

Lakeview Crime Prevention District
Meeting
March 26, 2015
Time:6:00 p.m.
St. Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Meeting started at 6:00 p.m.

Present were:

Brian Anderson
Joe Giarrusso III
Freddy Yoder
Roy Arrigo
Leland Champagne
Val Cupit
Wally Landry
Nancy Lytle
Martin Landrieu
Jeb Bruneau

Also present were:

Larry Jacobi, accountant
Richard Bordelon, attorney
Sgt. Rene Benjamin, LCPD Commander
And members of the public.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting in February (attached) was made by Freddy and seconded by Brian. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Freddy thanked Nancy for all of the work that she did in getting the website online. He also thanked Ralph for his technical help. Freddy stated that Roy approached Freddy to volunteer to help Nancy keep the website as current as possible. Freddy called for a vote by the board to approve allowing Roy to help Nancy. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion was held regarding the posting of crime stats and of the proposed frequency of posting them. It was agreed that Cynthia Hayes would continue to post crime stats on the new website. Nancy explained the process that Sgt. Rene Benjamin sends the stats directly to Cynthia and she posts them on the website. Freddy called for Richard Bordelon to review the process and to a report at the next meeting to check that the board is in compliance with this process.

Ralph explained that the website is capable to registering email addresses to be included in email blasts. Freddy asked that there be a disclaimer when signing up and that Richard review the disclaimer. Discussion was held on the value of also registering street addresses with the email addresses. Val explained the benefits of the addresses of giving

the capability of sending blast to certain targeted areas. Brian questioned if it is the board's job to send out such email blasts. Joe read the enabling legislation and explained that sending such information is within the board's mission. Wally suggested that rather than re-post information that may expose the LCPD to liability for rebroadcasting someone else's possible error, that a link to the source be placed on the website. A discussion was held regarding the continuing of the process of reporting crime stats as has been done in the past and if the exact addresses, or only hundred block should be shown. Brian made a motion seconded by Roy, calling for Sgt. Benjamin to continue posting the crime stats as in the past but with using only hundred blocks instead of exact addresses, understanding that there will also be a link to the Comstat report which may include the exact address. The motion passed unanimously. Joe made a motion and Brian seconded, to include a disclaimer written by Richard Bordelon to be posted along with the crime stats.

Martin made a motion that at any time in the future that any email blast that is generated by the LCPD, be approved by the board president prior to being sent out. The vote was 7 in favor, Wally abstained. Freddy clarified that the intent was not to be sending out regular emails, but that it would be sent only in exceptional circumstances.

New Business:

Briefing by Larry Jacobi. Report attached.

Larry pointed out that we are doing extremely well on collections and that they are running about one hundred twenty thousand, five hundred dollars ahead of last year. He added that we would probably pick up an additional one hundred sixty five thousand dollars of additional revenue due to the inclusion of approximately thirteen hundred unimproved parcels. Larry added that expenses are in line, checks for vehicles have been issued and they will be purchased along with the equipment for those vehicles. Larry explained that auditors are required by the legislature to complete a questionnaire and that report is required to be posted at a public place in our offices. Since LCPD does not have a physical office, based on Richard's advice, that questionnaire will be posted during the meetings.

Briefing by Sgt. Rene Benjamin, LCPD Commander:

Sgt. Benjamin reviewed his crime statistics report, (attached). He reported that January crimes were down sixteen percent from last year, February down six percent and that March stats were dead even with March of last year.

There were no public comments.

Wally made a motion that we adjourn the meeting, Roy seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:22 PM