

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

October 26, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Brian called the meeting to order at 6:14 PM and roll was called. In attendance were: Val Cupit, Nancy Lytle, Freddy Yoder, Brian Anderson, Michelle Douglas and Joe Landry. A quorum was attained. (*Jeb Bruneau arrived during the Crime Prevention Report portion of the meeting*). Board Attorney Richard Bordelon, and accountant Sudie Sutter Joint were also present.

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 September 28, 2017 meeting was made by Freddy, and was seconded by Michelle. All were in favor of approving those minutes and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Sudie reviewed the financial reports that had been distributed. She reported that forty-eight hundred dollars had been collected in the month of October from the city for parcel fees and that fifty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-six dollars in parcel fees had been collected over what was projected in the budget. She reported that we should be good for funding patrols for the remainder of the year. The board has about sixty-seven thousand more in collection of parcel fees. She attributed that to the city collecting more and to collecting for previous years as well. The city does not yet know exactly when the police raise will go into effect. Val reviewed the increases that would go into effect for each rank. Sudie stated that on average, it was about five percent. Brian pointed out that if needed for budget reasons, that Sgt. Benjamin had the discretion to use those officers for LCPD patrols that would keep the board within budget.

Brian reported on the status of the 2018 budget. It had been forwarded to him. He signed it, scanned it and emailed the scanned copy to the appropriate person at the city and emailed the original to them as well. Richard reported that was all that was necessary to file the budget with the city and that no additional follow-up was necessary. Richard stated that the city had acknowledged to him receipt of the board's budget. Freddy asked Sudie that copies of the final draft of the budget be sent to the board. Richard stated that he had a pdf of the final budget and that he would send it to all of the board members. A member of the public asked when did the board's contract with the city end and if there are any plans to renegotiate a respectable rate instead of just paying overtime. Richard reported that he believed that the current contract with the city ended December 31, 2020.

Brian stated that he and perhaps other officers of the board are expected to meet with the new mayor as a starting point and that he would take it from there.

Crime Prevention Report: LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin reviewed the attached Crime Prevention Report. As of the 24th of this month, there were four auto burglaries in Lakeview, all four vehicles were unlocked. There were nine vehicle thefts reported, at least eight of those were confirmed as being unlocked with the keys left in them. Three of those vehicles have been recovered.

In Ninety-four percent of the vehicle burglaries in Lakeview, the vehicles were unlocked at the time that the crime occurred. Year-to-date, seven firearms were stolen from these unlocked cars.

Forty-nine vehicles were stolen year-to-date in Lakeview, forty-eight cars, SUVs and trucks and one motorcycle. In forty-one of those forty-nine incidents, the vehicles were stolen with the keys inside of them and the vehicles were unsecured. There were two incidents where forced entry was used. Thirty-nine vehicles have since been recovered.

He ended his report by reviewing crime prevention tips which included: locking of car doors, store valuables inside your home, store firearms in a safe place, observe your surroundings, make sure your home has adequate lighting, do not confront perpetrators, report all suspicious activity and call 911. He added that recent videos are showing that the majority of perpetrators are not even walking the block anymore. Instead, they are pulling up next to the cars and are trying the door handles from inside their car. If the vehicle is locked they move on unless they see valuables in it, like a gun, or a purse or a backpack. They hardly ever break car windows unless they see something that they want to take. He then reviewed an incident where perpetrators fired shots at a citizen who confronted them and then they fled at a high rate of speed overturning their vehicle near Harrison Ave and Marconi. An investigation by the Public Integrity Bureau was being conducted regarding this incident. A citizen who had just had two guns stolen from his unlocked car in Lakeview, and who stated that his daughter's unlocked car had been ransacked the night before his guns were stolen, offered the board advice on ways to prevent auto burglaries and asked the board to be proactive at preventing these crimes.

Another citizen suggested that because the perpetrators seem to be entering through Fillmore Avenue and that it should be closed at certain times. Board members and the board attorney explained that it has been determined over and over that such street closures are not legal. At 7:05 PM Brian noted for the record that Jeb Bruneau arrived during the Crime Prevention Report. He then moved on to the administrative portion of the agenda.

Election of the 2018 Officers: Brian explained that at the previous meeting, the board had been set by the nominating committee and at the last meeting. That slate was Brian Anderson as President, Jeb Bruneau as Vice-President, Ann LeBlanc as Secretary, and Joe Landry as Treasurer. He asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. He called for a motion to accept the slate of officers as stated. The motion was made by Nancy and seconded by

Freddy. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously. The False Alarm Registration Update agenda item was deferred to the next meeting because Ann was not present to present it.

Crime Camera Program Update: Brian reported that Active Solutions had responded and submitted their qualifications to the RFQ seeking IT professionals with experience with crime camera programs. He met with them and reported that they had agreed to an hourly rate at which to work with the LCPD in putting together a comprehensive camera program. Brian stated that he had explained the current details and status of the LCPD camera program, and that he asked them to do a comprehensive review of what LCPD is doing now and to provide the board with recommendations. We would provide to them in writing everything that LCPD has going on right now, and that they would respond with an estimate with how long it would take them to put it together, so that the board would have the opportunity to approve it beforehand. Brian reiterated the goal of having 50 cameras online before the end of the year and added that Active Solutions would not set the agenda, but would assist the board in implementing the board's goals.

Brian pointed out that the next meeting would need to be rescheduled because it falls on Thanksgiving, adding that the meeting room was available on Monday Nov. 27. He asked the board to look at their schedules and report back their availability for meeting on that date.

LA Ethics Online Course due in January: Brian reminded everyone that they must take an online ethics course once each year. Richard reminded everyone that it is not the same as the ethics form that must also be filed by May of 15th each year and that the form must be filed for any year or any portion of a year in which each member served.

Miscellaneous topics/information from Board Members: Michelle stated that she liked the idea of using a bait car to catch criminals because she liked innovative ideas. Jeb added that we need to lock our doors and that he supported doing different things and being proactive. There was a discussion about bait cars and new and different ideas that could be considered to reduce crime.

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Michelle and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30PM.