

LAKESHORE HOMES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
Excerpted Minutes
November 20, 2013

President Gerry Montmorency called the meeting to order at Crocker Highlands Elementary School.

Present: Board of Directors: Gerry Montmorency, Mary Merrick, Josh Morgan, Peter Turner
Administrators: Patty Montmorency, Claudia Skapik

Guests: Captain Rick Orozco, Councilmember Pat Kernighan, Inspector of Elections Neda Nehouray

Absent a quorum, the election of officers was tabled and the meeting was adjourned. A second attempt to reach a quorum for the election of officers is schedule for January 4, 2014 at 5:30 at 907 Underhills.

Pat Kernighan thanked everyone for again inviting her to speak. She was hopeful that things in the City will slowly begin to improve. She highlighted a number of reasons for her optimism including:

- crime rate is trending down
- reversal of steady revenue decline
- economic development is trending upward
- hopeful to keep the A's and Raiders in Oakland

Oakland currently has 639 sworn officers. For a city of its size, Oakland should have at a minimum 840 police officers. She noted that the crime rate dropped dramatically when the staffing was over 800. Currently 75% of the City's budget goes to fund the police and fire departments. She conceded that finding an additional \$40-50 million for 200 additional officers will be very difficult given the current budget. On top of that, she noted Measure Y, which helps pay for 63 officers, is due to expire in 18 months. The Council is hoping to put a new measure on the ballot in November to replace measure Y.

Captain Rick Orozco thanked everyone for inviting him to speak. He said that he has been with OPD for 26 years and is currently the captain for area 3 (south side of the lake) which includes our Association. Of the current 639 officers, 70 are assigned to area 3 but can be deployed to other parts of the city as needed. LHA continues to be one of the safest beats in the city.

He noted that within the last 28 days the crime rate for burglary and robbery has been declining; robbery is down by 27% and burglary by 48%. Most of the reported burglaries are car related. There is been no reported cases of violent crime in our beat. He cautioned everyone to never leave anything in sight in your car. He meets bi-monthly with community leaders in area 3 who share information and this has been helpful in apprehending people. He noted that he deploys resources based on what has been reported. So it is very important to report any crime because this generates more police officers to a given area. He reminded everyone for a crime in progress dial 911 or from the cell 777-3211, the non-emergency number is 777-3333 press 00 to escalate.

The OPD employs a variety of techniques to aid in crime reduction. The Shot Spotters System allows OPD to pin point gun fire. He said that the gunshot victim found on Grosvenor several months ago, had actually been shot in a botched robbery attempt on International and 6th before being driven to Grosvenor. The police theorized that the driver had been trying to get the victim to Highland Hospital and got lost.

