

## Lakeview Crime Prevention District Meeting

January 15, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

St. Dominic Rectory, 775 Harrison Avenue, NOLA 70124

### **Opening**

The meeting started at approximately 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Graham Ryan, Val Cupit, Chris Beacher, Nancy Lytle, Kevin Avin, Andrew Koehler and Joe Rochelle. Ann LeBlanc participated via telephone. Richard Bordelon's colleague, Ian Gunn, Sudi Joint, and Sgt. Benjamin were also present.

**Motion to approve minutes:** Kevin moved, Nancy seconded and all were in favor.

### **Financial Report:**

Sudie indicated the engagement letter for audit had been signed. She has to convey to the auditors that there have been no sexual harassment complaints which there have been none. She went over bank statements. We have been billed by the city through December 22. We have \$766,861.40 in assets and accounts payable is \$773,774 of which \$609,973 is disputed millage. We do not have enough to pay the disputed millage. Regarding the P&L, patrol number (\$1,114,39) is about 1K more than last year. Of this amount, \$119,381 is disputed millage. The parcel fees are a little more than previous year. Graham attended a meeting with the City about the disputed millage. An additional meeting will likely be scheduled soon.

### **Crime Report**

Sgt. Benjamin stated that there were five incidents in January so far, 1 burglary, 3 shopliftings, and 1 auto theft. This included 2 incidents at Walgreens and an incident at Dollar Tree. In December there were 12 UCR crimes, 7 auto burglaries (6 solved), 4 auto thefts and 1 shoplifting (cleared). There were 122 investigations in 2025 and 150 in 2024. This reflects a 19% reduction. 49 of those cases have been solved. There were 5,916 traffic stops in 2025, leading the department. There have been no citizen complaints regarding these stops as the officers have been professional and courteous. In 2025, there were 8 persons crimes (6, solved); 10 last year. There were 114 property crimes (140 last year). Thefts went up 13%. Auto burglaries were down 66%, auto thefts were down 38%. Sgt. Benjamin was able to reduce patrols by 10% due to efforts to conserve hours. Graham interjected that it has been tough to balance ensuring crime remains low and spending the parcel fees prudently. However, Sgt. Benjamin has been able to accomplish this. Discussion turned about how to get the message out to the community with ideas raised by Nancy and Val.

### **New legislation**

Graham recapped that last March we put before the voters renewal of the district to 2036. Maximum parcel fee is \$150. We need to go back to legislature and increase the ability to collect up to \$250. The board needs to pass a resolution. Discussion turned to whether it should impact

unimproved lots and whether the proposed resolution should read “improved and/or unimproved lots.” Ultimately it was thought that this may confuse things and slow down the process. Andrew moved to pass the resolution and Chris seconded. All approved.

**Status of Board**

There are three vacancies on the board. Susan Dineen was Mayor Cantrell’s nominee, Brian Anderson is stepping down and Aimee McCarron is now a counsel person. That leaves a VP vacancy and a treasurer vacancy. Andrew was proposed as VP and Kevin as Treasurer. Val moved and Nancy seconded and all were in favor.

**Motion to adjourn:**

Nancy moved and Val seconded. All were in favor. Meeting ended at approximately 7 pm.