

WEST VAN NUYS / LAKE BALBOA *Neighborhood Council*



Board Meeting Agenda

July 27, 2005

7:30 PM

**Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406**



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I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Agenda

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes; Board Meetings 06/22/05

IV. Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

President Bill Haller, Vice-President Linda Pruett, Treasurer Yves Chery, Secretary Jonezy Melroy,

Schools (Steve Leffert, Chair), Community Name Change (Steve Leffert, Chair), Facility Search (Ad Hoc, Steve Leffert, Chair), Emergency Preparedness (Linda Pruett, Chair), Senior Issues (Linda Pruett, Chair), Public Safety (Jonezy Melroy, Chair), By-Laws (Mark Bower, Chair)

V. Announcements and Reports

LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ron Carter and Local, City, State and Federal Representatives ;

VI. Public Forum – Comments from the public on non-agenda items, issues, announcements and complaints within the jurisdiction of the WVNLBNC. Three minutes per speaker;

VII. Public Comment – Comments from the public on July agenda items limited to 3 minutes per speaker;

VIII. Brief response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

IX. Introduction of new issues for consideration by the Board at its next meeting/requests that items be placed on the next meeting's agenda

Board Business;

X. APPOINTMENTS TO WVNLB NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BOARD; Section 4.05, WVNLBNC By-Laws – Vacant Board Seats: Eligible Stakeholders who wish to be considered for appointment to open Council seats or positions on Standing or Ad Hoc Committees are invited to speak for two minutes. Current seats available on Board are Organizational Stakeholder Representative (1 seat) and At-Large Stakeholder Representative (1 seat). Each Board member is allowed to ask two questions with follow-up per candidate;

XI. NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM/EVENT (Haller) Should the WVNLBNC set aside \$250 to promote a Neighborhood Watch Information event/mixer to be held Wednesday September 20th at a location to be determined? Should the WVNLBNC set aside \$1,000 to subsidize the purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs for new Neighborhood Watch groups in district as an incentive? Should the WVNLBNC set aside \$250 for refrigerator magnets that display the WVNLBNC logo along with phone numbers/direct lines for graffiti and shopping cart removal for distribution throughout district?

XII. CITY COUNCIL FILE NUMBERS (Chery) When city agencies make recommendations for City Council action, their proposals are assigned a "Council File Number" and forwarded to the appropriate Council committee for review. The City Clerk has asked whether the same procedure should apply to Neighborhood Councils. Should the WVNLBNC support this idea?

XIII. AB 1314 BROWN ACT OPEN MEETING REFORM (Haller): Should the WVNLBNC support the modification of the Brown Act as outlined in AB 1314 (Ridley-Thomas)?

XIV. HASKELL AVENUE CONCERNS (Katz): Regarding the current condition of Haskell Avenue, specifically-- 1. Weeds and vegetation on sidewalk and area between curb and property lines on west side of Haskell between Haynes and Arco station; 2. Vehicles, such as buses, trailers, and vans, in which people are living, parked on east side of Haskell, between Victory and Sherman Way, and use of same stretch of Haskell as parking lot for large, 18-wheeler type trucks;

XV. "POTHOLE" SUNDAY (Haller): City services such as tree trimming, pothole fixes, etc. are available to the public during off hours on weekends for the cost of labor. The city provides materials. While potholes are usually fixed within a 48 hour period, many are simply not called in. Should the WVNLBNC sponsor a "Pothole Sunday" for October and budget \$1,000 for the promotion and execution of this activity?

XVI. OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS: Should the WVNLBNC establish a standing Public Works Committee? Who should serve as community liaison and chair? The position of Communications Officer has been vacated. Who should serve as community liaison and chair?

XVII. WVNLBNC MEETING SIGNAGE (Haller): Should the WVNLBNC set aside \$300 for the creation of banners and signs for on-site display at meeting locations?

XVIII. SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION (Haller): A new sidewalk reconstruction plan put forth by the Bureau of Street Services offers stakeholders the opportunity to have their sidewalk repairs made within the fiscal year (as opposed to the 50-year cycle as currently funded) by sharing costs on a 50/50 basis. Average cost to the homeowner is estimated at \$1,300. Should the WVNLBNC, in order to promote this program, set aside \$3,000 in order to subsidize the first ten stakeholders (at \$300 per lot) who sign up for this service?

XIX. Unfinished Business;

XX. Next Meeting of the Board; Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.;

XXI. Adjournment

Please be advised that the Bylaws of the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council provide a process for reconsideration of actions as well as a grievance procedure.

For your convenience, the Bylaws are available on our website: www.wvnlbnc.org
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