

LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

(Formerly West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council)



Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 6, 2008 Lake Balboa Studios 7412 Balboa Blvd. Lake Balboa, CA 91406



1. Welcome -- 7:35 PM
2. Roll Call, Present: Rosie Saenz, Joyce MacKinnon, Lisa Reveen, Gwen Wright, Elmer Jespersen, Bill McRae, Linda Pruett, Teresa Pollock, Sylvia Silva, Steve Leffert, Nancy Kane, Paul Fabre (8:00PM).
Absent: Shawn Moradian, Dylan McRae, Luciana Dar

Adoption of Agenda B. McRae - Pruett Unanimous
Approval of Minutes of the January 15 Special Meeting with no changes B. McRae - McFarland Unanimous
3. Announcements and Reports were given by Megan Cottier (Councilman Smith's Office), Lynda Levitan (Councilman Cardenas' Office), Melvin Canas (D.O.N.E.), Chris Daams (State Senator Padilla's Office), Dave Ham SLO, LAPD
 - Linda Pruett gave Emergency Preparedness information Erin Huey from American Red Cross couldn't make it
 - Steve Leffert gave Lake Balboa NC Board Election Information
 - Clay McFarland gave Financial Report
 - Sylvia Silva -- Beautification Grants - ours weren't approved for funding
 - Rosie Saenz -- Introduced Webmaster Aaron DeVandry
 - Rosie Saenz -- Outreach Committee, announced upcoming Beautiful Home Contests for 2008
 - Steve Leffert-- Still seeking office space for our Neighborhood Council
4. Public Comment – Nelva Rodriguez spoke about graffiti clean-up, looking for support from other stakeholders. Arlen Rower added his comments about the Sherman Way tunnel and his efforts.
5. Brief Response from Board were made
6. Motion: I move to approve the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Election Procedures as approved by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. B. McRae -- Kane Passed 10-0
- 7a. Motion: I move that we amend our budget reducing our office equipment by \$2000 and increasing Facilities by \$2000. McFarland - B. McRae Passed 11-0
- 7b. Motion: I move that we use Academy Addressing to send out another mailing of our election notification rather than using Walking Man so that it would be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service. Leffert -- Pruett Passed 11-0
8. Motion on change in funding for Valley Alternative School is not needed. They dropped their request for funds.
9. New Valley Symphony Orchestra, Phyllis Newman asked to fund a concert for youth at Birmingham H.S. at a cost of \$7000-8000. NVSO will bring a proposal back to a future meeting.
10. Motion on funding support for Neighborhood Council Congress expense. Tabled until we have more information B. McRae - Saenz Passed 11-0
11. Motion: I move for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to set aside (appropriate) \$7500 toward the purchase of benches, trashcans, and necessary signage, at Birmingham H.S. to be placed on Haynes St. (within the H. S. campus area) for student pick-up and drop-off (School will install and maintain). Silva -- Kane Amendment: and to form an ad-hoc committee to work out the details with the school and come back with a recommendation. McFarland - B. McRae Amendment Passed 6-5, Motion as amended Passed 9-1
12. Motion: I move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council set aside \$5000 towards the landscaping the entire median on the east side of Balboa Blvd. immediately south of Saticoy for the purpose of beautification and prevention of blight. Silva -- Kane Passed 9-0
13. Motion: I move that this Neighborhood Council write a letter, a very respectful letter, to both our City Councilmen, Tony Cardenas and Greig Smith, expressing our displeasure with having to do financial disclosures before our council

can present a file. [My feeling is that we are not legislating. We don't get to make the decision. The City Council will make the decision. All we are doing is ask that the City Council look at this problem or that problem.] Pruettt -- B. McRae
Passed 8-2

14. No Other Reports

15. No Unfinished Business

16. Motion to Adjourn Silva - B. McRae Adjourned at 10:33 PM

Minutes submitted by Steve Leffert