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Los Compadres Neighborhood Organization Minutes 5:00 PM, Wednesday, April 9, 2025 Demuth Community Center

Advisors Present: Jack McLean, Lew Boxer, Luc Agosta, Michael Kuluva, Martha Richmond, Jim Gray, Victoria Avila; **By Zoom:** Elizabeth Alvarez; **Absent:** Kiza Hilton, Lucas Coe, Michael Taylor

Meeting called to order: 5:05 PM

No guests attended and no public comments were received.

Minutes of March 12, 2025 Board Meeting were approved. A draft of the 2025-20226 Board of Advisors Roster was circulated for updates and corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elizabeth Alvarez reported that the Association earned \$650 from the Annual Meeting raffle and was reimbursed by the city for \$250 of the \$421.84 expenditure for postcards sent to Association homeowners concerning the Annual Meeting. The current balance in the Association account is \$1,668.23, the highest balance in our account since 2016.

The LCNO Board of Advisors received a \$500 donation earmarked for replacing blade signs in the Los Compadres neighborhood. Questions arose as to how the funds should be handled. Should LCNO open a separate checking account to handle blade sign donations? How can LCNO utilize the ONE-PS non-profit status? Could LCNO send acknowledgements for donations from ONE-PS to take advantage of its non-profit status (and thus make donations tax deductible)? A Committee, consisting of Kiza Hilton, Michael Kuluva, Jack McLean, and Elizabeth Alvarez, was formed to explore these questions. Jack will initiate contact with ONE-PS to discuss these questions.

WEBSITE REPORT: Sherman Tam will continue to update the Association website. He will be asked to update the Association's web hosting, see to the SSL expired certificate, and delete the old "Blade Sign Contribution Form" currently on the website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Blade Signs: Jack McLean reported that he had discussed funding for replacement blade signs with Chris Ruetz, Chair of ONE-PS on Tuesday, April 8. Chris Ruetz reported that the Measure J Commission had submitted a scaled-down version to the City Council for funding replacement blade signs with Measure J funds. And there was also discussion among ONE-PS board members to use ONE-PS reserves for funding replacement blade signs. The timeline for consideration for these proposals was not clear.

Assessment of the Annual Meeting of March 15, 2025: General consensus that the 2025 Annual Meeting was a great success: excellent attendance and informative speakers. The food during the social following the meeting needed an upgrade.

Suggestions for future Annual Meetings:

1. Provision of a board with stickies indicating homeowner concerns, ideas, or questions not represented on the meeting agenda. Perhaps this board might be headed: "What are the issues or concerns you have that will not be addressed in today's meeting?"
2. Improve audio equipment. The mic used was not adequate for the meeting.
3. Jim Gray volunteered to draft a letter thanking the donors to the meeting's raffle.
4. Suggestion that neighborhood-branded clothing and items for sale be diversified and upgraded: T-shirts? Logo bags? Key chains?
5. The mailing labels obtained from the City did not include the 44 units of Ridgeview Village. This oversight should be resolved before these labels are used again.
6. Tentative date established for the next Annual Meeting was Saturday, March 14, 2026, providing Demuth Community Center is available and this date does not conflict with the ONE-PS Annual Picnic.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2025 Board will continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM at Demuth Community Center providing Demuth Community Center is available those dates.

Election of Officers was postponed to the next Board Meeting. In addition to the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications Officer, the board will also elect an official representative to the ONE-PS meeting. Advisors are also encouraged to think about specific areas they would like to "lead" in the coming year such as blade signs, Festival of Lights Parade, LCNO socials, LCNO speakers and programs, etc.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 5:00 PM at Demuth Community Center.