

WEST VAN NUYS/LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 6TH, 2007

1. Welcome 7:35

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

Present at 7:35 – Luciana Dar, Elmer Jespersen, Nancy Kane, Steve Leffert, Joyce MacKinnon, Clay McFarland, Bill McRae, Teresa Pollack, Linda Pruett, Lisa Reveen, Rosie Saenz, Sylvia Silva

Present at 7:55 – Paul Fabre

Absent: Shawn Moradian

Minutes approved with corrections (motion to approve made by Rosie Saenz, seconded by Bill McRae)

3. Announcements and Reports

3.a. Officers Carter and Ham (LAPD): there was increase in residential and vehicle burglaries; decrease in violent crimes; National Night Out scheduled for August 7th. There will be citations and arrests for the use of fireworks.

3.b. Lynda Levitan (Councilman's Cardenas Office): June 9th at Branford Park – Arleta - Environmental Awareness Event; Adopt a tree program; there is interest from the Councilman to collaborate in the WVNLB/NC emergency preparedness effort.

3.c. Megan Cottier (Councilman's Smith Office): acknowledgement for WVNLB/NC help with Citrus Sunday

3.d. Rosie Saenz – WVNLB/NC Table at the “Salute to Recreation Family Festival” Event – Winner of the EP Basket selected by drawing (Jerry Galvan); there were other Neighborhood Councils that provided good suggestions and information (outreach, websites, etc); Upcoming Events – Winter Solstice; Suggestion: prepare “goody bags” with the WVNLB/NC logo for marketing/outreach purposes.

3.e. Clay McFarland and Lynda Levitan: Trash Can Project – targeted towards major streets/boulevards; individuals commit to empty them on a regular basis

3.f. Linda Pruett: report on the Emergency Preparedness Resolution /EP motto contest/Possible co-sponsorship of EP Fair with Councilman Cardenas
Forthcoming written report in the month of August
CERT training has been funded for another year

3.g. Steve Leffert – Status on the re-naming procedure: no new information, Mr. Leffert intends to meet Councilman Smith to discuss the issue

4. Public Comment

Mark Sterling, 6853 De Celis Place: complaint about the construction of an apartment complex; parking and traffic issues

Moe Mojallal – witnessed a potential accident between a woman in a wheelchair and a bus due to lack of sidewalks on Balboa Blvd between Sherman Way and Saticoy; Reply from Lynda Levitan: “the city cannot force people to put in sidewalks, this is an issue that must be resolved with the owners of the properties”

5. Brief Response from the Board- We need further investigation on this issue and report back on a later meeting.

6. Possible Sponsorship of National Night Out on August 7, 2007 – SLO David Ham/Linda Pruett

Motion: I move that the West Van Nuys/Lake Balboa NC sponsor up to \$ 150 in food and drink items on the National Night Out

Linda Pruett

Seconded by Bill McRae

Passed Unanimously

7. Widening of Victory Boulevard at Balboa to add Left Turn Lane – Calvin Lew & Paul Meskin, Dept of Transportation, Lance Oishi, Maria Martin, Patricia Araiza and Hector Banuelos, Dept of Public Works, and Mati Laan, Asst. Dist. Engineers

Calvin Lew and Paul Meskin present (attach supporting materials)

Highlights: the WVNLB/NC fought to protect the trees surrounding the affected area and was present in meetings.

Any input from the community can be sent to Lynda Levitan and she will forward it to LADOT.

Motion to support the proposal as presented – Bill McRae

Sylvia Silva seconded and passed (with one dissenting vote by Nancy Kane)

8. Budget preparation – Clay McFarland (see attached proposed budget)

There were committee meetings where there were discussions over possible spending items

Motion: I move to accept the budget as presented – Linda Pruett

Rosie Saenz seconded and passed unanimously

9. Nomination to Board as Youth Representative of Dylan McRae – Rosie Saenz

Motion: I move to nominate Dylan McRae to the WVNLB/NC – Rosie Saenz
Linda Pruett seconded and it passed unanimously

10. Presentation of Developer Brian Nelson for Zone Change/Building of Apartments and Garages at 17610 Sherman Way near White Oak (Public Hearing on June 14th, Marvin Braude Building, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., First Floor Conference Room – 4:30 PM

There was considerable opposition from some of the stakeholders present because of the traffic problems already existing in the area.

Motion: I move to oppose the development as presented, reference 17610 Sherman Way.
Linda Pruett, seconded by Nancy Kane. Passed 11-0

Luciana Dar left at 10:00 PM

11. Site in WVNLB/NC Area for Location of a Future Library – Bill McRae
Motion: I move that the WVN LB NC pursue the placement of a Los Angeles Public Library within our council boundary. Linda Pruett seconded, all in favor.
Paul Fabre left 10:05 PM
Teresa Pollack left 10:10 PM

12. Motion to Support AB 1634 – California Healthy Pets Act of 2007 (a spay/neuter bill) and send a letter of support to State Representatives– Lisa Reveen
Seconded by Linda Pruett
Passed Unanimously

13. Status Reports on Sherman Way Project next to ToysRUs, and proposed development at 17350 Vanowen (Corner of Andasol), and on Victory Blvd. across from Birmingham High School – Rosie Saenz & Shawn Moradian.
Issue was referred for discussion to Land Use Committee

14. New Website and New Monthly Communications item postponed to a special meeting on June 26th at 6:30 PM Lake Balboa Studios. Gwen Wright volunteered as Hospitality Person also as Historian and we as the board accepted those positions.

15. Other Reports – Elmer Jespersen (a member) spoke about Senior Services at One Generation. Steve Leffert spoke about DWP field trip to Owens Valley offered to NC members. Steve to email information for those who might be interested.

16. Unfinished Business - None

17. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Luciana Dar, Secretary
& Rosie Saenz