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Vice President's Report

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Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex – The Volunteer Neighborhood Oversight Committee continues to meet on this very interesting but not particularly well-publicized proposed project on Balboa Boulevard, just south of Victory where the sod farm is currently located. As you may recall, this concerns the possible building of one or more soccer fields and one or more soft-ball diamonds, along with a parking area, restrooms, equipment storage facilities, bleachers, concession and picnic areas as part of Phase One of the development of this parcel of land just below the newly constructed busway. Funding for this project has already been passed by the voters of Los Angeles, so now it is up to all of us to decide exactly what we want built and how it should look. And tonight I've actually brought something for Show-And-Tell!

On the easel you will see the architect's latest rendition of how the project might look, with phase one (the one we're currently working on) showing one tournament/national competition soccer field with special artificial turf that drains quickly, is easy to play on, and holds up extremely well under very rough treatment. This field would meet regulations for the holding of national tournaments and would probably be considered quite a drawing card for attention on soccer in the San Fernando Valley. In addition, you will note four softball diamonds. It is hoped that these would be specifically for girl's use during the daylight hours, and for adult usage in the evenings. Currently, there are no softball fields devoted specifically to girl's play in the Valley. Phase Two might include additional soccer fields, and tennis and/or basketball courts have been suggested for Phase Three. Phase Four is being talked about as a possible aquatic facility. The next meeting for the Committee has not been set, but will be sometime in late October. If you would like to be notified of this meeting, please leave your name and phone number on the back table on the clip board and I will call you with specifics when we know exactly where and when the meeting will be held.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – This Committee had been scheduled to meet this coming Saturday, with a speaker from the American Red Cross to be our feature of the morning. However, with the chaos that Katrina and Rita have caused, I was told on Monday that no speaker is available for us. Neither will the handout materials I had

requested be here in time for our meeting. Therefore, this Committee will NOT meet this Saturday, but will resume on the first Saturday in November. Stay tuned!

GREAT NEWS!!! WE HAVE AN OFFICE!!! It's located at 14410 Sylvan Street in the newly renovated Van Nuys City Hall Building, now called the Van Nuys Municipal Building on the third floor. Bad news! We don't have keys for it yet!

Good news! The furniture that DONE so graciously donated to us that had been left by another City Department arrived in relatively good shape. Bad news! There isn't room for very much of it – a desk, 3 chairs, a computer table, a book case, 2 filing cabinets, a trash can, two floor pads and a couple in-and-out boxes, and that's about it!

Good news! Our phone is in and our phone number is (818) 374-9883. We have voice mail and you can now leave messages for the Council. Bad News? We haven't assigned anyone to pick up the messages yet, so please be patient. We'll get there! And yes, we eventually hope to have a computer there, and it has been suggested by DONE that we share the purchase of a good copier with the other Neighborhood Councils who will have offices or cubicles on that floor as well.

More Bad News! We were told that some Neighborhood Councils are paying up to \$1300.00 per month for an office. Good news? REALLY GOOD NEWS??? Ours is rent free!!! Bad news? We don't have any parking assigned to us under the building and must park on the street in metered parking. Good news? Our office is rent free!!! More good news??? Eventually the Los Angeles City Council will be having meetings in that building on a regular basis, perhaps quarterly, so we can all get the "ear" of our councilman without having to drive to downtown L.A. Also, both DONE and Councilman Tony Cardenas have offices in that same building.

Eventually we'll have an Office Warming and you'll all be invited to come see our new digs! In the meantime – remember the really great news: **OUR OFFICE IS RENT FREE!!! YAAAAAAAAY, TEAM!!!**