

Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

June 23, 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, Ann Leblanc, Freddy Yoder, Reid Raymond, and Brian Anderson. A quorum was confirmed. Martin Landrieu arrived at the meeting during the crime report and Graham Ryan arrived shortly after the financial report was completed. Also, in attendance were; board accountant Larry Jacobi, LCPD Commander Sgt. Rene Benjamin, attorney Richard Bordelon, who arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Approval of Minutes: Brian Anderson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 board meeting that had been distributed to the board earlier in the week. The motion to approve those minutes was made by Val Cupit, and 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). In June, Lakeview had twenty-nine property crimes and one persons crime. There were sixteen auto investigations, with twenty-three vehicles being targeted. Of those twenty-three targeted vehicles, eleven were unlocked and twelve were locked and forced entry was used. Four guns were stolen in Lakeview auto burglaries so far this month. Also, in June, were four stolen vehicle investigations. There were five vehicles stolen, all stolen vehicles either had the key or key-fobs inside of the vehicle. Three of those five vehicles have been recovered.

Sgt. Benjamin reviewed the details of several other crimes including shopliftings at Walgreens, where the suspects are known but have not yet been apprehended, and two residence burglaries. In the two residence burglaries, perpetrators in both cases have been apprehended, once was cleared by arrest. The other case involved a juvenile who is suffering with a mental disability. Last month there were twenty-four UCR crimes reported, versus thirty this month. June and July are always busy months because school is out. LCPD has encountered stolen vehicles several times and attempted vehicle stops, but were unsuccessful. Last night, the state police engaged in a vehicle pursuit with a silver Volvo. They apprehended six juveniles, three were females, all six were under seventeen years of age. Sixty-seven percent of the property crimes in Lakeview involve vehicles being either stolen or burglarized. Response times, were reviewed with June's response times being the second lowest of the year. Sgt. Benjamin reported on a group of individuals that he said jumps off of the interstate, hangs around Colbert St area and commits auto burglaries and auto thefts. The police encounter them every night. An extra car has been put out during certain times to address this issue. These perpetrators are known.

Third district Commander Lobrano has requested the locations for additional crime cameras in Lakeview. Seven locations were submitted by Sgt. Benjamin. Sgt. Benjamin reported on administrative position changes within the department, and he assured the board that his position with the LCPD was secure.

Financial Report: Larry Jacobi began by passing out the LCPD proposed budget for 2020. It included the two changes that were suggested at the previous meeting. Deductions were made from the technology/IT line item in order to have the current year net revenue disbursements equal zero. Only two line-items were changed. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Val Cupit and was seconded by Ann Leblanc. As it had been thoroughly discussed at the previous meeting, there was no new discussion. A vote was held and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jacobi then reviewed the monthly financial statements (attached). Receipts were running ahead of last year, and tracking very close to the annual budgeted revenue. Mr. Jacobi anticipated ending the year at a zero-net variance against budget. He summarized that it was a sterling report and that the board was performing financially just as anticipated. All audit responsibilities had been completed. Mr. Jacobi was anticipating the final approval from the Legislative Auditors shortly and would forward it to the board upon his receiving it. The newly approved budget would now be submitted to the city.

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

Crime Camera Update: Reid Raymond announced that the crime camera RFP was ready to be reviewed by him with board attorney Richard Bordelon. In response to questions from Ann Leblanc and Martin Landrieu, Brian Anderson reviewed the compatibility issues with the existing cameras with the city's camera system. Val Cupit pointed out that when LCPD first launched their crime camera program, that the City's Real-Time Crime Camera Program did not yet exist. It was pointed out that the existing cameras had served their function by having been used in solving actual crimes. The program was becoming too burdensome to manage with volunteers. It was then determined that it was time to go with the city's Real-Time System. Ann asked how much had been spent on the existing cameras that needed to be replaced. Larry Jacobi reported that last year, LCPD spent forty-one thousand, one-hundred and ten dollars on the camera program. There are thirty something cameras that are still in boxes that need to be dealt with. Martin Landrieu stated that he thought that the city had said that our cameras were in fact compatible with their system. Reid explained that the city itself was also upgrading their own cameras. Martin Landrieu asked if this issue with the city changing again could happen again and is there a way for the LCPD to protect against that. Brian Anderson explained that he felt that the issue was just the nature of technology and he felt that every base could not be covered. Martin inquired about getting out of the camera business and into the marketing business of promoting Lakeview residents to enroll with the city Real-Time system. Freddy Yoder stated that, though it may be difficult to do, LCPD needed to identify the return on investment on what was spent on cameras to date. He added that we need to make sure that the path that we are headed down is not going to be one that the costs of technology has become so expensive that we would need to make another decision at that point in the future. He was fine with getting out of the camera business and support the city's plan as best as possible. But we must also fulfill any obligations made to residents in getting them tied into the city system. Brian Anderson stated that he was done with involvement of the camera program, but

asked other board members to please get involved with it before imposing any more restraints on it. Reid Raymond stated that his plans for the camera program were to meet with Richard Bordelon, to go over the RFP and then bring it to the board for approval. There was a discussion among the board about seeking to find a way to just go with the city's program and just fund Lakeview camera locations with the city's Real-Time program. Reid Raymond stated that he would research it. He also asked that discussion about promoting the parcel fee increase to the public should be placed on the next agenda. He asked that it be included in the minutes. Larry Jacobi stated that the political ramifications with the board not keeping up with the latest technology, that being the Real-Time program, is very important. Val Cupit mentioned that because the consent decree prohibits NOPD from giving chase, that drones are effectively being used to follow suspects.

Richard Bordelon pointed out to the board that financial disclosures were due on May 15th and that the online ethics courses are due to be completed by December 31st. Ann stated that she would send an email asking all board members to confirm that they turned in the financial disclosures.

The motion for the meeting to adjourn was made by Reid Raymond, and it was seconded by Freddy Yoder. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:37 pm.