

LAKESHORE CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners On May 6, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Lakeshore Crime Prevention District was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Mt. Carmel Academy, 7027 Milne Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124. All participants attended in person.

Commissioners Present: Byron Casey, Ken Najder, Bonnie Nelson, Ray Landeche, Susan Simon, James Grevemberg and Jacque Touzet

Commissioners Absent: Beverly S. Rizzo and Dieter Hugel.

Guests Present: Ray Kleinpeter, Frank Meydrich, Claudio Hemb and John Kreher.

Also present for a portion of the meeting (see below), Metro Security personnel, Lloyd Jarreau and Timothy Moffet.

Recording Secretary: James Grevemberg

1) **Call to order**

Byron Casey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Casey confirmed the attendance of all commissioners listed above and that a quorum existed. Mr. Casey further confirmed that the public had been notified of the meeting in accordance with Louisiana's Open Meeting Laws. In Dieter Hugel's absence, James Grevemberg agreed to act as recording secretary for the meeting.

2) **Minutes From Prior Meeting:**

A motion was made by Byron Casey to waive the reading and accept the minutes for the meetings of March 4, 2015. James Grevemberg seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

3) **Report Of Metro Security**

Lloyd Jarreau of Metro reviewed the incident reports from March and April 2015 and provided handouts of the reports to all in attendance. Mr. Jarreau reported that Metro investigated a theft from the interior of a vehicle in the 7300 block of Jade St. He also reported that Metro responded to a call regarding a possibly intoxicated driver who hit some garbage cans in the 700 block of Jewel St. Metro also responded to two calls regarding small fires. The NOFD was called and the fires extinguished. Mr. Jarreau reported that there was an attempted theft in the 7300 block of Onyx. Upon seeing a suspicious person in the driveway, the Metro guard stopped to question the individual who dropped a sack of

stolen items and ran away. The guard, Marita Clofer, was commended for her actions. Mr. Jarreau reported that there was a hit and run of a vehicle in the 7300 block of General Haig. Metro performed 472 drive by escorts during the 2 month period as well as 5 dispatched escorts. Metro investigated 10 suspicious persons and vehicles and responded to 2 alarms during these two months. Metro also provided 8 residential checks for the 2 month period.

Upon completion of Metro Security's report, Byron Casey announced the next meeting would be on July 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

4) **LCPD Alumni and Resident Comments**

Resident, John Kreher, advised that he lives on Lakeshore Parkway and that on weekends he finds it difficult to live in peace due to the loud music, loud cars and public urination and other disturbances along the lakefront. In connection with discussing potential remedies, Byron Casey noted that the lakefront is out of the jurisdiction of the LCPD. However, if problems occur in the neighborhood, the resident was advised to call Metro or the NOPD. Byron suggested that the Board would send letters to the NOPD and the Orleans Levee Board making them aware of the situation.

5) **Board Members Business Reports & Feedback**

Susan Simon: Susan presented the Revenue and Expenditures as of January 1, 2015 – April 30, 2015 (attached).

Byron advised that several of the previously selected crime camera locations were unacceptable and needed to be changed to other locations due to trees blocking the camera's view of the street.

Byron asked the Board to consider what type of recognition would be appropriate for the Board to give to Marita Clofer, the Metro guard who provided excellent service in stopping the home burglary in the 7300 block of Onyx.

The Board discussed the possibility of placing the Metro monthly crime reports on the LCPD website. Ken Najder summarized the rationales for the Board's long-standing policy of not posting these reports. He reviewed in detail legal issues associated with the public dissemination of these reports, and the input he had received from independent attorneys not associated with LCPD. After a lengthy discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of posting the crime reports on the LCPD website, the Board agreed to maintain its long-standing policy against such postings.

Byron mentioned the increasing number of cars speeding through the neighborhood and running stop signs and asked the Board to consider how to address that problem. Byron suggested and the Board agreed that the upcoming newsletter contain a request that residents observe speed limits and stop signs in the neighborhood.

Jacque Touzet advised that he obtained a quote of \$75.00 for six (32 x 24 inch) signs for notice of meetings. Several options for what information could be placed on the signs were discussed.

Jacque Touzet suggested alternative approaches for enhancing neighborhood safety, which resulted in an extended conversation of the advantages and disadvantages thereof.

Bonnie Nelson suggested that the new newsletter be sent to the residents in the near future. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that the newsletter be drafted and mailed as soon as possible.

6) **Adjournment:**

After confirming that there was no additional business, Byron Casey moved and Ray Landeche seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:31P.M. The next meeting is to be held July 8, 2015 at Mount Carmel Academy.

James Grevemberg, Recording Secretary