

West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting
May 2, 2007
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Van Nuys, CA 91406

MINUTES

1. Welcome, 7:00 pm
2. Introduction of Moderator, Bill Haller, explanation of format to candidate forum for Los Angeles Board of Education District. No.3 office.
3. Candidate Forum – Tamar Galatzan and Jon Lauritzen
4. Roll Call, Present: Joyce MacKinnon, Lisa Reveen, Clay McFarland, Steve Leffert, Linda Pruett, Rosie Saenz, Teresa Pollack, Paul Fabre, Luciana Dar Absent: Shawn Moradian, Bob Katz, Mark Bower
Adoption of the Agenda and Approval of the minutes with changes
5. Swearing-in and seating of new Board Members: Elmer Jespersen, Sylvia Silva, Nancy Kane, Bill McRae President's message, document attached
6. President's Message
7. Election of new officers:
 - a. President – Steve Leffert
 - b. 1st Vice President – Bill McRae
 - c. 2nd Vice President – Linda Pruett
 - d. Treasurer: Clay McFarland
 - e. Secretary: Luciana Dar
8. Announcements and Reports:
 - a. Officer Ron Carter: SLO LAPD
 - b. New field deputy for Greg Smith's office: Megan Cottier
 - c. Manuel Durazo: DONE
 - d. Steve Leffert: Big Sunday Event
 - e. Linda Pruett: urged stakeholders to call representatives advocating for the continuation of CERT funding
 - f. Treasurer's Report - Clay McFarland - WVNLBNC has \$ 76,180 in the budget.

- g. Clay McFarland: experiences at the Congress of Los Angeles Neighborhoods
 - h. Steve Leffert: Status of Renaming Procedure
9. Public comment: stakeholder thanked Lynda Levitan for her efforts in getting trees trimmed in the NC boundaries
 10. Brief response from Board to Statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights. NONE
 11. Request by Councilman Greig Smith's office (Presented by Elizabeth Weissner) for participation in, and donation for Citrus Sunday Event on May 6th.

Motion: I move to purchase 20 (twenty) fruit picking devices to be used at the Citrus Sunday. Clay McFarland, 2nd by Linda Pruett. Motion Passed by unanimous vote

12. Announcement of Donation of Flashlights by SOS survival products.

Motion to hold contest for Emergency Preparedness Motto – Bill McRae 2nd by Linda Pruett
I move that West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council:

1. Send a letter of appreciation to Jeff Edelstein at SOS Survival Products for his generous donation of the flashlights.
2. That the flashlights be used as outreach and to draw attention to the need for emergency preparedness by all our stakeholders.
3. Hold a contest to develop an Emergency Preparedness Motto for use by the EP Committee and by the Neighborhood Council.

Board Discussion: Paul Fabre and Sylvia Silva expressed concerns about the appearance of impropriety on accepting the gifts from SOS; Linda Pruett and Bill McRae emphasized the fact that this is a business in our NC boundary and that they have no expectation that we will be purchasing items from them unless they offer a competitive deal. Motion Passed 8-3

13. Motion: I move to approve the signing by the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa N.C of the five-year Memorandum of Understanding 2 Renewal document between Neighborhood Councils and the LADWP – Clay McFarland. 2nd by Linda Pruett

Motion passed by unanimous vote

14. Motions (Rosie Saenz) for Outreach Participation by Council in 25th Annual "Salute to Recreation" Event, June 2nd at Northridge Park,

I move to spend up to \$100 for a raffle prize of an Emergency Preparedness Kit and expenditure of up to \$1000 for small, giveaway EP items costing approximately 50 cents

each to give away to those who sign a registration (drawing) card, for our participation at the 25th Annual "Salute to Recreation " event on June 2nd, 2007 at Northridge Park. Motion Passed Unanimous

15. Land Use & Development – Linda Pruett

- a. Victory Boulevard across from Birmingham High School – No action taken, put off
- b. Sherman Way next to Toys R Us- I move that the Land Use Committee draft a new letter to developer, Councilman Tony Cardenas, and the Planning Department to reiterate concerns of our original letter of November 3rd, state the reasons that have not been addressed by the developers new plans, and we are opposed to the requested zone change with all designs that do not fully address the concerns stated Original motion Pruett, 2nd by Paul Fabre As amended - Amended by Paul Fabre, 2nd by Clay McFarland . – Motion carries all in favor.
- c. 17350 Vanowen (Corner of Andasol) – No action taken, put off
- d. Sherman Way just east of White Oak- Re: Project at 17610 Sherman Way - I move that the Land Use Committee write a letter of opposition to the Zone Change and Building Line Removal as requested and that the letter be presented at the hearing May 7,2007. Pruett, 2nd by Rosie Saenz Motion carries all in favor.
- e. Board Comment – Meeting with DOT May 23, 2007 @ 10 am. DOT to make presentation at June meeting

16. Other Committee Reports – None

17. Unfinished Business- None

18. Next Meeting of the Board; Wednesday, June 6th, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

19. Adjournment 10:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Luciana Dar – Secretary

Rosie Saenz – C.O.