

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

August 22, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St Dominic Rectory Meeting Room

Brian Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and roll was called. Board members in attendance were Rory Bellina, Val Cupit, Graham Ryan, Freddy Yoder, Nancy Lytle, Reid Raymond, and Brian Anderson. A quorum was confirmed. Melissa Lessell arrived shortly after roll was called. Also, in attendance were; board accountant Larry Jacobi, LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin, and attorney Richard Bordelon. Brian Anderson pointed out that State Representative Stephanie Hilferty as well as Roy Arrigo were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Brian Anderson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June board meeting that had been distributed to the board earlier in the week. The motion to approve those minutes was made by Graham Ryan, and it was seconded by Reid Raymond. A vote was held and the motion passed with all voting in favor, none opposed.

Crime Report: Sgt. Benjamin reviewed the current month's Crime Report (attached). Month-to-date, Lakeview had twenty UCR crimes and they were all property crimes, none were persons crimes. Lakeview had ten auto-burglary investigations, where thirteen vehicles were targeted. Of those thirteen, eleven were no forced-entry and two had broken windows. Four of the investigations were cleared by arrest. The arrested subject was a known juvenile.

There were three thefts in Lakeview, one was an unsecured bicycle parked by the Walgreens on Harrison Ave, two were at businesses on Harrison Ave where an unknown black male asked for change for one hundred dollars from the cashier where he was given change before collecting the one-hundred-dollar bill and he made off with all the money.

There are four auto-theft investigations. All four were stolen with the keys or key fobs left inside of the vehicles. All four vehicles have been recovered. One of those investigations has been cleared by arrest.

Ninety-five-point-seven percent of all crimes committed in Lakeview are property crimes. Seventy-one percent involve either vehicles stolen and or burglarized. Response the times in the report were also reviewed. He reported that three repeat-offenders from New Orleans were apprehended and arrested in Florida burglarizing vehicles there. He concluded by reviewing tips to follow in order to help reduce crime and by reporting on 'direct enforcement' actions that were being taken to reduce crime. This involved check-points going into and out of Lakeview.

Financial Report: Larry Jacobi reported that the city had requested certain documentation in order to fulfill LCPD's request to increase the parcel fee that the city collects. Larry Jacobi reviewed the board's document retention plan and procedures that had recently been requested by the legislative auditors. He then reviewed the financial information that had been passed out at the beginning of the meeting (attached). He pointed out that because of the job that Sgt. Benjamin was doing with managing the patrols, that the actual for patrols was running approximately three hundred and fifty thousand under

the annual budget with ten cycles left to go. He projected being forty-thousand dollars under budget for patrols at the end of the year. Larry Jacobi pointed out that it is expected that a vehicle will be purchased before the end of the year as was budgeted. Brian Anderson added that the board would likely vote to authorize the purchase of another vehicle at the next board meeting. Another line item that was running below budget was the technology budget, however it was expected that Reid Raymond would be addressing that during the technology portion of the meeting. He reported that the board was now tax exempt for sales tax. Though approval of the LCPD Disaster Recovery Procedures document was listed on the meeting's agenda, it was clarified by Larry Jacobi that no motion to approve was needed. Board attorney concurred and no motion was made. Freddy Yoder thanked Larry Jacobi for the great job that he has done for the board since the board was created. The board registered their agreement to Freddy Yoder's comment with an applause for Mr. Jacobi.

Public Comments: Brian Anderson called for comments from the public and there were none.

Crime Camera Update: Reid Raymond gave a review of the LCPD's crime camera program timeline as well as the rollout of some other relative programs such as the Real-Time Crime Center and the Safe-Cam program. He then passed out a map showing the locations of the LCPD cameras that are currently placed and a proposal to approve to replace thirty existing LCPD cameras with new cameras using a Safe-Cam approved installer. He explained that the number was thirty cameras in order to comply with state law that would allow Reid to more easily select the installing vendors. This would also include a review in order to determine the best locations based on where the cameras are needed. These thirty replacement cameras would all be connected to the real-time crime center. Brian Anderson pointed out that only about a third of the cost would be re-occurring. Melissa Lessell pointed out that there were some areas on the map that had no cameras. Reid Raymond made a motion to accept the budget on his proposal. It was seconded by Graham Ryan. Several comments were made about this proposal finally getting the LCPD camera program to where point where they always wanted it to be, that being a smooth interface with the Real-Time Crime Center. In response to a question from Representative Hilferty, Ross Bourgeois of the Real-Time Crime Center explained how the monitoring of the cameras works. He also explained the automation technology process that allows the three or four people to monitor five-hundred cameras as well as how they forward the live monitoring of the video to the dispatched vehicle. Prior to a vote on the motion, Melissa Lessell made a substitute motion to approve the budget with the condition that the technology committee will come up with a plan for board approval on where the thirty cameras will be located. There was no second on the substitute motion and it did not go forward. There was then a vote on the original motion made by Reid Raymond. Rory Bellina, Val Cupit, Graham Ryan, Freddy Yoder, Nancy Lytle, Reid Raymond, and Brian Anderson were in favor of the motion, Melissa Lessell voted in opposition. The motion passed in favor, one opposed.

In closing, Brian Anderson reminded everyone that they are required to take the state online ethics course before the end of the year. He then called for a motion to adjourn. The motion for the meeting to adjourn was made by Freddy Yoder, and it was seconded by Rory Bellina. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:32 pm.