



**Minutes
General Meeting
September 6, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer Jill Hill at 7:07 p.m. The minutes of the August 2, 2007 Introductory Meeting were distributed and approved without corrections.

Sixth District Councilmember Dee Andrews announced that the City would hold a Budget Workshop at Veterans Park on September 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. He also invited attendees to participate in a cleanup at McArthur Park scheduled for September 8, 2007 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Seventh District Council Staff Member Tim Patton made a request on behalf of Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga, who is looking for high school students interested in serving on her Youth Advisory Committee. If you know anyone, please call the council office at 570-6139.

Nancy Risch presented the Treasurer's Report. WANA has received \$660 in dues and \$470 for startup expenses. One check has been written in the amount of \$30 to the Secretary of State for filing the Articles of Incorporation. The balance in the General Fund is \$1,320.00. A \$250 loan from a Board member was made to the Daisy Avenue Christmas Tree Lane account to cover start up expenses. \$470 in donations were collected and deposited. After re-payment of the startup loan, the balance in this account will be \$220.00.

Ms. Hill introduced City staff in attendance: Margaret Madden from the Neighborhood Resources Center located at 425 Atlantic Avenue and Alex Cherin from the City Auditor's office. Former Seventh District Councilmember Ray Grabinski was also in the audience.

Maria Norvell gave the Membership report. 39 households have joined WANA since the August meeting.

Lisa Wibroe announced that the Wrigley Tree Committee had received a grant to plant trees on November 3, 2007 in South Wrigley. She circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers and invited everyone to a \$5.00 per person fund raiser.

A motion to approve the draft Bylaws in principle was moved, seconded and carried unanimously. Ms. Hill indicated that this action was necessary to establish governance procedures for the Initial Board while the corporation is evolving. The Bylaws will be brought back to the membership for final approval at a later date.

The Long Beach Crime Prevention Unit Team spoke about crime in the Wrigley Area, how to form a Neighborhood Watch group and answered questions from the audience. Present were: Nicole Avalos (Neighborhood Watch Coordinator), Karen Owens (Community Relations Manager), Sergeant Paul Sanford, Lt. Dan Pratt and Officers Ben Offill, Elva Reyes, Jose Vasquez and Noor Ismail were present. Lt Pratt reported that crime was down overall in Wrigley. However, murders had increased substantially and robberies had increased by 9%. He noted that the recent cluster of murders in Wrigley were fluke incidents that were isolated happenings unrelated to gang activity. He reported that murders were down city-wide.

Lt Pratt also talked about the newly implemented Directed Enforcement ("DE") Program which emphasizes using a problem-solving approach directed at individual crime issues ("proejcts"). The West Patrol Division Team of 14 officers has taken on more "projects" than any other Division and has already proven that attacking individual problems is a highly efficient means of stopping criminal activity. Additional topics covered by Lt. Pratt were: the District Car Check Log, the Apartment Watch Program and the success of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

Members of the Police Chief's Advisory Council were introduced: John Deats, Maria Norvell and Vickie Elliot.

The cash in the 50/50 opportunity fund was split between WANA to cover refreshment and child care costs and the winning ticket holder.

Ms. Hill closed the meeting with the announcement that the next WANA meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007. The discussion topic will be Environmental Justice Along the I-710 Corridor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Joan V. Greenwood, Secretary

Approved without Corrections: October 4, 2007