**MINUTES (AMENDED) – LNA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, February 21, 2014 – 6:30 pm APD Westisde Substation**

Board Members in Attendance: Marie Barr, Jackie Beck Manheimer, Dave Gebeke, Paul Gonzales, Jim Larkin & John Vrabec. Alternate board Members in Attendance: Frank Comfort Joyceann DeHorney, Jimmy Huerta, Candy Patterson & Phyllis Vilchuck. Absent: Greg Huston.

Board President called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Jim Larkin announced that the Board Treasurer, Gene Komninos had resigned due to his fragile health condition. We therefore had a board vacancy, and, would then need to fill the position of Board Treasurer. He asked for volunteers from the Alternate Board Group to “run” for the board vacancy.

Initially, Joyceann DeHorney and Jimmy Huerta expressed interest in running for the regular board seat. But, during the course of “vote taking”. Joyceann deferred to Jimmy and said that she would remove her name for consideration. Therefore, Jimmy Huerta was unanimously approved to fill the board vacancy.

Marie Barr then nominated Dave Gebeke to serve as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by John Vrabec. Dave agreed to serve as Treasurer, and, this was unanimously approved by the board.

The board then discussed the annual financial review, which was completed and presented to the board by Elizabeth Vrabec, who has extensive experience in the banking industry as well as the private sector. Dave Gebeke & John Vrabec commented on the extensiveness of this review, and, all agreed that it was the most comprehensive financial review that the LNA had ever had undertaken. The treasurer has Liz’ full bound report with a follow-up addendum for the records.

The board then discussed the feasibility of offering an honorarium for future reviews, and, it was agreed that $50 would be provided to the person undertaking the annual review to show the board’s appreciation for this effort.

The next topic discussed was the validation of board members’ terms. These terms were validated: Jim Larkin, January 31, 2015, Jimmy Huerta (filling Gene Komninos board seat), January 31, 2015. Further, Marie Barr, Jackie Beck Manheimer, John Vrabec, Dave Gebeke & Paul Gonzales are serving two-year terms ending January 31, 2016. All of the four Alternate Board Members are serving a one-year term ending January 31, 2016.

Paul Gonzales gave his presentation on the need for a formal “Treasurers’ Policy & Procedures” Guidelines. After thoroughly reviewing & discussing his written proposal, the board agreed to remove the monthly report provisions and the co-treasurer clause. John V. made a motion to approve with these deletions, seconded by Paul Gonzales. The motion was unanimously approved.

A discussion took place regarded whether or not a committee needed to be convened to review and change the 2010 By-Laws. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that there really wasn’t a need to form a review committee as the current by-laws are still valid & applicable.

The board began to review budget line-items, for the current fiscal year. There was no budget prepared for the last fiscal year. Each line item was discussed and a corresponding dollar amount allocated

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Marie Barr indicated that it was difficult to give a totally accurate number for 2014 LNA Members since the dues payments come in throughout the year. We had 139 members at the end of last year, and, it was anticipated that we would reach that number again this year,

There was a discussion on the amount of membership dues. One board member felt that maybe we should vacate the $15 per hear dues-payment for new members, and consider a lower amount of $5. However, the remainder of the board felt that we could not conduct all of the LNA business with declining dues revenue. Some members felt that $15 was too low…but, at the end of the discussion, it was decided on to keep the dues the same at $15.00 per member per year.

The next topic discussed was the LNA representative to the Westside Coalition. Candy Patterson will continue to serve as primary representative and Joyceann DeHorney as alternate representative for the Coalition for 2014. She & Joyceann wil attend the Coalition meetings and submit the membership for,. All NA/HOA’s Presidents receive e-mail notifications from the Coalition Candy was given recognition for all of her efforts representing the LNA as part of the Westside Coalition.

The next topic discussed was the Citywide Cleanup. As of February 21st, the city had not yet set the date for the Spring clean-up. Paul Gonzales will again chair this committee and he did submit a proposal to buy 55 gallon drums and larger trash bags. The ones we had were given to Albert Lopez for his pro-bono clean-up work. In addition, his proposal will include a number of shovels & rakes. These will be used for each citywide cleanup and will be kept in the LNA storage unit. The formal citywide clean-up plan was tabled until the city announced the official date, and, this would be discussed at the April 12th meeting.

The Public Regulation Commission (PRC) neighborhood registration was due in 2013, and, is now due for 2014, Candy was asked to contact the former LNA Secretary for PRC information.

Candy shared information about the EPC Hearing held February 12th on the Unser/Ladera Project and the need for community/neighborhood participation because the project will have a resounding impact on Laurelwood.

A brief discussion took place regarding the possibility of asking the city to install “graduated road elevations” for speed control. The general consensus was that these could be harmful to cars even at a slow speed and could be a problem for emergency vehicles. This subject was tabled.

Marie Barr made a motion, seconded by John Vrabec, to approve the budget that had been worked on during this meeting. It was unanimously approved.

Jim Larkin led a discussion on bringing a new direction and commitment to the LNA. Paul Gonzales indicated that with a lot of renters prevalent, the neighborhood has gone downhill quite a bit. We as a group need to consistently spearhead our campaign to keep our neighborhood safe, clean and in the best condition possible. We have already started on this campaign last year, and, will continue to do so in the years to come.

The next LNA Community & Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 am – SRM School. With no new or old business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.