

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2008
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Dylan McRae	Youth Representative	P
Nancy Kane		P
Sylvia Silva		P
Teresa Pollock		P
Linda Pruett	Second Vice-President	P
Steve Leffert	President	P
Bill McRae	First Vice-President	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer	P
Elmer Jespersen		A
Gwen Wright		A
Lisa Reveen		P
Joyce MacKinnon		P
Paul Fabre		A
Luciana Dar		A
Shawn Moradian		A

1. Welcome – 7:40 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2008 Meeting
 - Adoption of agenda with slight change, to move item 9 to # 6 and move 6-8 down one place: Clay McFarland introduces a motion to adopt the agenda. Joyce MacKinnon seconds. Passes unanimously.
 - Approval of minutes: Clay McFarland introduces a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Pruett seconds. Passes unanimously
3. Announcements and Reports were given by Captain Miller, Dave Ham SLO, Saul Paredes, Gil Vizcarra, Lynda Levitan, Megan Kottier
 - Captain Miller of LAPD introduces Saul Paredes, the new senior lead officer taking over Ron Carter’s position. Paredes gives out his e-mail address – 35275@lapd.lacity.org. Gil Vizcarra, General Services Police Dept. gives out his contact information. His phone number is 213-305-9223, and his e-mail address is gildardo.vizcarra@lacity.org. Dave Ham gives out his contact information: 731-2551.
 - Megan Cottier, representative from Councilman Greg Smith’s office, announces the upcoming Citrus Sunday event on April 6 from 9 AM to 3

PM. She asks the LBNC to consider supporting the event in exchange for outreach on the event's literature.

- Lynda Levitan announces the self defense workshop on March 22 and the pet fair in Woodley Park on May 24. She announces the completion of the air operations at the airport; there will be a grand opening at Van Nuys Airport.

- Linda Pruett gives information on the Emergency Preparedness Fair. She expects 2000 people to attend the event. She will be working with Steve Wardlaw, stakeholder and president of San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, on communications.

- Steve Leffert gives information on the Lake Balboa NC elections. Anyone interested in serving needs to enter the running by March 13. The elections will be on April 12. Jerry Kovasnika, independent election administrator, can provide more information. He will need volunteers to help with the elections.

- Clay McFarland – LANCC Report – The LANCC will take part in an event celebrating volunteers at the Rose Bowl. It is from 11 AM to 5 PM on April 27. Those interested in taking part in the clean money program can contact Judy Brantman. Her e-mail address is judy@caclean.org, and her number is 310-481-0814.

- Steve Leffert – The neighborhood council is looking to rent a small office, costing no more than \$600/month including utilities. There are free "Watch the Road" signs available to the public at the meeting.

- Bill McRae – Outreach/Marketing Report –He encourages present stakeholders to invite friends and neighbors to attend the meetings. He describes the upcoming Beautiful Homes Contest in the spring. To nominate a home, call 818-780-3920, ext. #4.

4. Public Comments –

- Announcements from Raymond Yu
- Glen Bailey tells the board that they can have a phone line and voice mail without having an office.

5. Brief Response of Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.

No comments.

6. Motion on funding outdoor benches at Birmingham High School Student Pick-Up Area – Silva

- Sylvia Silva moves that the LBNC approve the expenditure of NC funds towards 6 Gillette series benches and 6 trash receptacles from Pilot Rock for \$11,613. Linda Pruett seconds.

VOTE: 8 -0-1 Motion passes.

Clay asks Marsha Coates, Principal of Birmingham HS to contact him when they begin to purchase the benches. She agrees.

7. Motion to approve purchases of new banners for Lake Balboa NC – B. McRae
 - Bill McRae introduces a motion to set aside up to \$500 towards LBNC banners. Lisa Reveen seconds.

VOTE: 7-0-1 Motion passes.

8. Motion to approve expenditure for an ad in a local newspaper for outreach – B. McRae
 - Bill McRae introduces a motion to set aside up to \$500 for the purchase of an advertisement in a local newspaper. Linda Pruett seconds.

VOTE: 8 -0-1 Motion passes.

Discussion: The board considers placing an ad in the Daily News, in the L.A. Times, on the Daily News website, or on Channel 35. They also consider working with other neighborhood councils to pool funds for a larger advertisement.

9. Motion to approve expenditure of funds towards the June 7th Emergency Preparedness Fair – L. Pruett
 - Linda Pruett introduces a motion that the LBNC allocate up to \$1500 towards the purchase of emergency preparedness kits for the emergency preparedness fair held in conjunction with CD6's office on June 7. Lisa Reveen seconds.

VOTE: 7-0-1 Motion passes.

10. Motion on funding Landscaping on Balboa Blvd. "median" south of Saticoy St. – Silva
 - Nancy Kane asks to table the motion. Joyce Mackinnon seconds.

VOTE: 6-0-0 Motion tabled.

11. Motion on LANCC Charter Revision – McFarland
Background:

The primary mission of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Congress (LANCC) is intended to enhance the ability of certified NC's throughout the city to have their voices heard on issues of citywide importance and is

not intended to usurp the role of individual NC's position on any issue. The original LANCC charter can be found on the LANCC website at LANCCCONGRESS.org. In addition, you can also find there a list of 40 NC members, events, minutes, elected officers, and other information.

The LANCC Charter Committee has been working over the last couple of months on the modifications to the original charter and has approved the LANCC Revised Charter. It is important to note that the original Mission Statement and Core Principles section (Article 1) of the Charter are essentially unchanged. Other minor changes and updating were made to Articles 2 and 3.

Major Revisions to the Charter:

A poor choice of terms in the original Charter language has contributed to confusion. For example, many stakeholders believe the term "Senator" gives the authority to that individual to vote on a citywide issue for his NC without specific approval by the NC board he represents. This was not intended by the original charter.

The term "Congress" is also confused by some with the Congress of NC's that has been organized over the last few years by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

The primary changes made to Charter are to clear up this confusion and improve the understanding of the LANCC functions.

Motions:

1. Change the word "Congress" to "Coalition"

One of the considerations was to choose a word that started with the letter "c," thereby not having to change LANCC. The organization is now "Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition."

2. Change the term "Senate" to "Board of Delegates."

3. Change the term "Senator" to "Delegate."

In addition the Charter Committee recommended the following:

4. Add seven "District Representatives" from each planning area to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee, which consists of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, has been expanded from 4 to 11 members. This should provide more opportunity for new stakeholders from around the city to help with the responsibilities of the organization and participate in the management of the LANCC.

5. Include an accelerated method for recognizing NC delegates to participate in the LANCC. (See section 3c of the revised charter.)

Section 3c reads as follows:

The only requirement for voting at a LANCC meeting by a delegate is a communication from the President/chair of the NC Board to the LANCC chair or other officer who may be designated for that purpose, stating the name of the stakeholder that will represent his/her NC.

•Clay McFarland introduces a motion that the LBNC ratify the charter revisions as stated in the document created on February 25, 2008. (A copy of the document precedes the motion in these minutes.) Bill McRae seconds.

VOTE: 7-0-1 Motion passes.

12. Motion on support for the DWP MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) Oversight Committee Resolution of January 5, 2008 – B. McRae

Text of letter:

“Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils LA DWP Memorandum of Understanding Oversight Committee

Resolution regarding proposed LA DWP rate actions for 2008 -10

At its duly noted general membership meeting on January 5, 2008, the NC LA DWP Oversight Committee, representing 74 neighborhood councils, moved, seconded, and unanimously approved the following resolution:

- a. whereas city charter section 266a requires an industrial, economic, and administrative I.E.A. survey of proprietary departments be completed at least every five years, and
- b. whereas the LA Department of Water and Power is such a proprietary department, and
- c. whereas the last such LA DWP I.E.A. survey was completed in 2002, and
- d. whereas the mayor, comptroller, and council, as required by the city charter, have not ensured the timely completion of the required I.E.A. survey by November 2007
- e. therefore, be it resolved that the NC LA DWP Oversight Committee request that the city council ensure the expeditious completion of said I.E.A. survey and that the city council not approve any LA DWP rate increase actions until the information and recommendations of the I.E.A. survey can be considered by the mayor, comptroller, and general public so as to allow all to make informed decisions.”

Steve Leffert would write the following letter in response:

“Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

March 5, 2008

To: Councilman Tony Cárdenas and Councilman Greg Smith

From: Steve Leffert, President of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

Subject: Implementation of the NC LA DWP Oversight Committee Resolution

The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council requests that Councilman Tony Cárdenas and Greg Smith implement the attached NC LA DWP MOU Oversight Committee Resolution. The resolution asks that the city council not approve any proposed LA DWP rate increase until the completion and review of the chartered and mandated LA DWP Industrial, Economic, and Administrative Survey. We appreciate your sincere consideration of our request.”

- Bill McRae introduces a motion to approve Steve Leffert’s letter and resolve to oppose the DWP rate increase. Linda Pruett seconds.

VOTE: 8-0-0 Motion passes unanimously.

13. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.