

**Board of Commissioners  
Lake Vista Crime Prevention District  
Lake Vista Community Center, Second Floor  
April 4, 2023, 5:30PM  
Minutes**

1. Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
  - a. Introduction of Commissioners in attendance: Blanchard, O'Brien, Moore, Hardie, Mann, Junius
  - b. We currently have one board opening (LVPOA) and at the end of May, we will have a second opening (Hilferty).
2. Meeting Minutes Approval – Copies of minutes are on the LVCPD website. Mann motioned to dispense reading and approve minutes, O'Brien seconded. Unanimously approved.
3. Finance Report: Nothing new to report. Finance report is business as usual. Copies of the P&L report are available if anyone is interested in reviewing. Finance report does not require approval. Only Budget Reports require Board approval. Blanchard mentioned that since Hardie has taken over the Treasurer position all is in good shape and will operate like a well-oiled machine with QuickBooks and the Website and dealing with the Bank. Since Moore will be rolling off the Board, we are planning to have O'Brien get set up with Gulf Coast Bank to be the second signature required as the replacement.
4. OLDP Detail Report / NOPD 3<sup>rd</sup> District Report:

We will skip both Police Districts for now and see if either OLDP or NOPD arrive to make their individual reports. It seems they did not receive the emailed meeting notification. Captain Brenckle will forward an incident report.
5. Creation of Committees:

One of the big topics from the last meeting was the creation of committees. The committees we have put forth are Technology, Finance, Communications/Legislative

and Patrol. We will assign one Commissioner per committee and then our plan is to try to get neighborhood volunteers involved. We will do an outreach through social media to recruit people interested in signing up. It is a great way for us to spend time outside of the Board meetings getting feedback from volunteers. Ideally, Committees would meet prior to the quarterly meeting and put together a report for presentation at the quarterly meeting.

This will be great for feedback and ideas moving forward with different initiatives. Parcel Fee increases will be under Finance. Light outages in the neighborhood will fall under Legislative/Communications. We will see how that this process goes and how much response we get from the neighborhood. Blanchard asked if anyone in attendance would be interested in being on a committee. No commitment, but some may be interested. Attendee, Roger Fulmer, offered to be on the Technology committee. Fulmer will send an email to Blanchard and Mann, offering his time to serve on the Technology committee. Mann will oversee the Technology Committee. Another initiative Blanchard is working on is documenting Standard Operating Procedures for the Board so that there is consistency when new Commissioners come on board. Hopefully, this will be complete by the next quarterly Board meeting in July. It will make a big difference as Commissioners come and go. Fullmer asked if the Board would establish a committee for detail/patrol. Fullmer suggested that the committee have conversations with the actual detail officers, who are full of very useful information about ways to help them with improving their patrol duties, such as turning on outside lights and making sure their house numbers are visible either on the house or on the curb. It can be very confusing to figure out house numbers on some Lake Vista streets. Another suggestion from Officers patrolling is to sometimes have two officers patrolling. Unfortunately, right now, we are not at our maximum patrol, but our patrolling has increased because of the increase in pay. It would be great if these officers would report to Kelli Lopardi (OLDP) their suggestions so that Lopardi can report to us.

The street light outage on Allen Toussaint is a huge problem with safety. Reports have been filed for repairs but nothing yet on repairs. The city has turned the job over to All Star for repairs.

6. Technology – Camera Update - Blanchard discussed technology with maybe some Artificial Intelligence (AI). If the connectivity were not so expensive, we would certainly have a lot more cameras. Honestly, the neighborhood cameras we currently have are outdated. The cost of connectivity with Cox Cable is expensive. Blanchard believes that it is approximately \$250 or possibly more per camera per year. Blanchard has looked into the possibility of setting up our own Wi-Fi across the neighborhood. The problem with that is the canopy (trees) throughout the neighborhood. Mann suggested looking into WiMAX. It is a new technology that covers a longer distance than Wi-Fi. The problem with Wi-Fi is that it covers approximately three hundred feet. To create a mesh system that would have enough Wi-Fi to transmit video, it would have to be maintained and it is not friendly to the weather. There are other technologies we may be able to look into, like Verizon Home technology under the Verizon business account. Mann will look into it. Currently, all our LPR cameras use cellular signals to get their data, but they are not streaming video, they are taking pictures. This technology is less bandwidth intense. The technology we would like to incorporate is 4megapixel cameras. If anyone is interested in doing some research, please join the Technology Committee. Blanchard commented that he has met with Eric who is one of his Vendors. They have a lot of ideas, but it becomes expensive when the cost is \$2000 to \$2500 per camera system. If we put up twenty camera systems that would be a minimum of \$40,000.00 then you have additional costs for maintenance. The next Technology initiative that we would like to look into is what direction we go and how we deal with the bandwidth and the electrical requirements. We do have the cooperative endeavor with the city so we can put as much as forty-three cameras on poles around the neighborhood. However, these are not without their own problems. Sometimes there are power outages, Cox Internet goes down. It would be best to have cellular service like we currently have with the Flock system.
7. Lake Vista Crime Report – Captain Brenckle is going to try to send the Patrol Incident report before end of meeting however, we have not yet received it. In the

last quarter, there was an auto theft on Flamingo posted on Nextdoor. Suspicious activity on Flamingo reported to Patrol by resident and suspicious activity on Dove at approximately 6:30 a.m. reported to Patrol by resident. If you see any unusual activity call OLDP immediately to report (504) 283-9800

8. Commissioner Report – Blanchard mentioned that with Moore rolling off the board at the end of May, we will now have 2 Commissioner slots available. Blanchard is also scheduled to roll off the board in May, however, will stay on until we can find replacements. We need to find residents that are interested in serving on the board. We need representation because we are collecting money from the residents.
9. Streetlights - Hilferty arrived for meeting and Blanchard advised her of LVCPD committees. One committee that we will involve Hilferty on the Legislative committee for advice. Blanchard asked if she had any feedback or update regarding light outage/s in Lake Vista. Hilferty mentioned that she has emailed Sarah McLaughlin Porteous with the city's Department of Public Works several times but has yet to hear back. Hilferty spoke to Tara, who originally handled the streetlights project and was told that the city is prioritizing repairs to high crime areas. Blanchard said that we need to communicate more effectively to get more residents to turn their outside lighting on in the neighborhood. Hilferty asked Blanchard about appointments to the board with both Moore and Blanchard's terms ending. Hilferty's office will soon be appointing two opening positions.
10. Blanchard thanked everyone for attending the meeting and with no additional questions or comments, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mann  
Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gloria Moore, Secretary