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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 7:30 pm
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

D. Bernardoni	Pres., Residential Representative	P
E. Doxsee	Youth Rep.	P
Sylvia Silva	Residential Rep.	P
Amber Savastio	Communications Officer, Business Rep.	A
Linda Pruett	2 nd VP, EP Committee Chair	P
Ivan Tjoe	Treasurer	A
Steve Leffert	Secretary	P
Clay McFarland	Vice Chair, Business Rep.	A (excused)
Bahman Mojallal (B. Mojallal)	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Elmer Jespersen	Senior Rep.	A
Teresa Pollock	Residential Rep.	P
Allen Nelson	Business Rep.	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Lisa Reveen	Animal Welfare Comm., Organization Rep.	P
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Rep.	P
Bill McRae	Outreach & Marketing Comm. Chair	A (excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the August 5, 2009 Meeting
 - a. Move discussion of agenda item 10 after item #7. **T. Pollock moves to adopt the evening's agenda with amendment. Moe seconds. (10-0-1) Chair abstains.**
 - b. Minutes - T. Pollock's absence was excused. **A. Nelson moves to approve minutes of August 05, 2009. J. Baird seconds. (10-0-1) D. Bernardoni abstains.**
3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
 - a. Lynda Levitan –Rep. from Council Member Cardenas's office –Presents flyers on clean up day on Sept. 19. Food shack clinic will be in Lake Balboa. Fewer clinics in LA County, so expecting high turnout. Concerned about running out of flu shots. Debt Awareness Chair notes that flyer says Van Nuys, not Lake Balboa.
 - b. John Bwarie, CD12– ATM, duress signal....Council member Smith is chair of Public Safety Committee and is researching how to create a safe duress signal to be used by victims of ATM robbery. Go to www.cd12.org for more information.
 - c. Neighborhood Prosecutor for West Valley, Raffy Astvasafoorian- It's quiet crime-wise in this area. It's at a minimum level. Residential and car burglaries are on the rise. Lock the windows and the rear doors and be safe. Camera in Sherman Way Tunnel is up and running.
4. Public Comment
 - a. Announcements on non-agenda items: Raymond Yu

5. Brief response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights
 - a. L. Pruett – LBNC will have booths at Granada Hills Fair on October 3, 10 am-3pm. Paul Shively will be co-chairing event. Assembly member Bloomingfeld had initial goal of setting up emergency preparedness task force. The purpose of task force is to make neighborhood councils an integral part of emergency preparedness in the Valley. Raffy, from the City Attorney's office, is thanked for his help in Canoga Park.
 - b. S. Leffert asks about progress of sign in Sherman Way announcing surveillance.
 - c. D. Bernardoni - No one has taken ethics course online. 2-hour online course. Encourages everyone to do it and get 100% compliance from the board.
6. Discussion regarding an apartment/condo project at 7355-7381 Balboa Blvd. (14 units) – Possible Motion – Bernardoni
 - a. Had meeting with property owner and Councilman Cardenas' office. Ongoing discussion taking place tomorrow at Council member Cardenas' office. CD6 representative will be present at meeting. Should have update at next board meeting. No representatives from the property are present this evening.
7. Discussion regarding proposed cell phone tower at 17231 Sherman Way – Possible motion – Bernardoni
 - a. At last meeting, they approved cell phone tower at Armenian church. Approved it on condition that they moved it to a location 50-70 ft. farther away from the residences to the north. T-Mobil rep. agreed, and church rep. agreed. Waiting to hear about planning hearing. No action taken.
8. Discussion regarding architectural "Welcome to Lake Balboa" signs and Beautification Grant – Possible Motion – Reveen
 - a. Reveen proposes that LBNC work on securing beautification grant for "Welcome to Lake Balboa" signs at the Victory exit on the 405. Could be in three locations around the area. S. Silva suggests concentrating on one location for grant. Come up with something that's around \$10,000 and get matching grant from other locations. Chair asks L. Reveen to put together concrete proposal and bring it before the board at next meeting on October 7.
9. Discussion regarding the graffiti problem on Bull Creek bridges in Lake Balboa / Bellenson Park – Possible Motion – Nelson
 - a. Bridges covered with graffiti. Dept. of Rec. and Parks is supposed to be taking care of graffiti problem. Could consider putting up security cameras. L. Levitan tells council that DRP does clean up the graffiti, but it always returns soon after. Says that more police presence is preferable to installation of cameras. Chair suggests moving item to next month's meeting on October 7.
10. Discussion regarding proposed Conditional Use to permit the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at 16505 Victory Blvd. – Possible Motion - Leffert

Michael Baskovitz – He provided application worksheet. Located at 16505 Victory Blvd. Lived there for 30 years. Converted to food mart and now applying for beer and wine license. Has good relationship with neighbors and customers have requested that he sell beer and wine. Gas

station and food mart is there presently. Will continue to be gas station. Spent \$500,000 to convert to from auto repair to food mart and sell beer and wine.

Council response: L. Pruett and S. Leffert believe that the area has enough liquor stores in the area. L. Pruett objects to the idea of selling alcohol at a fueling station on the grounds that it can encourage drunk driving. Chair, A. Nelson, and S. Silva would prefer to support the permit because it's a local business.

S. Silva moves To support CUP with non-sale of single cans/bottles, no sales of alcohol between midnight and 6 a.m., vigilance against loitering, and no advertising or marketing of sale of alcohol at location. J. Baird seconds. (7-1-2) L. Pruett opposes. E. Doxsee and S. Leffert abstain.

11. Bong Hwan Kim, General Manager of DONE – Introduction – Leffert –

Kim is not present at this meeting. Melvin Cañas of DONE says that Kim would like to wait until the October meeting to have more concrete conversation re: emergency management.

12. Discussion regarding the proposed conversion of all or part of the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Ambulatory Care Center for private sector development – Possible motion – S. Leffert – Council heard a report from representatives at Sepulveda Veterans Administration Ambulatory Care Center at a previous meeting. The reps were interested in converting buildings 4 and 5 into residences for veterans. The residences would be affordable.

S. Leffert found out that there no space for medical care there. Hospital is closed in facility. Building itself is pristine and still could be a viable hospital, at least an outpatient care place. VA hospital in WLA is jam-packed. Cost of conversion to residences is not manageable and much more expensive than creating low-cost units from scratch. Other neighborhood councils have gone on record against the idea of making it into residences and would rather support the idea of making it into a hospital. Chair will call and invite applicants again to get better information.

13. Unfinished Business

- a. Leffert – City clerk and elections – They need to verify boundaries of map, says City Clerk. It's due Sept. 23. S. Leffert filled out form and sent it in because it's due on Sept. 23 before the next meeting on October 7.
- b. Melvin Cañas reminds the council to do self-update on DONE website. The DONE I.T. person will send out link to council members

14. Adjournment

E. Doxsee introduces motion to adjourn. T. Pollock seconds. (10-0-1) Chair abstains.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:26 p.m.