

## LAKWOOD VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm Mark Twain Elementary School Auditorium

Board members in attendance: Khalil Gharios (President), Lauren Boland (Vice President), Tania Whiteleather (Treasurer), Laura Brewer (Secretary) and David See (Government Relations Chairman).

- **Welcome-Khalil**
  - Introduction of LVNA board members and thanks for their work over this past year. Introduction of invited guests.
- **Invited Guest Speakers**
  - **Long Beach City Councilwoman Stacy Mungo-5<sup>th</sup> District Update**
    - Since it was Councilwoman Mungo's Birthday . . . Khalil presented her with a cake and those in attendance sang "Happy Birthday" to her.
    - **Homeless**-The number of people the City of LB has found homes for since she was elected exceeds the number of homeless that were present when she was elected. Many homeless come to Long Beach for programs one of which tries to connect them with a family member. LB is on track to add 6,000 residential units, some specifically for homeless students. Some volunteers assist as needed in various capacities.
    - **Vacant properties-**
      - **Boeing property** on Cherry Ave has turned down offers for trucking and is looking for industrial use tenants.
      - Former **Albertsons property** on Spring has grocery type tenant coming
      - **LBCC property behind Ralphs** (6 acres off of Wardlow Road)-The adjacent community wants commercial. And offer for single family homes has been made and is still working with the community and LBCC. This will require further discussion with the community and votes by Planning Commission and City Council if it were to move forward.
      - **Former TJ Max** at Norwalk Blvd and Wardlow Road will have a Grocery Outlet.
    - **Animal Care Services**-The number of unwanted pets have been reduced. Vaccination rate has been increased due to various programs. LB has an open shelter accepting all dog strays. LB is working toward a "no kill policy" except for certain criteria.
    - **Rent Control-**
      - LB City Council is moving toward adopting a policy of "tenant relocation assistance" in which a landlord with rental property of 4 units or more would have to provide a tenant 2 months market value rent if rent was

increased 10% in a year and the tenant had to move as a result of being unable to afford this. Other situations also apply.

- **State Senate Bill 50**
  - This is a bill that would give the State control over local zoning and overturn our Land Use Element. Councilwoman Mungo states she officially opposed to the Bill.
- **Parkview Village (Bellflower Blvd and Carson Ave)**
  - Property is for sale and is zoned commercial
  - Councilwoman Mungo stated that she cannot give her opinion on the property or she will not be able to vote on the matter at City Council due to a conflict of interest. She instead refers potential buyers to the Land Use Element.
- **Long Beach City College Trustee-Virginia Baxter-5<sup>th</sup> District Update**
  - **Previously approved Bond Measures (3)**
    - Bonds were recently refinanced to save 46 million dollars
    - Upgrades to swimming pool, kinesiology area, tennis court, softball, track, auditorium, Buildings P and D (radiology and science)
    - M and N buildings upgrade-paid for by state bond
    - Bond committee-David See is on that committee along with 2 other area 5 representatives.
  - **Marlene Drinkwine, VP Administrative Services, LBCC**-also spoke and answered questions about upgrades to the campus.
- **Long Beach East Division Commander-Patrick O'Dowd**
  - Crime is down in all categories for 1<sup>st</sup> 3 months compared to last year
  - LBPDP Programs within the City of LB
    - East Division Directed Enforcement Team (6 officers and Sergeant-not calls for service take on specific projects.
      - Burglary task force for last 2 months have made arrests
    - Bicycle patrols-teams of 2 officers working 10 pm to 7 am in different areas of City to prevent crime
    - Quad patrols- on the sand at the Beach (Homeless and criminal activity)
  - Commander O'Dowd's vision for LBPDP (shared with Chief Luna)
    - **3 core values-Ethics** (doing the right thing), **Intelligence** (doing things right) and **Respect** (treating people right).
  - Email address for Commander O'Dowd and his team [lbpdeast@longbeach.gov](mailto:lbpdeast@longbeach.gov)
    - Community Outreach Liaison-Ana Maria Rios will work with Community Watch groups
  - Commander O'Dowd answered several questions from residents including that LBPDP are still working the murder at Pan Am Park case but regretfully do not have any solid leads to date.

- **Proposed By-Law Revisions and Vote-K. Gharios (See attachment)**
  - Khalil gave an overview of the process and each proposed article amendment (ie. The Board motioned and approved the following amendments be put before a membership vote requiring 2/3rd approval to pass. These were posted 30 days in advance on our website and sent out via available membership emails.)
  - Various residents spoke for and against
  - **Articles II, VI, VII and XI**
  - **Article IV**
  - **Article III**
  - Each adult member of the association (address residing in Lakewood Village) that was present at the meeting was given a paper ballot. David and Khalil counted the votes with the following results announced later in the meeting: (Note- 2/3 in favor required to pass.)
    - Article II -42 in favor, 7 opposed (Pass)
    - Article III-31 in favor, 20 opposed (Fail)
    - Article IV-23 in favor, 29 opposed (Fail)
    - Article VI-45 in favor, 4 opposed (Pass)
    - Article VII-44 in favor, 4 opposed (Pass)
    - Article XI-43 in favor, 5 opposed (Pass)
- **Reports**
  - **President-K. Gharios**
    - **Monument Signs**-The Board is in the process of looking at 3 areas to place Lakewood Village monument signs and currently looking at designs and comparing bids from various companies. Resident input welcome.
  - **Vice President-L. Boland**
    - **Association Communication Platform**-We are currently notifying membership thru our Website-GoLVNA.com and Facebook-Go LVNA as well as by our email list.
    - **Dog Parade Project**-Planning is underway for this event at Pan Am Park this summer
    - **Honoring Jerry**-A homeless resident (not present) that is well known by the community was honored for his service (cleaning and picking up litter along major streets adjacent to LV) with a certificate of appreciation. A GoFundMe site that a resident has set up was announced in which gift cards are given to him regularly.
    - **Call for volunteers for pending projects**-Residents were encouraged to get involved in the Association in any capacity. Tania shared an idea of Welcome Baskets to new residents with a small gift and donated coupons to local businesses.
  - **Treasurer-T Whiteleather**
    - **Summary and Balance Sheet of Association Assets as of April 18, 2019**
      - Beginning balance-Checking \$7,228.03; Savings \$130, 807.05
      - Income-Savings \$186.00
      - Expenditures-Checking \$2,395.23; Savings \$6,148.95

- Current balance-Checking \$4,732.80; Savings \$124,844.55
- **Secretary-L. Brewer**
  - **Community Watch Signs**
    - 120 Community Watch lawn signs have been designed and purchased to place throughout our neighborhood and several were handed out at the meeting. A neighborhood in Westminster have been using similar signs and have noticed a reduction in crime rates.
    - 20 LVNA Association meeting and event signs with erase boards have been purchased. They were placed throughout the neighborhood to announce this meeting and many attending the meeting tonight report that they noticed them.
- **Government Relations Chair-D. See**
  - **Parkview Village**
    - The property is for sale and zoned commercial. It would take approval by the City Council and Planning Commission. An Environmental Impact report may be required to change zoning.
  - **Security Cameras**
    - David is currently in contact with Councilwoman Mungo and LBPD on the idea of allowing privately funded cameras on the city right of way (13 feet inward from the curb). The property owner would be responsible for the camera and agree to allow LBPD access to video when a crime is committed in the adjacent area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted: Laura Brewer (Secretary)