

LAKWOOD VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm at Mark Twain Elementary School Auditorium

Board members in attendance: Khalil Gharios (President), Scott Montgomery (Treasurer), Laura Brewer (Secretary) and David See (Government Relation’s Chair); Bruce DeMille absent (Past President)

- **Khalil Gharios-President** (previous vice president who advanced to President on July 1, 2018 per bylaws)
 - Thanked Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, past president Bruce DeMille, board members, volunteers and the nominating committee (Ivan Painschab, Stafford Cox, Debra Greco, and David See) for their efforts over the past 2 years.
 - Outlined the agenda for tonight’s meeting
 - Rich Dines motioned to move public comments to after the invited speakers; 2nd from member of audience; verbal vote; motion passed
- **Councilwoman Stacy Mungo**
 - **Neighborly News** is an email publication with updates from her council office. She invited those attending who have not signed up to sign up tonight and make sure they include their address in Lakewood Village because her office sometimes sends out specific updates by neighborhood.
 - **Long Beach Exchange**-Several shops have opened up with more to come including “The Hanger” opening in the fall
 - **Norse Way Business Corridor Improvement Program**-This business corridor was selected by the city who will fund approved improvements including: tree removal and revamping new trees into containers that can be moved to block off streets for street fairs; sidewalk replacement; bold outs for pedestrian safety; repainting crosswalks (red, white, blue); street repair; festive lighting across streets
 - **Future Street Repair Projects in Lakewood Village:**
 - Village Road (Charlemagne to Viking Way)
 - Centralia (Lakewood Blvd to Whitewood)
 - Carson (Clark to Brizendine which is Long Beach border)
 - Clark (Carson to Harvey Way)
 - **Measure A monies:** either Carson (Clark to Bellflower) or Wardlow (Studebaker to Stevely)
 - **Pan Am Park**-\$280,000 in 1x monies
 - **Park Ambassador Program**-composed of 7 community members for each park who meet to prioritize funding for park projects. **Note:** 70% of parkland is in the 5th district. Councilwoman Mungo is working to ensure we get our fair share of park monies.

- **Community Outreach Liaison-Ana Maria Rios**
 - She can be reached at AnaMariaRios@longbeach.gov or 562-570-5808
 - She distributed Community Watch Group Starter Kit packets and stated that an officer will come out to a block to orient citizens however it is up to the block captain to organize event
 - America's Night Out Against Crime-Will take place August 7th
 - Lock homes, turn on porch lights, gather together and meet neighbors
 - Request an officer stop by submitting request by July 29th to: LBPDEast@longbeach.gov or call 562-570-5808 and include first and last name, contact number and your event time frame
- **Police Resource Officer/East Division-Dean Pimentel**
 - He is the point of contact for ingoing issues that a call to service cannot resolve and can be reached at LBPDEast@longbeach.gov
 - Crime stats from 4/1/2018 to today:
 - 8 burglaries
 - 4 grand thefts-auto
 - 12 petty thefts (4 unlocked autos)
 - 5 assaults (3 domestic violence)
 - Open comments: wanting beat cop to stay in beat 16; importance of block captain program and getting it up and running again; importance of reporting crimes (see something/say something); 1 resident noted that dispatcher did not seem to want to take a report (Councilwoman Stacy Mungo stated that her office can research dispatch conversations and to call her office at 562-570-5555 with date and time of call).
- **Open Floor Comments**
 - Concerns were voiced about the LUE specifically concerning Parkview resurfacing
 - Khalil stated that the LVNA Board is committed to staying on top of any new issues that arise and informing the community and then listening, reviewing and deciding on a position.
 - Dave stated that the city council voted to take the increased density in Lakewood Village out of the general plan and that it cannot happen now. In the future to change the zoning they will have to go through and entitlement process to change the general plan and re-zoning requires notice to the community with neighborhood meetings.
 - When asked, Stacy stated that LBCC owns the parcel behind Ralphs (off PaloVerde and Wardlow) and it has been for sale for some time with several offers falling out of escrow. It is currently zoned as commercial. There are some environmental issues on the property which has lowered the price. The process for zoning change would have to be met and approved before mixed use could occur. It is up to the developer to or not to involve the council office as it is a private real estate transaction between 2 parties if it remains commercial.
 - Digging on Hazelbrook when workers asked stated they were looking for and measuring toxins. Stacy asked resident to reach out to her office to connect with the right department for answers to their questions.

- **Bylaws Revision Amendment proposal-David See** (see attachment with copies handed out at meeting)
 - Stated that the bylaws require that any bylaw revision amendments be posted to the community 30 days in advance of a meeting vote. This has not occurred in this case. Chuck Brewer motioned to waive the 30 day advance posting to allow for a vote today. Scott 2nd. Discussion-suggestion to go thru the bylaws today and table the vote instead. Chuck withdrew his motion.
 - **Article II revisions read with clarification**-no one block or area receive a disproportionate amount of resources.
 - **Article III revisions read with clarification**-recommendation to add a specific neighborhood to our association
 - **Article VI section c and d revisions read**
 - **Article VII section a and b revisions read**
 - **Discussion**
 - Some residents voiced opposition to Article III revision stating that Lakewood Village and the residential neighborhood in noted are dissimilar with dissimilar issues. Other residents voiced support to Article III revision.
 - Noted that the Boeing settlement included the area being considered to add to the association.
 - Noted that the real estate designations would not change. We would still be Lakewood Village and they would still be called Lakewood Park. Just joining our organization would not mean that they would then be called Lakewood Village.
 - Noted that Lakewood Park residents are part of Long Beach not Lakewood and visit Pan Am Park and attend local schools
 - Recommended notifying Lakewood Park of this proposal to see if they would like to be part of the association. Also noted that 3 block captains from Lakewood Park were notified and 2 are attending the meeting tonight and spoke in favor of being added to the Association.
 - Noted that Norse Way and Parkview commercial areas are not part of the District F parking as only specific streets were included when District F was proposed and approved by the city council. Their boundaries are included as part of the Boeing settlement and could benefit if the board approves monies for their area.
 - Motion by Jeannine Ball to remove the 30-day notice requirement with the exception of Article III for today's meeting. And keep the minimum 30-day notice for Article III. 2nd by a member of the organization. Vote by hand tally 36 approve, 7 against. Motion passed
 - Tania Whiteleather motioned to approve the bylaw changes with the exception of Article III including changing 1 word in Article VII Section 4b replacing Officers with Directors. Discussion ensued and motion was withdrawn. Khalil announced that the board will go back and review amendments, post them at least 30 days in advance of another general meeting for Association members to consider.

- **Treasurer’s Report-Scott Montgomery (See attachment)**
 - Clarification of “Friends of Jerry” accounting-Monies were collected in a “Go Fund Me” Account by a group of LV residents to assist a known homeless man who can be seen in the neighborhood picking up trash and trimming city trees. These monies had been put in our association account. The account balance was kept tract and checks were written as gift cards were bought by Bruce DeMille to assist him. The LVNA board decided that it would be best to not keep these monies in our account and a check of \$2787.60 was recently issued to Bruce DeMille who has opened up a separate account for this purpose. A check for the remaining \$111.06 has been written and issued to Bruce which will close out the “Friends of Jerry” monies we have held. Note Bruce leads a committee of residents who meet periodically as a separate entity and not part of our organization.
- **Election of Officers-Stafford Cox-a member of the Nominating Committee (Ivan Painschab-President of the nominating committee was not able to attend)**
 - **Vice President**
 - Lauren Boland (previously submitted)
 - Call for nominations from the floor
 - No nominations from the floor heard
 - Motion from Rich Dines to postpone the election until our next meeting with a 30-day notice until our next meeting (and vote on the bylaws at the same time)
 - Vote by raise of hand-11 in favor, many more than 11 opposed; motion failed
 - Motion to close nominations for vice president, 2nd from member of association; verbal vote; motion passed without opposition.
 - Stafford announced that Lauren is elected by acclamation.
 - Lauren Boland spoke stating that she grew up in LV and has lived here most of her life.
 - **Treasurer**
 - Laraine Pipoly and Tania Whiteleather (previously submitted)
 - Call for nominations from the floor
 - No nominations from the floor heard
 - Motion to close nominations for Treasurer, 2nd from member of the association
 - Vote by paper ballot with Stafford and his committee collecting and counting ballots; result to be announced later in the meeting.
 - Loraine was not present. Tania spoke stating she also grew up in LV and has lived here most of her life.
 - **Secretary**
 - Laura Brewer (previously submitted)
 - Call for nominations from the floor
 - No nominations from the floor heard
 - Stafford announced that Laura is elected by acclamation

- **Khalil-Association update**
 - This association has struggled with attracting volunteers-so please everyone contribute what you are able to do and as Laura has said “Let’s make Lakewood Village even better”.
 - 3 additional Chairman are needed-Community Improvement, Community Relations (Website) and Community Watch.
 - Ideas were gathered at our last annual meeting with the board selecting possible projects to consider for use of our monies. Volunteers are needed to research and assist, with board approval, each of these areas or any others members would like to volunteer for:
 - Security Cameras across our neighborhood
 - Community Sign or mural
 - Neighborhood Event (i.e. pancake breakfast, movie in the park, picnic)
 - Neighborhood watch signs (some blocks have them and some blocks do not)
 - Doggie Bag dispensers
 - Tree committee
 - Other
- **Results of election for Treasurer by paper ballot-Stafford Cox**
 - 4 abstentions, 8 for Loraine, 56 for Tania
 - Tania declared winner of election by majority vote for Treasurer
- **Questions and Answers-Khalil**
 - Member asked if board has taken a position against all future density issues in LV.
 - Khalil answered that the board did vote to oppose the LUE proposal in LV but will take each future issue case by case and cannot comment until there is something proposed.
 - Stacy attends meetings of our commercial district associations (Norse Way and Parkview) when invited and recommended that our association and their associations extend invitations to their meetings to improve communication. Khalil stated that he did invite both commercial district presidents.
 - Lauren Boland (newly elected vice president) volunteered to be a board liaison to the commercial associations
 - Member asked what the amount of the Boeing settlement was
 - Khalil reports it was \$135,000
 - Jeanine Ball gave a brief history of how the settlement came to awarded
 - Member asked the name of our association Facebook page
 - Khalil-Lakewood Village Neighbors

Khalil motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by member of the association, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next LVNA meeting date, time and location to be determined and noticed.

