

WEST VAN NUYS / LAKE BALBOA

Neighborhood Council



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 2007
7:30 PM

Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91406



Prepared by Luciana Dar (Secretary) and Steven Leffert (President)

Item 1: Welcome

Item 2: Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Call to Order 7:35

The meeting was called to order by the President Steven Leffert

In attendance: Joyce Mackinnon, Lisa Reveen, Nancy Kane, Clay McFarland, Steven Leffert, Linda Pruett, Rosie Saenz, Paul Fabre, Bill McRae, Dylan McRae, Luciana Dar, Sylvia Silva, Gwen Wright. Absent: Elmer Jespersion, Shawn Moradian, Teresa Pollock

Approval of the Minutes with very minor changes by Steven Leffert, seconded by Joyce MacKinnon

Item 3: Announcements and Reports -- LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committee Reports

Officer Carter not able to be present.

Lynda Levitan (Councilman Cardenas) - Senior Health Fair with free flu shots and health screening, free lunches and other free items on October 13th at the Japanese Gardens; Grand opening for the East Valley Animal Shelter (see attached flyers);

Michael Tou (Brad Sherman Policy Advisor) – Sepulveda Basin Habitat Restoration Project updates

Melvin Canas (DONE) - Meeting on Sept. 15, 1:30PM at LA City College in conjunction of the Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils about establishing a self-assessment process for NCs (proposal of a draft survey to be discussed). DONE urges NC board members and stakeholders to come to the meeting and provide input

Megan Cottier (Councilman Greg Smith) - Last Movie Night of the summer, Saturday Sept. 8, for information Call 818-756-8501

Rosie Saenz – Website is up and running, Outreach and Marketing Committee needs more volunteers; Beautiful Home contest nominations are open;

Linda Pruett & Bill McRae – Emergency Preparedness & EP Motto Contest prized awarded by LAFD Captain Stacey Gerlich (Director of Disaster Preparedness for the City of Los Angeles)

West Van Nuys N.C is trying to build a grassroots effort for Emergency Preparedness in addition to LA City's efforts

Winners:

Tied in 3rd Place: Bob Fink and Karen Kenney, Karen Olds, Rebecca Westberg, Jeff Brown, Bill McRae, Elmer Jespersen, Jeff Edelstein

Tied in 2nd Place: Alan Litt, "California has its faults; California is full of shift", Nadine Ritter "The window of opportunity is before it breaks"

1st Place: Arnie Meissner "Seismic matters, but you'll be less scared if you are prepared"

Reminders: A big earthquake is forthcoming, there is the need to prepare now (example: free CERT training provided by the City of Los Angeles); Information of other training programs, go to <http://www.cert-la.com>

Flyer with suggestions for Emergency Preparedness for the family (see attached)

Sylvia Silva -- L.A. City Beautification Grant

City of L.A has \$ 800,000 to disperse to neighborhood projects (street signs, library and public school campuses, tree plantings, etc)

Suggestion: Birmingham High School entrance is congested at exit time. There is an area by Haynes that could become a student pick-up area. Draft proposal under way (see attached document)

Bill McRae -- Land Use Issues

Call for more volunteers to work on the Land Use Committee, especially individuals with expertise in the area

Steve Leffert -- Office space needed for our NC

Request for information; the office space should have parking available

Clay McFarland -- Financial Report – no updates

Item 4: Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the WVN/LB NC. Two minutes per speaker. Please fill out a speaker card if you wish to speak.

Item 5: Brief Response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

Item 6: Presentation from DWP on proposed rate increases for water and electricity. Possible motion on NC official comment to DWP about the rate increases

LADWP Presenter: Jeff Peltola, Director

See Power Point Presentations at

<http://present.ladwp.com/RateProposals/msh.htm>

<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp009501.pdf>

<http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/cms/ladwp009502.pdf>

Q & A from stakeholders and board members

Item 7: Motion for a letter of support for posting of no overnight parking in a portion of the industrial section of our NC district and no parking tow-away on Woodley Ave. from Burbank to Victory -- Pruett

Move to support the posting "NO PARKING 2:00AM to 6:00AM - TOW AWAY" signs in a portion our West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council district. The area is the industrial/ commercial area between Woodley Ave. on the west, Strathern St. on the north, Haskell Ave. on the east, and Saticoy St. on the south. We believe this is a good tactic to rid this industrial section of undesirables who set up "camp" in their vehicles. Pruett/B. McRae Passed 8-0 including Fabre

Motion to support the posting "NO PARKING AT ANY TIME - TOW AWAY" signs on both sides of Woodley Ave. from Victory Blvd. to Burbank Blvd. in the Sepulveda Dam Basin. Pruett/Fabre Passed 11-0

Item 8: Status Reports on, proposed development at 17350 Vanowen (Corner of Andasol), Proposed Self Storage project at Woodley and Blythe St., Proposed condo/commercial project on Victory from Woodley to Montgomery, Proposed development at 15758 Sherman Way-- McRae We will have presentations by the developers of the Self Storage project and the 15758 Sherman Way Project at our October meeting. The results of the Planning Commission hearing on the 17350 property was to rezone that parcel from RA-1 to R-1 which would allow a future lot split to build 2 R-1 lot homes. This was a compromise by they Planning Commission in not allowing the RD3 rezoning with 4 homes on the 14,000 sq. ft. lot.

Item 9: Motion to offer financial support to Parks and Recreation for Halloween Festival at Balboa Sports Center -- Pruett

Move to offer financial support to Parks and Recreation for the Halloween Festival at the Encino Community Center in the amount of \$500 for food and supplies. Pruett/ B. McRae Passed 9-0

Item 10: Motion --Mailing to Businesses and Apartments -- Saenz

Postponed to October meeting with separate "bid" for mailing to apartments only

Item 11: Other Reports – Possible Actions to be Taken

Item 12: Unfinished Business

Restatement of support for zoning variance for B. Mojallal, 7412 Balboa Blvd. Provide updated letter, originally passed by the Board on October 1, 2006, but never sent to the Planning Department, along with a cover letter stating that the WVN/LB NC was remiss in not sending in the letter in a timely manner. Leffert/ MacKinnon

Item 13: Adjournment 10:33 PM