

LaBrea Hancock Homeowners Association
Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 16, 2019

MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:

Tammy Rosato
Michelle Owen
Jane Prentiss
Genia Quinn
Cathy Roberts

Absent Board Members:

Justin Urcis
Bob Eisele
Phil Messina
Brad Jewett
Jill Brown

Block Captains, Guests,
Community Members:

Bruce Quinn
Juanita Kempe
Suzan Fellman

The meeting of the Board was called to order by Tammy Rosato at approximately 7:40 pm

Approval of minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting was deferred.

Cathy reported that a Metro representative spoke at the July 15 GWNC Transportation Committee meeting. The rep said that results from the Crenshaw Line northern extension meeting and surveys are still being compiled. Further community outreach meetings will take place in Fall 2019.

Tammy reported that there is no news regarding signage on 6th St and other traffic mitigation efforts aimed at safety.

Tammy reported that we have a new LAPD SLO, Timothy Norquist. She also reported the following from a recent CPAB meeting. Draft minutes from the June meeting are attached as an illustration of the issues discussed at CPAB meetings. The community is always welcome to attend.

- Violent crime is down in the Wilshire Division
- Auto burglaries are up. Make sure your car is locked and don't leave anything visible.

Six hundred block residents discussed activity in the park behind Avalon. Outreach to Avalon management was part of the discussion. Neighbors directly impacted were encouraged to get more involved.

The recent earthquakes in Ridgecrest spurred a discussion about disaster preparedness. Community member Suzan Fellman shared that the Red Cross has a 5 week checklist to readiness. Tammy will work with others to develop a Disaster Preparation Workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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To learn more about volunteer opportunities, people can contact lactr@lacity.org.

Capt. Roberts interjected that since starting his law enforcement career in 1993, he has observed that police regularly encounter horrific situations, such as individuals who have lost a family member, including to suicide, where civilians are overwhelmed with grief, and where the police training is not always sufficient, and where they are not able to devote the time needed to comfort the survivors. When CRT is on scene, police are allowed to perform their essential duties, such as taking reports.

He emphasized that CRT is a great opportunity for anyone looking for a relevant, meaningful volunteer opportunity, but that CRT is not for the faint of heart.

He noted that the vigil following the 2019 slaying of rapper Nipsey Hussle was very tense, and CRT was there “burnishing corners and dulling edges.”

A guest asked about frequency of deployments; Ms. Pifer said they deploy on average once a day, but that during the previous weekend there were 7 calls and most came in 2 at a time, which was abnormal; but when one bureau is overwhelmed with calls, responders can be deployed from another bureau.

Mr. Starr asked if CRT response serves to minimize retaliatory behavior in the case of gang-related crime. Pifer said such situations would be handled not by CRT but instead by GRID – gang control. CRT remains “on the other side of yellow tape” at all times, and they leave a scene when police leave. CRT will reach out to and work with the Victim Assistance Program information to help victims get their claims processes started.

Responding to a question from a guest, Ms. Pifer noted there are four 6-hour shifts, the first being the midnight-to-6 a.m. shift, which is hard to fill. Volunteers sign up for six shifts per month. Responding to another guest, she noted volunteers on call usually stand by at their homes.

Mr. Starr suggested that CRT leadership could provide information to Neighborhood Council Resilience Liaisons for the “post disaster” portions of their resilience plans. Ms. Pifer agreed this would be a worthwhile collaboration.

In closing, Pifer emphasized that Angelenos are resilient people, and she said she’s proud to be part of the Crisis Response Team. She encouraged members to contact her directly with any questions at mandy.pifer@lacity.org or by phoning (213) 393-7396.

Captain’s Update:

Capt. Roberts introduced himself as the Patrol Commanding Officer for Wilshire with the rank of Captain I. He is the Division’s Junior Captain, reporting to and partnering with Capt. Nordquist. In 2001, he achieved the rank of Sergeant while stationed at Wilshire, which at that time extended east to Hoover, including what is now Olympic Division. Later, Capt. Roberts served as adjutant to Michel Moore, now Chief of Police, for 3 years.

He said the “problem of the year” has been burglaries from motor vehicles (BFMV). Both Hollywood and Wilshire Divisions have been hit hard since March, 2019. During the summer, when schools are out and when tourist activity is higher, overtime police detail will be devoted to the problem, especially around LACMA and the Melrose Corridor.

Year-to-date (YTD), crime is down in other categories compared with 2018: rape is down 35%, robbery 3%, aggravated assault 14%, homicide 100% (zero homicides to date in 2019), violent crime was down 11%, auto theft down 6% and theft down 13%. Meanwhile, BFMV is up by 28%, with 814 instances reported YTD in 2019 compared with 637 in 2018 (as of June 20, 12:00 a.m.). Measures to address the problem include officers at night, and bike patrol, which SLO Adam Green will participate in.




Capt. Roberts said the increase is in part due to crews from outside LA, including cities like Oakland and Concord, committing crimes in rental vehicles, fencing goods in LA, then returning home. While the Bureau and Division work together to address the crime trend, the community is reminded to

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Quick Tips

-  You can use LA-HOP to request homeless outreach services for yourself or someone you see experiencing homelessness.
-  For medical or mental health emergencies, please call 911.
-  For crime or illegal activity, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Due to high demand, it may take a few days for an outreach team to be deployed. With nearly 40,000 people living on the streets, the need for outreach services is great.

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What is LA-HOP?

With just a few clicks on a smartphone, tablet, or computer, **The Los Angeles County Homeless Outreach Portal (LA-HOP)** makes it easier to request help for people experiencing homelessness on the streets of LA County.

To learn more about the tool visit www.la-hop.org.

When should I fill out a request?

Did you see someone experiencing homelessness who needs help? Notice a homeless neighbor who seems to be struggling with their physical and/or mental health? You can help them by filling out an outreach request and alert us as to any specific concerns you may have regarding the person's well-being. Please be as detailed as possible.

When should I not fill out an outreach request?

If you come across a family with minor children experiencing homelessness, have them call 211 and ask to be connected to the Coordinated Entry System for Families. If you are concerned about illegal activity, contact local law enforcement. For medical and mental health emergencies, call 911. Outreach teams are not able to serve individuals who are couch surfing, temporarily living with friends or family, or already staying in a homeless shelter.

What do outreach workers do?

Outreach workers have many different skills, including homeless services navigation and mental health first aid. Some teams even have physical health, mental health, and substance use professionals. Their efforts can be as simple as helping someone experiencing homelessness get an ID card or as complex as helping to meet medical and mental health needs. But the ultimate goal of outreach services is to help people move from the streets into a permanent home.