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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday August 4, 2010, 7:00 PM  
Lake Balboa Studios  
7412 Balboa Blvd.  
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Dave Bernardoni	Residential Rep. President	P
Vacant	Residential Rep.	A
Sylvia Silva	Residential Rep.	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruett	Residential Rep. 2nd Vice-President	P
Allen Nelson	Business Rep. Communications Officer	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep. Secretary	P
Ivan Tjoe	Residential Rep. Treasurer	A
Lisa Reveen	Organization Rep.	P
Elmer Jespersion	Senior Rep.	A
Clay McFarland	Business Rep. 1st. Vice-President	P
Teresa Pollock	Business Rep.	P
Bill Haller	Business Rep.	P**
Evan Doxsee	Youth Rep.	P
Bahman Mojallal	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Bill McRae	At-Large Elected Rep.	A
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Rep.	A
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P**
Linda Schwering	Residential Rep.	P *
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep.	P *
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P *
Roger Ortiz	At-Large Elected Rep.	P **
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep.	P*

\*Newly elected and installed at the beginning of the meeting

\*\*Appointed during the meeting to fill vacant position

1. Welcome, Please Sign In

Chair calls meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the July 7th, 2010 Meeting.

a. **Allen Nelson mentions a correction to last meetings minutes, a typo that should be “he” not “she.”**

b. **Steve Leffert moves to adopt agenda, Allen Nelson seconds. (10-0-0) Chair abstains. Agenda is approved.**

3. Swearing in of newly elected Board members by Councilman Tony Cardenas.

a. The Council seats that are leaving are: Clay Mcfarland, Ivan Tjoe, Bill McRae, Teresa Pollock, Elmer Jespersen, Amber Savastio (resigned), Silvia Silva, Joyce MacKinnon, Bahman Mojallal (Moe)

b. The New Council to join are: Cynthia Weichelt, Carl Schwering, Linda Schwering, Ruth Doxsee

c. Councilman Tony Cardenas swears in the new members by asking them to raise their right hand, and to take the oath to represent and serve their neighborhood. Closing “You are duly sworn in.” Council member Cardena’s then thanks everyone for having a quorum.

4. **Dave Bernardoni** thanks Councilman Cardenas, and tells of the other council seats that are vacant. (3 business stakeholder seats, 2 At Large Representative positions.) 5 positions total. He is corrected that there is also on Elected At-Large seat vacant..

a. Lisa Reveen introduces a Motion to nominate Sylvia Silva to At Large Appointed Representative Seat. Linda Pruett seconds. Sylvia accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (11-0-0)

b. Linda Pruett introduces a Motion to nominate Bill Haller to At Large Business Seat. Carl seconds. Bill accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (10-0-0)

c. Cynthia Weichelt introduces a Motion to nominate Theresa Pollock to Business Stakeholder Seat. Allen Nelson seconds. Theresa accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (10-0-0)

d. Steve Leffert introduces a Motion to nominate Clay Mcfarland to Business Stakeholder Seat. Jack Baird seconds.

Clay accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (10-0-0)

e. Lisa Reveen introduces a Motion to nominate Frank Ahn to Stakeholder at Large Seat Appointed. Evan Doxsee seconds.

Frank accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (10-0-0)

f. All 5 new Council board members are sworn in.

5. Dave Bernardoni thanks all of the board members including Pruett, Leffert, Haller and others, and then motions to nominate for the President’s position, as outside obligations will not allow him to continue as president.

a. Steve Leffert introduces a Motion to nominate **Clay Mcfarland to President**. Mcfarland states his interest, as long as the board understands his availability is after 5pm. A vote is taken. (15-0-0) in favor of Clay Mcfarland as the new president of LBNC. Clay McFarland accepts.

b. Teresa Pollock introduces a Motion to nominate **Dave Bernardoni to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Seat**. Clay seconds. Dave accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (15-0-0)

c. Linda Pruett introduces a Motion to nominate **Lisa Reveen to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Seat**. Sylvia Silva seconds. Lisa accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (15-0-0)

d. Linda Pruett introduces a Motion to nominate **Linda Schwering to Treasurer Seat**. Jack Baird seconds. Linda accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (15-0-0)

e. Lisa Reveen introduces a Motion to nominate **Frank Ahn to Secretary Seat**. Ruth Doxsee seconds. Steve Leffert explains the bylaws and duties of the secretary; including taking and distributing minutes, addresses and email records and certificates that need to be filed. Frank accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (10-0-0)

f. Steve Leffert introduces a Motion to nominate **Allen Nelson to Communications Officer Seat**. Sylvia Silva seconds. Allen accepted the nomination and was approved by the board (15-0-0)

**g. All are new board members are sworn in. The new President Clay McFarland switches seats with now 1<sup>st</sup> VP Dave Bernardoni. Clay resumes the meeting.**

6. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, (no report), Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board, Members and Others, Committee Reports

**a. Lynda Levitan:-** Mentions the upcoming Coastal Clean up day presentation, and for everyone to please consider volunteering for the September 25<sup>th</sup> clean-up in the Dam Basin. The Health Fair is October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Japanese Gardens/Tillman area. There will be a business enterprise zone in the area surrounding the Van Nuys Airport.

**b. Linda Pruett:**, Announces her daughter and granddaughter who are visiting. She makes mention of a print out that is available on the table of emergency supplies, and earthquake preparedness. 8/14 from 9a-7pm is the Pet Humane Society – and Red Cross “Take care of your pets day,” for \$40. She encourages everyone to register. September 11 is the next EP meeting.

**c. Teresa Pollock** – speaks about the Councilman Smith Cabinet meeting she attended on 7/14 re: the sidewalks and trees. The DWP would like a Board member on their board, and that Libraries in L.A. will be closed on Sunday’s and Monday’s due to budget cuts.

**d. Steve Leffert** –Notes that there isn’t any state money for Lake Balboa signs on the freeway. Our planned sign at Haskell and Haynes should be put on hold as CalTrans will be doing a study for improvements to that intersection, per Assemblymember Blumenfeld’s office, and we should wait until they determine what will happen as a result of the study.

**e. Clay Mcfarland** –Notes that Financial statements will be available soon. Reports are always accessible at: [Lacityneighborhoods.com](http://Lacityneighborhoods.com)

7. Public Comment

**Glenn Bailey** – He mentions that someone ran over 25 chairs at the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park. They would like someone from LBNC on their park advisory board.

8. Reconsideration of a motion for support of the conditional use to permit for the Ralphs Gas Station hours of operation.

a.. Dave Bernardoni states that earlier today Glenn Bailey sent over an email that for a motion to be reconsidered our LBNC by-laws state it needs to be brought up at the next meeting.

Bernardoni states that Glenn's interpretation is reasonable, but there are other interpretations and ways of bring up a motion, such as new information.

**b. Bill Haller:** mentions that there is new information, that some stakeholders in the vicinity didn't get notice of the hearing

**c. Dan Skolnick,** Planning Deputy for CD 6 mentions changes proposed by Ralphs.

**d. Steve Leffert** reads the motion from February 2 to support the proposed CUP for the gas station even though it is unmanned during certain hours.

**e. Glenn Franklin: Manager at Ralphs supermarket** introduces how Ralphs would now like to be considered to open 1 hour earlier, at 6:00am – and closing at 11:00pm, instead of being 24 hours.

**f. Bill Haller asks:** How far will people travel to go to the new gas station, as isn't there a gas station, at "Food 4 Less" at Woodley?

**g. Valerie Craig speaks** – She is a neighbor who lives 4 houses from the gas station.

Another Neighbor speaks – She doesn't know where they got their traffic study, as there are only 3 lanes on Louise.

**h. Dave Bernardino** mentions that he isn't comfortable with a new motion- but the new motion could be that they want to open now at 6:00am.

**i. Bill Haller** – speaks as to why he is opposed to **considering the Ralphs Gas Station.**

**j. Bill Haller** introduces a **Motion to oppose any CUP for the proposed Ralph's gas station at Saticoy and Louise.** Sylvia Silva seconds.

**k. Dave Bernardoni** – says that he would not vote on Bill's motion.

**l. Linda Schwering** – says that she would like to see if they consider an electric recharging station.

**m. Linda Pruett** – says that she would like to see reports of how much more air pollution the gas station will cause.

**n. Dave Bernardoni** – asks Daniel about the process Ralphs asked the zoning administration.

**o. Daniel Skolnick CD 6** – reminds everyone about the issue that is before them, and the ministerial acts that will be voted on outside of LBNC.

**p. Bill Haller** – Continues with his motion, and wants to oppose the CUP. Motion passes (9-3-3) Bernardoni, Reveen, Carl Schwering abstains.

9. **Bill Haller asks item 9 on the agenda to be moved to after item 13, as there is a presentation that needs to take place.** Item 9 is moved after item 13 on the agenda.

10. Presentation regarding September 25, 2010 Coastal Clean Up Day.

- a. Melissa from “Heal the Bay” explains how debris from the streets and city continues to litter beaches and marine life. She shows posters of fish and other animals that ingest plastic bags that litter the beaches and storm drains. She closes by asking everyone to participate in Coastal clean up day, on September 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00pm.

11. **Evelyn Cortez Davis** is an Engineer with LADWP’s recycled water initiatives and groundwater replenishment program. She presents a power point presentation that details LA’s water supply dangers, and how 85% of our water comes from somewhere else, as well as the continued danger of groundwater contamination. She states that only 1% of water gets recycled. LADWP would like to implement a program at the “Tillman Water Plant” similar to the successful one in Orange County – that has successfully recycled water. Ms. Cortez suggests the LADWP is interested in having 1 person from LBNC on their advisory board, and to consider nominating someone.

Lisa Raveen volunteers as does Ruth Dorse. Linda Pruett introduces a **Motion to nominate Lisa Raveen as the primary and Ruth Dorse as the alternate to the recycled water advisory group of LADWP. Bill McRae seconds.** Lisa accepts the nomination as primary, and Ruth Dorse accepts as alternate to Lisa Raveen. **Passes with a unanimous vote.**

12. Discussion regarding proposed Van Nuys Golf Course lease.
  - a. **Dave Bernardoni** presents a hand out of The Board of Commissioners report, filed June 7, 2010 for the Van Nuys airport refurbishment, but proposes renaming the Van Nuys Golf Course, to **The Lake Balboa Golf Course.**
  - b. **Bill Haller** introduces a motion to highly recommend VNGMP, LLC upon the acquisition rename The Van Nuys Golf Course, to The Lake Balboa Golf Course. Ruth Dorse seconds. Dave Bernardoni will make a few calls to LAWLA to engage discussions in these efforts. Motion passes 11-0

**Public Comment: (Glenn Bailey ENCINO CITY COUNCIL)** discusses the terms of the lease should have been, in principle, be brought to the neighborhood council before going to LAWA.

13. Request for support of the single-Use Bag reduction Act (AB 1998) (A bill before the California legislature to reduce plastic bags in our landfills)
  - a. A motion is introduced by Bill Heller to **support the passage of the Single-Use Bag Reduction Act (AB 1998).**
  - b. Dave Bernardoni raises the question if this item should be supported by LBNC, as it is an act that will have to be voted on by State Senators.
  - c. Bill Heller suggests that as a neighborhood council, LBNC’s position is important.
  - d. The motion is voted upon and passes (10-0).
9. Item #9 is now presented. Reconsideration of the July 7, 2010 motion to support, with conditions, the full liquor license request for the Circle K store at Sherman Way and Woodley.
  - a. **Bill Haller** states that he believes in this instance, that LBNC should protect the middle class who are doing good in the neighborhood, and eliminate the 2 for 1 (net reduction) requirement.
  - b. **Dave Bernardoni** asks if it is a conflict that Frank is now on the board, to vote on this item.
  - c. **Linda Schwering** states that her understanding of item #9 was to eliminate some of the restrictions.
  - d. **The Chair motions for a vote. Steve Leffert restates the motion:** Moved by Bill Haller, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ **To support the request for a full line alcohol conditional use permit for Circle K on the condition that there be improvements to the facade of the property exterior lighting and landscaping. A vote is taken (3-6-0) The motion does not pass.**

14. Approval of financial statement is postponed to a special meeting. Moe discusses financial statements, and makes a note on record that he hasn't been given any special favors or considerations.

15. Unfinished Business

- a. Clay McFarland mentions The LANCC Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Clay is appointed as a representative for LBNC, but mentions an alternate is needed once a month 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. No-one volunteers.
- b. Motion to Nominate Roger Ortiz to fill the last seat "At Large Elected Position." Clay McFarland introduces motion. Bill Haller seconds. (14-0-0 votes approve motion.) Roger Ortiz is sworn in, and appointed to the At Large Elected Seat.
- c. Dave Bernardoni presents a resolution to provide DONE with a list of new officers. Dave would send it to DONE. Steve Leffert seconds. (13 -0 approved)

16. Adjournment Motion to Adjourn at 10:59 PM