in Lakeview this past month, with forced entry being used in a significant number of those cases. Video showed the perps using window punch devices without ever having tried the door handles. Investigators are awaiting the results of DNA tests & believe that the cases will be cleared soon. 4 vehicles were reported stolen this month, 3 were recovered, one has been cleared by arrest. Sgt. Benjamin reported that auto-thefts & auto-burglaries account for 73% of the property crimes in Lakeview. All 4 rape cases reported in Lakeview this year were by known perpetrators & one was cleared by arrest. There was one homicide, the result of a drive-by shooting at Canal & City Park Ave, an arrest was made in that case, & the investigation is still on-going. Crime trend stats were also covered, including a 64% spike in auto-burglaries in the city of New Orleans for 2019. Sgt. Benjamin reported that forced entry was used in 70 of the 156 investigations & in 53% of those Lakeview cases, no property was reported stolen. Multiple juvenile offenders have been arrested throughout the year. 23% of the cases were cleared in 2019 compared to 19% in 2018. Trends also showed decreases in several other categories of crimes. Response times were reviewed. Those times showed that response times for the LCPD were faster than the city goal of 7 minutes in every month of this year. Sgt. Benjamin concluded his presentation with crime prevention tips.

**Financial Report:** Larry Jacobi reviewed the financial statements that had been passed out to the board (attached). He reported that payments from the city for the parcel fee collections were lagging

approximately 4 months behind. He was hopeful that the board would be able to collect the projected amount, or close to it. He expressed that careful management of patrols by Sgt. Benjamin, & less spending on technology than was budgeted helped to keep the board within its budget. Mr. Jacobi felt that LCPD would be OK for the first two slow-collection months of 2020. Mr. Jacobi requested that documents be completed to allow the bank statements to be viewed online, read-only, to know when deposits were being made. Freddy Yoder made a motion to authorize Larry Jacobi's accounting agency to acquire an online, read-only access to the bank statements. The motion was seconded by Val Cupit. A vote was held & the motion carried with all present in favor & none opposed.

**Public Comments:** Brian Anderson called for any comments from the public, & there were none.

**Administrative Agenda:** Larry Jacobi explained that the fees his agency charges the board are reviewed first by the board's auditors & then by the Legislative Auditors to confirm that the fees are reasonable. Since 2016 those fees have been a flat rate of \$600 per month, while there has been a substantial increase in the accounting duties, mostly to do with the audits. Freddy Yoder made a motion to increase the board accountant's rate from the current flat rate of \$600 per month to a flat rate of \$750 per month. The motion was seconded by Reid Raymond & the motion carried with all present in favor & none opposed.

After submitting each of the four offices to the board for nominations, there was one nomination for each of the four officer positions. They were; Graham Ryan-treasurer, Ann Leblanc-treasurer, Brian Anderson-vice-president & Freddy Yoder-president. Val Cupit made a motion to accept the nominations for the offices as discussed. The motion was seconded by Reid Raymond. A vote was held & the motion carried with all present in favor & none opposed. Brian Anderson then notified the board that Martin Landrieu was stepping down from the board & LCIA would need to appoint a new member in that position. Freddy Yoder thanked the board for honoring him with the presidency & asked that the board continue to look for someone who was young energetic & vibrant to be the next president to take over of the board in a year from now or even sooner. Brian Anderson also announced that Roy Arrigo had notified him that he would no longer be able to type the LCPD minutes & asked the board to be on the look-out for the board's next stenographer.

**Crime Camera Update:** Reid Raymond passed out copies of a contract and the associated RFQ. He reported that there was some difficulty getting a bonding company to insure the contract. Martin Landrieu made a motion that gave the board president Brian Anderson the authority to enter into the contract on behalf of the board, but without the bond that was included in the contract. Val Cupit seconded the motion. A vote was held & the motion to enter into the contract, but without the bond, carried with all in favor & none opposed. Richard Bordelon stated that certain other documents also needed to be signed by all the parties before the work could begin. He would update the contract for Brian Anderson to have signed & witnessed.

Brian Anderson reminded board members that their ethics course must be completed before the end of December 31<sup>st</sup>. A motion to adjourn was made by Martin Landrieu, & it was seconded by Jeb Bruneau. All were in favor & the meeting was adjourned.