

West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa
Neighborhood Council Meeting
February 7, 2007 – 7:00 PM
7412 Balboa Blvd. Van Nuys, CA 91406

1. Welcome, Introductions

2. Introduction of moderator (Bill Haller) and Explanation of Format for Candidate Forum

3. Candidate Forum for Los Angeles City Council District No. 6 and Board of Education District No. 3 Offices. Candidates in attendance were Candido Marquez, Jamie Cordero, Lisa Martellaro-Palmer, Eric Rothenay & Tony Cardenas for City Council. Louis Pugliese, Tamar Galatzan & Donna Smith; representative for Jon Lauritzen who had a previous engagement.

4. Short Break

5. Order/Roll Call/Adoption of Agenda

In attendance: Linda Pruet, Luciana Dar, Rosie Saenz, Mark Bower, Paul Fabre, Shawn Moradian, Steve Leffert, Clay McFarland, Bob Katz, Lisa Reveen, Joyce MacKinnon, Bahman "Moe" Mojallal.

Absent: Teresa Pollock & Gabe Pollock

Brief announcement on success of Cert Training and upcoming CPR classes.

Motion to adopt Agenda (Mojallal), adopted as presented.

6. Announcements and Reports

Laurette Healy, Director of Public Affairs /Deputy State Controller. Mentioned she was a member of Sherman Oaks NC. She has always felt that the valley is underserved. Her purpose is to make NC's aware of programs that are offered through the State Controller's office such as The Unclaimed Property Program, Taxes filed for free, seminars for small businesses and development of small businesses (she made mention that 40% of small businesses are opened by women. Question was posed by Candido Marquez regarding audit of DWP by State Controller's office, Healy noted that State Controller's office does not have jurisdiction to make such audit. Because of the late hour Healy commented she would be happy to exchange business cards and provide names and numbers of people to contact regarding his concerns. Jon Lauritzen, candidate for Board of Education was recognized. He made apologies for previous commitment and gave a brief statement.

Linda Levitan, Field Deputy for Councilmember Tony Cardenas gave a heartfelt thank you for the get well card she received from the board members. Brief statement on volunteering.

Elizabeth Wiesner, Field Deputy for Councilmember Greig Smith gave update on upcoming Tree Planting/givaway event on February 24th at Louise Park. There will be up to 100 trees to be given away Also mentioned that more volunteers were needed. Pruet mentioned contact has been made with the local High School and Middle School for volunteers.

7. Public Forum

Dr. Daniel Wiseman gave a statement with his recommendations for consideration by the Neighborhood Councils to have an impact on the Mayor's Budget process. The budget is priority based with limited resources. Concerns with losing police, there needs to be more police and incentives to bring police to live in our areas.

8. Brief Response from Board

Clay McFarland made brief comment /response re: city budget also DWP audit that should be taking place in the future by Laura Chicks office.

9. Explanation of Hearing on West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Proposed Name Change

Steve Leffert gave an explanation of the process, time frame, etc., to expand the Lake Balboa name/area. Gave history of previous name change process that failed to show up in the city's records, gave reason for hearing. Although not on agenda public comments were allowed to be made by Dr. Wiseman, Glen Bailey and Glen Wilson.

10. Election of Alternate for LANCC

Luciana Dar made motion to elect Rosie Saenz as her Alternate. Motion passed.

11. Motion for Possible Purchase of laptop computer, software and service contract for use by Board for Powerpoint Presentations, Recording and storage for Minutes, etc., not to exceed \$2,000.00

Motion by Steve Leffert: I move that the WVN/LB NC authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,000 to purchase a notebook computer, carrying case, extended warranty and necessary software for use by the Board members for Board Business. After discussion and comments and request to amend motion for purchase to be made within 30 days (amendment to motion failed) Motion was passed, all in favor.

12. Information on Proposed Project on Victory Blvd.(across from Birmingham H.S.)

Paul Fabre gave an informational statement on the proposed project for a development between MTA and Remett LLC to be located at the South West corner of Victory and Balboa Blvds. consisting of a 2 story low rise office building with 150 parking spaces. It will be 31,000 sq. ft on 1.9 acres. The concern is that there will only be one access to the parking on Victory Blvd. There is currently a traffic problem on Victory with traffic backing up on Victory Blvd. in the mornings. Motion by Paul Fabre: The West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa (WVN/LB) Neighborhood Council (NC) shall address the proposed "Orange Line/Victory and Balboa Joint Development" as follows: Arrange for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Remett, LLC to present their development proposal at a future NC meeting so a direct dialogue can be held with the local community members affected. Investigate the impacts of the proposed development on the local community. Submit its findings and/or recommendations to the appropriate government entities as deemed appropriate by the NC. Motion passed.

13. Approval of Election Procedures

Neighborhood Council Elections to be held on 4/21/07. Motion to approve (request by Board). Motion passed.

14. Report on Winter Solstice Event

Comment by Rosie Saenz who attended but did not get a program from the event. Snow was provided by WVN/LB NC which was enjoyed by all the children. There was a table/booth for the NC which Gabe staffed. Suggestion made to have banner and maybe some giveaways next year. Recognition was given to the NC in the form of a plaque. Payment is still pending, we need to take care of it ASAP, there should be a W-9 form and an original invoice coming from the vendor.

15. Approval of Minutes

April 5, 2007 minor changes (Paul Fabre in attendance) made. Motion to approve w/changes, motion passed.

June 7, 2007 minor changes (Paul in attendance). Motion to approve w/changes, motion passed. Amendment to attach 2006/2007 Budget to Minutes.

Minor changes (item 8D correct typo(West Van Nuys), item 9 delete "e".) made to Motion to approve w/changes, motion passed.

December 6, 2007 minor changes (spelling on Saenz, name of person who made motion to elect Saenz and motion to skip January 07 meeting). Motion to approve w/changes, motion passed.

16. Appointments to the WVN/LB Neighborhood Council Board:

No appointments. Discussion re: available board seats and possible error on number of seats available.

17. Committee Reports – possible actions to be taken

- a. None
- b. Public Comment from Glen Bailey. Comments and concerns regarding the upcoming San Fernando Valley Fair scheduled for June 7th -10th, 2007 at Woodley Park. Mojallal commented on other issues for other park events in April. Fabre commented on the importance of being informed on these events to deal with these issues. Recommendation by Pruett to have a park representative. McKinnon agreed to work with Glen Bailey to have NC representation at the Park & Rec meetings. Glen Bailey has requested a copy of the contract for this event from Parks & Rec and will forward to WVN/LB NC.

18. Unfinished Business – None

19. Next Meeting of the Board; Wednesday March 7, 2007 – 7:30 PM

20. Motion to Adjourn (request by Board by Pruett) – All in favor 11:00 PM

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