

**WEST VAN NUYS/LAKE BALBOA
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING**

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7, 2007
LAKE BALBOA STUDIOS
7412 BALBOA BLVD.
VAN NUYS, CA 91406

MINUTES

Item 1: Call to Order, Welcome, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:40 pm. In attendance: Linda Pruett,- President, Steve Leffert-VP, Clay McFarland-Treasurer, Paul Fabre-Communications Officer, Mark Bower, Bob Katz, Joyce Mackinnon, Luciana Dar, Rosie Saenz. Absent: Lisa Leveen, Shawn Moradian, Moe Mojallal, Teresa & Gabe Pollack. Quorum confirmed.

Item 2: Adoption of Agenda

Adopted as presented with 2 exclusions #'s 9 & 13.

Item 3: Councilman Greig Smith, 12th District

Councilman Smith gave a summary of city budget; art development fees to stay in the community where the fees were collected. Renew LA- converting trash to energy instead of putting in the landfills. Traffic lights to be switched over to high visibility and energy efficient lights within the next 5 years. LA has the highest credit rating of any major city in the nation. WiFi to be implemented in LA. Kids will get to swim free in public pools. Video Conference now available in Van Nuys, instead of driving to downtown to City Hall. The plan is to have 10,184 new police officers by 2010. Money allocated for 73 new officers for Homeland Security, 250 officers in fire department, ambulances updated, established new unit in cold case files with DNA checks of all inmates. Hired 23 inspectors to take down illegal signs and issue fines. Half million dollars into graffiti, street repaving and street cleanup/blacktops. Questions from community included boundaries, name change and photo light enforcement.

Item 4: Reports of Officer

No reports at this time

Item 5: Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives

Officer Ron Carter reported on crime targeted at seniors with water testing scams, call 911 if someone shows up wanting to test water. Don't leave valuables in a car in plain sight. Lock cars and reduce crime and temptation. Identity theft phone calls will ask for security code on credit cards after posing as credit card employee. Graffiti reward (\$1,000), street racing. Officer Carter's #: 731-2554 (East of Valjean), Officer Ham's #: 731-2551 (West of Valjean) Lynda Levitan reported on contract to do tree trimming from Louise to Balboa, Sherman Way to Roscoe. Traffic overlay in industrial area (Woodley to Haskell, Saticoy to Roscoe) prohibits

overnight parking from 2 am to 6 am. Persian Fair, more info to follow. San Fernando Valley Fair moved to Santa Clarita.

Elizabeth Wiessner comments on success of tree planting event, 20 trees planted and 110 trees given away. Earth Day event April 22, 2007, event calendar available.

Item 6: Public Comment- Comments from the Public on NON-AGENDA items, Issues, Announcements

3 Stakeholders spoke during the public comment section with the following comments/concerns... San Fernando Valley Fair, (Board comment re: alcohol at Fair not in initial contract) Van Nuys Airport Citizens Advisory Council meeting March 13th re: redevelopment of Van Nuys Golf course. Left turn arrows at Sherman Way & Balboa, Sherman Way & Louise, Vanowen & Balboa. Board comment re: Sherman Way & Haskell, 3-way signal but no arrow. Elizabeth Wiessner CD#12 made a note and put it on council district project list.

Item 7: Brief Response from Board to Public Comments

No other responses/comments

Item 8: Proposed Name Change-Steve Leffert, Ad Hoc Committee Chair

- a. Board Comment – ongoing issues with pros and cons of name change
- b. Public Comment- 7 in favor, 6 opposed, 1 in favor with modification
- c. Board Discussion
- d. **MOTION**-By Steve Leffert – I move that the WVN/LB NC endorse the report and submit it with the recommendation to the city council.
6 votes In favor, 2 votes Opposed. Motion carried.

Item 9: Report on San Fernando Valley Fair Proposal

This item excluded due to the fact the Fair has moved to Santa Clarita area

Item 10: Election Procedures-Rosie Saenz

Brief reminder re: election date. **MOTION** by R. Saenz – I move that we amend our election procedures with the following available seats: 1 Youth, 2 Business, 3 Residential, 1 Organizational & 1 At-Large. All in favor. Motion Carried

Item 11: Consideration of resolution of support for major expenditure for Awning and Emergency Preparedness Storage Room at Lake Balboa Lifeguard Station – Steve Leffert

Expenditure for awning is hereby removed after meeting with Lifeguard supervisor who indicated it is no longer needed. Resolution by Bill Haller (see attached) asking for support of resolution and a full commitment of \$50,000.

- a. Board comment – it was determined that there is a current budget of \$79,000 with another \$50,000 on July 1st.
- b. Public comment – 2 stakeholders and 1 Emergency Preparedness business person spoke in favor of the above resolution and EP business person would like to help the NC and the community in preparation and supplies. Visit their website @ BRWdiversified.com. Also, comment from stakeholder to also look for gifts and grants to add to our resources.

- c. Board discussion-this motion calls for encumbrance of funds and not expenditure of funds. A full report with cost and recurring cost, location, etc. is to be presented in 90 to 120 days.
- d. **MOTION** –by Steve Leffert- the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council will commit one year’s budget of \$50,000 for an Emergency Preparedness center to be located within the WVNLBNC district. The Emergency Preparedness Committee is hereby directed to return an itemized budget listing costs for location, storage unit, maintenance and equipment within said budget within 90 days. Upon approval from the Board, said committee will then be directed to complete the Emergency Preparedness Center within 90 days.
A roll call vote was cast; 6 yes votes, 1 abstain vote, 1 no vote. Motion carried.

3 members of the board departed, a Quorum no longer available, no further business at 11:34pm.

Item 12: Proposed Development at 17350 Vanowen (corner of Andasol) – Steve Leffert

Item 13: Info on Proposed Project on Victory Blvd across from Birmingham – Paul Fabre

This item excluded .

Item 14: Report on Computer Purchase for Board use – Steve

Item 15: Other Committee Reports

Item 16: Approval of Minutes – Rosie Saenz

Item 17: Unfinished Business

Item 18: The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 7:30 PM Lake Balboa Studios.

Item 19: Adjournment

Minutes submitted by Rosie Saenz – Interim Secretary