

## LAKESHORE HOMES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING November 19, 2014

President Josh Morgan called the meeting to order at Crocker Highlands Elementary School.

Present: Board of Directors: Josh Morgan, Mary Merrick, Jack Backus, Peter Turner, Chris Metcalfe  
Administrators: Patty Montmorency, Claudia Skapik

Guests: City Administrator Henry Gardner, Councilmember Pat Kernighan, Councilmember-elect Abel Guillen

Absent a quorum, the Election Meeting was postponed. A second attempt to reach a quorum is scheduled for Dec 15, 2014 at 10 a.m. at 907 Underhills. Inspector of Elections Beverly Balee, Warrine Coffey, Mary Merrick, Martha Peck, Robyn Jagust, Rita Mitchell, Jennifer Low.

**Henry Gardner** thanked everyone for allowing him to speak. As an LHA member, a former City Manager for 12 years and current City Administrator he sees a bright future ahead for Oakland. He believes that there will be a smooth transition between the new mayor and council and thanked Pat Kernighan for her management of the council during challenging times. He thanked the Association for their continued support for important measures such as BB (infrastructure repair) & Z. (police funding)

During the recent recession and as a result of Prop 13 the City has struggled to maintain its services closing libraries, fire stations, parks, youth centers. Going forward Oakland needs to make these programs a high priority. Affordable housing continues to be a problem and needs addressing. In the near future there will be funds to make the much needed repairs to the streets and sidewalks in the city.

He sees a bright future for Oakland

- Revenues are increasing
- Tax base is increasing
- Budget improving
- Homicide and violent crime is down

Mr. Gardner's goals for his department are to inspire his staff to do their best work, be courteous, respectful and be responsive to the citizens of Oakland.

**Pat Kernighan** thanked everyone for again inviting her to speak. She noted that it has been a privileged to have Mr. Gardner as interim City Administrator. His grounding and values have been so needed and useful in the City. She is optimistic for Oakland.

- Mayor Libby Schaaf will do a good job promoting the City
- Economy is better
- Creating more jobs
- City staff final stable after 750 layoffs during recession

Pat introduced Councilmember elect Abel Guillen. He will be taking over as City Councilmember representing District 2 from Pat who is retiring after nine and a half years as a City Councilmember. She said that Abel is the right person to tackle the challenges we face in Oakland. As a municipal finance adviser he knows what it means to balance a budget while protecting essential services for the residents.