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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 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	2nd VP, EP Committee Chair	P
Ivan Tjoe	Treasurer	A (excused)
Steve Leffert	Secretary	A (excused)
Clay McFarland	Vice Chair, Business Rep.	P
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)

Welcome and Introductions

1. Welcome, Please Sign In
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the September 2, 2009 Meeting  
**C. McFarland moves to adopt agenda. L. Pruett seconds. (10-0-1) Chair abstains. Motion carries.**  
**A. Nelson moves to approve the minutes as corrected. S. Silva seconds. (10-0-1) Chair abstains. Motion carries.**
3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
  - a. Lynda Levitan – H1N1 flu shot will be available at Community Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, October 24, 2009 while supplies last. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Japanese Garden on 6100 Woodley Avenue. San Fernando Children’s Day will be on the 1st of November at

Woodley Park. Budget for CD6 is being cut drastically. Almost no money for events. Only money will go towards public safety threats.

- b. Diana Sanchez from LAWA introduces herself to the council. She will try to attend more council meetings. Chair asks if she can answer noise issue. Go to [www.lawa.org](http://www.lawa.org) and click on web track to make complaint about noises. Chair asks about lease issues with Castle & Cooke. Call 818-909-3529. E-mail is [dsanchez@lawa.org](mailto:dsanchez@lawa.org).
- c. Chair asks all council members if they have filled out DONE's ethics form online. Everyone but Joyce MacKinnon has. Congress of Neighborhood Councils on Saturday, October 10. Budget Day is coming. Chair and C. McFarland will attend.
- d. L. Pruett – Emergency Preparedness event at Lake Balboa Studios on October 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. Ralph Ricketson of Earthquakes Research Affiliates will speak. All local ham radio operators are invited to meeting. Will report to bin at Woodley Lakes Golf Course. Great CA Shakeout is at 10:15 on Oct. 15. Go to [shakeout.org](http://shakeout.org) and register to take part in event. CPR training is available on Saturday, 10/17, at 1:30 p.m. at SOS Training Center located at 15705 Strathern, #11, Van Nuys, CA, 91406. Cost is \$35.

#### 4. Public Comment

- a. *Karen Ostler* - Bought house in Lake Balboa on Kittridge. Loves neighborhood. Neighbor on east side has enormous boat that they park illegally. Worked with Chief Jimmy Price, Sgt. Wright, and others for 9 months to move boat. Tried to speak to neighbor directly to no avail. Proceeding with chain of command to ask to move boat. Owners continually move boat a few inches to avoid parking enforcement. Levitan says that she will send information to CD12 and encourage them to comply. Asks Ms. *Ostler* to send her letters with the history of the case. Levitan asks her to contact Officer Hamm, see if he responds and tell Levitan accordingly. Chair asks Ms. *Ostler* to provide feedback to LBNC.
- b. Announcements by Raymond Yu.
- c. Kenny Ortega – Applauds the work of the council and of Ms. Levitan. The council is efficient and the meeting is welcoming. Commends Moe for the way he led the Persian Festival. It was clean, organized, and well-maintained. Starting aviation club at flyaway on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.
- d. Sharon Brewer – Meeting held tomorrow. Councilman LaBonge is having meeting on the pending changes in Dept. of Recreation and Parks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Citibank building in Los Feliz Blvd. Contact number is 323-660-9207. Drastic changes in number

of rangers and level of service for every ranger come into effect on 10.25.2009. The LB area will not have a ranger. Please write [Kathy.kim@lacity.org](mailto:Kathy.kim@lacity.org) and provide public feedback about the issue.

- e. Glen Bailey – Friends of Lake Balboa – The only meeting in the Valley on the new will be held on Monday, October 26 from 5-7 p.m. at the Braude Constituent Service Center. Please look at proposed maps and provide input at meeting. Re: Friends of Lake Balboa, they will no longer be able to use their current meeting venue. Will no longer receive visits from City employees because of budget cuts. They need to have interaction with the staff to communicate effectively about the lake. Will ask for a motion of support from LBNC to ask for staff support from Friends of Lake Balboa. Chair asks to stay informed and consider doing a joint motion with Encino, if necessary.
  - f. Mr. Rowan: Called to report presence of new graffiti in Van Nuys Airport Tunnel. Who is responsible for cleaning the tunnel? L. Levitan says that. Dept. of Street Services could help if there is enough vandalism. Putting Lake Balboa, the name of this area, in the work literature. Talking to Mapquest to get full recognition.
5. Brief response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights
    - a. Board made no additional responses.
  6. Bong Hwan Kim, General Manager of DONE – Introduction – Bernardoni
    - a. Mr. Kim could not attend. They hope to reschedule.
  7. Discussion regarding October 31st, Halloween event, Peter Marinovich, LA CITY Dept. of Rec. and Parks – Pruett
    - a. 33<sup>rd</sup> straight year of doing Halloween event. Geared towards elementary school kids. Get between 4-500 people to come to event. Accept donations from local businesses. Admission is free. LBNC donated \$500 in the past.  
Questions from the Board:  
Who else do you get donations from? Mr. Marinovich could get donations from Encino NC. The cost of the whole event might be \$1,000. What outlets are there for outreach? Provide banner and a thank you letter. Chair would like to have a booth. T. Pollock volunteers to attend.  
Mr. Marinovich has been asked to shut down gym three weeks in a row to use the location for flu shots.

**L. Pruett moves that LBNC donate up to \$500 for Halloween event for Rec. and Parks Sports Center. C. McFarland seconds. (9-0-2) Chair and E. Doxsee abstain.**

8. Discussion regarding update on architectural “Welcome to Lake Balboa” sign and Beautification Grant – Possible Motion – Reveen

- a. L. Reveen - Sign will be at the exit on Haskell on 405 southbound. Were originally going to have Garfield Landscape and Design. Estimate was almost \$10,000. Original “Welcome to Lake Balboa” sign was about \$5,000. Application is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. LBNC must make decision tonight.
- b. They would like to get beautification grant from city to pay for sign. Moe presents drawings of two different design concepts. The first is more traditional, and the second is more modern. The second concept would be made with stone or with concrete. It can be sanded or sprayed, and it is more difficult to damage than signs made with spray-painted foam. Exterior is made out of steel. Well-set into concrete wall. Chair wonders about the placement. Moe and the designer tried many designs and found the most striking one. Design is modern.

Questions from other committee members: C. McFarland asks L. Reveen if anyone has approved the proposed location for the sign. L. Pruett would like to know the cost of the permit. L. Levitan says that LBNC must make sure that the property is available. It is private property and they need formal written approval. Chair recommends building cushion of \$1,000 for any administrative costs.

LBNC votes on the two concepts proposed by Moe.

First concept – 0

Second concept – 5

C. McFarland recommends approving the general concept of a sign, but S. Silva says they would have to submit photos for the grant. Moe recommends choosing the stronger structure because its appearance can be changed later. The committee can reject the modern design, but they have to make sure that a qualified committee member would be involved in planning the revised design.

Public Comments: One stakeholder would like to see design with palm tree and bird on steel sign. Jim Johnson, who built Encino Tarzana Library, discourages against building a sign with curved steel. Cost increase would be substantial. Praises the concept in the more modern sign of being able to switch plates

S. Silva suggests that someone introduce a motion for the landscaping portion of the design. L. Reveen says that the total would be \$12,275 with the help of \$10,000 from the grant. Landscaping would cost \$9,275. L. Levitan encourages LBNC to think about matching in terms of labor, volunteers, landscaping, not just money.

Motion on concept #2 is contingent on getting grant.

**L. Reveen moves that LBNC allocate \$22,275 towards the sign - \$9,275 for landscaping, \$12,000 for sign, and \$1,000 for administration. T. Pollock seconds. (8-0-3) Chair, Moe, and Evan abstain.**

**Will submit application with concept #2. If LBNC does not receive matching beautification grant, they will start over with the funding process.**

9. Discussion regarding dialogue between school and the council, Mary Ellen Thomas, High Tech Los Angeles – Possible Motion – Bernardoni
  - a. Thomas and Jennifer Sanchez introduce themselves to LBNC. They represent a charter school called High Tech School on Balboa and Victory. 48% of the students are in reduced budget program. Budget for books is down from \$10,000 to \$2,000. Mandate as parents is to try to raise money and to help kids. Invite community and business to attend Monte Carlo Night, a fundraiser on Nov. 21. Tickets are \$35.  
Response from Board: Chair will put the Monte Carlo Night on the LBNC website if the flyers say Lake Balboa, not Van Nuys. J. Baird encourages them to come to Nov. meeting to promote fundraiser.
10. Discussion regarding Persian New Year Festival at Beilenson Park, April 4, 2010 – Possible Motion – Mojallal
  - a. 2010 event – Worked hard to improve upon last year’s event. Parking, ingress and egress, trash pick-up and smoking were among the major problems of last year’s event. Lost \$10,000 last year. Hoping to lose no money this year. Will be going to Friends of Lake Balboa, Encino NC, and will be meeting with Capt. Egan to let everyone know about the event. Police will be present at event. More efficient parking set-up. Extra hand-capped bathrooms. Two entrances, not just one, like last year. Putting no smoking signs in Farsi and English. Making every effort to clean up. Requests a letter of support from the LBNC.  
Public Comment:  
Glen Bailey from Friends of Lake Balboa –Last event planner was difficult to work with, so he is happy that Moe is in charge this year. He would like improved effort to pick up

trash during the event. Last year, overflowing trash bins were a problem. Also need to keep bicycle path clear of cars. Moe says that he is trying to solve with the two entrances.

- b. Kenny Ortega – Any attempt to not feed the birds and to keep them at bay would be good. Moe helped by putting up signs advising not to feed the birds.
- c. Chair asks Moe how he plans to keep the trash bins clear. Will have crew responsible to keep trash bins clear and with trucks stationed to take trash away.

C. McFarland introduces motion that LBNC write letter of support of 2010 Persian New Year Festival. L. Pruett seconds. (8-0-3) Chair, Moe, and Evan abstain. Motion has passed.

11. Discussion regarding DONE asking NC's for help with dispensing Swine Flu vaccine in Oct., Nov., and Dec. – Possible Motion – Pruett

- a. Request from City of LA to help with 3 3-day weekends to administer H1N1 vaccines. LBNC has been asked to help because the events will be held at the Sports Center. Asking for a coordinator for all three days of a given weekend. Also looking for other volunteers. Pruett will commit to a half-day/ whole day for one day each weekend. Asking for volunteers to come and help. A matter of working with logistics, guiding people in and out to help them register and get shots. Tell her tonight or e-mail her later than tomorrow so she can contact DONE. Weekends are Oct 23-25 and Nov 20-22. Not sure of dates for December weekend.

Teresa Pollock can do part of November. L. Pruett urges everyone to check their calendar and let her know their availability.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. L. Pruett's friend is looking for a place to rent in Lake Balboa.

13. Adjournment

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

Meeting is adjourned at 9:46 p.m.