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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 7:00 pm
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

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

1. Welcome, Please Sign In – Meeting opened at 7:06 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting
Jack Baird introduces motion to adopt agenda. Linda Pruett seconds. (8-0-1) Motion passes. Chair abstains.
Steve Leffert introduces motion to approve minutes. Clay McFarland seconds. (7-0-2) Motion passes. Chair and Lisa Reveen abstain.
3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members, and Others, Committee Reports
 - a. Lynda Levitan, field member from CM Cárdenas’ office – Provides updates regarding upcoming events and assistance for neighborhood watch groups.
 - b. Chair – Update on upcoming neighborhood council elections.
 - c. Linda Pruett – Update regarding emergency preparation and upcoming CPR first aid class and other emergency preparedness classes.
 - d. Officer Saul Paredes - Updates on management of Persian New Year Festival. Increases in auto theft and residential burglaries.
4. Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items
 - a. Glenn Bailey – Thanks for publicizing clean-up taking place this Saturday and Valley Water Expo. Announces other upcoming events and meetings.
 - b. Rachel Orland – Promotes upcoming Relay for Life race raising funds to fight cancer.
 - c. Lynda Levitan, as stakeholder – Expresses her great sadness about recent discriminatory behavior. Sylvia Silva, Clay McFarland, Linda Pruett, and Chair respond to her statements.
5. Motion to allocate money to the North Valley Emergency Preparedness Team in support of Shakeout event on October 2, 2010 – Motion - Pruett

Linda Pruett moves:

“that LBNC allocate up to \$750 for our participation in the Shakeout event (sponsored by the North Valley Emergency Preparedness Team) of October 2, 2010.”

Sylvia Silva seconds.

VOTE: Approved (8-0-1). Chair abstains.

6. Motion to allocate money to the Relay for Life event at Birmingham High School on June 5-6, 2010 – Motion - Bernardoni

Motion by Steve Leffert:

“that LBNC sponsor the Relay for Life up to \$500 specifically for tables , chairs, booths, or canopies.”

Clay McFarland seconds.

VOTE: Approved (6-0-3) Allen Nelson, Lisa Reveen, and Chair abstain.

7. Discussion regarding the Valley Fair to be held at Birmingham High School from June 17 – 20, 2010 – Possible Motion – Bernardoni

David Honda speaks about the Valley Fair. About 700 parking spaces available for the event. Should be sufficient for the event. Event is funded by the state. Hours are from 4-9 p.m. on Thursday, 4-10 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday. Free entry for the children on Thursday. \$5 for adults. \$4 for ages 11 and over. No car show. Trying to get petting zoo. Mostly carnival rides and food vendors. LBNC can have a booth at the event.

Mr. Honda takes questions and comments from stakeholders Linda Schwering and Glenn Bailey.

LBNC would like the fair information to advertise the event as taking place in Lake Balboa, not Van Nuys. In order to avoid traffic problems, there should be no other event scheduled on those days. The spaces should be available for parking. Encourages fair organizers to advertise availability of public transportation on the Orange Line.

NO MOTION

8. Motion to support the Soledad Canyon High Desert, California Public Lands Conservation and Management Act of 2009 – Motion – Leffert

Motion by Steve Leffert:

“that LBNC support HR4332 and complete the supporter form as an organization and send it to the appropriate authorities.”

Clay McFarland seconds.

Vote: Approved (8-0-1). Chair abstains.

9. Motion to oppose DWP rate fee increases without neighborhood council input – Motion – Leffert

Motion by Steve Leffert:

“Whereas the latest LADWP proposed electric rate increase was to promote renewable energy, reduce the carbon footprint, and create green jobs,

And whereas the proposed DWP rate increase was for 37% over the next four years,

And whereas the electric rates would have increased 9-28% beginning soon,

And whereas the proposed rate increases were never sent to the Neighborhood Councils for review and advise,

And whereas the DWP has historically transferred large sums of money to the city's general fund and had promised to transfer a total of \$230 million this year,

And whereas the DWP was to transfer \$73 million to the deficit strapped LA City general fund,

And whereas the City Council initially approved a 4.5% increase,

And whereas the LADWP then countered with a proposed 5.7% increase,

And whereas the City Council rejected that increase,

And whereas the LADWP has now breached its commitment to transfer cash, as it does each year, from its account to the city's general fund,

And whereas the LADWP has not made efforts to reduce its costs by means of negotiating with its employees salary reductions or furlough days,

I, therefore move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council communicate via letters/email to Mayor Villaraigosa and our City Council representatives Tony Cárdenas and Greig Smith, and the rest of the L.A. City Council:

- **to oppose any electric rate increases until the LADWP has cut its own budget by at least 10%**
- **that those savings be transferred to the city's general fund**
- **that any increase in electric rates be earmarked expressly for replacing coal fired power stations with renewable sources of electrical energy including, but not limited to wind, solar voltaic, and geothermal.**
- **that the Mayor be asked to replace the members of the DWP Board with members who would not hold the City hostage over the \$73 million that was promised and would see to the cuts in DWP internal costs via negotiated pay reductions and/or furlough days.”**

Lisa Reveen seconds.

VOTE: Approved (8-0-1) Chair abstains.

10. Unfinished Business

Linda Pruett – LBNC Emergency Preparedness meeting is this Saturday, April 10, at 9 a.m. at the Flyaway on the second floor. Everyone is welcome.

Chair - For upcoming LBNC elections, there are no applicants for three business representative positions or the at-large position. Encourages local business owners to apply as write-in candidates.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Clay McFarland to adjourn.

Jack Baird seconds.

VOTE: Approved (9-0-1). Chair abstains.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.