

WEST VAN NUYS / LAKE BALBOA *Neighborhood Council*

Minutes of the October 3, 2007 Meeting

1. Welcome

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes

Call to Order 7:37 PM

The meeting was called to order by the President Steven Leffert

In attendance: Joyce MacKinnon, Nancy Kane, Clay McFarland, Steven Leffert, Linda Pruett, Rosie Saenz, Bill McRae, Dylan McRae, Luciana Dar, Sylvia Silva, Gwen Wright, Lisa Reveen (8:20), Paul Fabre (8:30).

Absent: Elmer Jesperson, Shawn Moradian, Teresa Pollock, Sylvia Silva

Adoption of the Agenda with a few changes, item 11 tabled to the next meeting

Approval of the Minutes with no changes by Rosie Saenz, seconded by Linda Pruett

3. Announcements and Reports -- LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports

Megan Cottier (Councilman Greg Smith) – Proposed project development called Las Lomas that will affect considerably commuters from Santa Clarita, Valley to Los Angeles. The Councilman asks the Board to make a motion against this development.

Lake Balboa boundary update: Councilmen Smith has requested that the current Lake Balboa community become official

Melvin Canas (DONE) – Announcing the upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods on Saturday, October 27th (see attached flyer). Request that the WVN/LBNC contribute towards fundraising goals of the DONE in order to organize future Congresses of Neighborhoods.

Rosie Saenz – Announcement: next outreach and marketing committee will meet on October 9th at 6:30 pm the Flyaway.

Luciana Dar – Request that new representative be appointed to LANCC: Clay McFarland appointed.

Steve Leffert -- Senior Health Fair (see flyer), Code of Civility (NC Board members may have to sign a new Code of Civility), Mayor's Budget Day (Saturday October 17th, Downtown 9 am)

Linda Pruett - Emergency Preparedness update: Emergency Preparedness Summit (LAPD) – there is an increased effort from the city's various agencies to improve Emergency warnings and preparation; CERT II and III classes available in November and October respectively (see flyer).

Clay McFarland -- Financial Report: quarterly statements will be on the website shortly

4. Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the WVN/LB NC

Karen Olds – concerns for the violence near Birmingham High School and suggestion that the NC Board, Stakeholders, School and City officials to become more involved in seeking solutions

Steven Leffert – moment silence to honor of the passing of John Lauritzen

6. Possible motion on NC official comment to DWP about the rate increases -- Bill McRae

I move that the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council does not accept any rate increases as proposed by DWP on June 5th, 2007, and accepts the “Letter of Resolution of Sept. 3, 2007” prepared by the Oversight Committee. Bill McRae/Pruett Passed Unanimously

7. Presentation on Proposed Development at 7936 Woodley Ave. (at Blythe St.) for the construction of a self-storage unit

Flyer available upon request (HEDAMAR Development, Inc); expectation that there will no increase in traffic volumes; Q&A

Linda Pruett – concern for the current residents that will be displaced – response: there will be at least a year before any steps towards vacating the property will happen.

Residents: concern for current water and electrical service – Response from owners Hedy and Mark Magna of Hedamar Development: the park infrastructure is from 1945 and it cannot handle the current demands; there will be monetary assistance to help residents move; Next steps: the application is already moving through the city’s bureaucratic process. No Motion at this time

8. Presentation on Proposed Development at 15758 Sherman Way– Bill McRae

Motion: Move to recommend approval of the development at 15758 Sherman Way as presented on 10-3-07. Saenz/Reveen Passed 6-1, 2 abstentions

9. Motion on Beautification Grant -- Kane

Two grant applications were proposed, Birmingham Student Pick-up/Drop-Off Area (on Haynes St. west of Balboa) and Balboa Median Beautification Project (east side of Balboa, near 7512 Balboa) Move to apply for both grants as proposed. McFarland/ Reveen Passed 9-0

10. Motions on accepting bids on E.P supplies and storage facilities -- Pruett

I move that the WVN/LB NC adopt the bid as put forth by SOS Survival Products of Van Nuys, CA for emergency supplies for TWO emergency preparedness lockers/bins at a cost of no more than \$42, 066 and

I move that the WVN/LB NC adopt the bid as put forth by Container Outlet of Orinda, CA for TWO emergency preparedness lockers/bins to be located at Woodley Lakes Golf Course and Louise Park at a cost of no more than \$8,000.00 (including wood for shelving). and

I move that the WVN/LB NC adopt and implement the Emergency Preparedness Committee strategy of immediately funding, purchasing, locating and storing of emergency preparedness supplies and storage lockers and to immediately seek sponsorship opportunities and emergency preparedness supply donations from local businesses and charities to fully equip the WVN/LB NC Emergency Preparedness Lockers. Pruett/McRae Passed 7 for (MacKinnon, Reveen, Kane, McFarland, Bill McRae, Pruett, Saenz) 1 against (Fabre) 1 unable to vote (youth member Dylan McRae)

11. Motion --Mailing to Businesses and Apartments -- Tabled

12. Motion on Land Use Policy -- Tabled to next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 PM