

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 6, 2008
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Evan Doxsee	Youth Representative	A
Teresa Pollock	Residential Representative	P
Sylvia Silva	Residential Representative	P
Amber Savastio	Business Representative	A
Linda Pruett	Second Vice-President	P
David Bernardoni	President, Residential Representative	P
Bill McRae	Outreach and Marketing Committee Chairperson	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer, Business Representative	P
Elmer Jespersen	Senior Representative	P
Shawn Moradian	Business Representative	A
Lisa Reveen	Organizational Representative	P
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Representative	P
Steve Leffert	Secretary, Organizational Representative	P
Ivan Tjoe	First Vice President, Residential Representative	P

1. Welcome, Please Sign In

David Bernardoni opens the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the July 2, 2008 Meeting

a. **Linda Pruett introduces a motion to adopt the agenda.**

MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY CLAY MCFARLAND

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

b. **Bill McRae introduces a motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2008 with some corrections.**

MOTION BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY IVAN TJOE

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports

- i. LAPD – Officer Paredes: He thanks them for their support for the National Night Out. In the 6500 block at Dempsey, there was an incident. Someone was arrested. He

introduces Officer Garcia, who has been on the job for 6 months. Officer Garcia thanks them for their support.

ii. Joyce MacKinnon: Lisa Reveen, Joyce, and Justin attended the Make-a-Difference Committee. Joyce explains that the group's purpose is to improve the conditions at Lake Balboa. It is recommended that they have more speed bumps on the area. An observer saw someone in a truck driving quickly through the area with a tree tied down on the edge of the bed. People are also off-roading at night. If there were fewer entrances and more speed bumps, this behavior might cease. The meeting for the Make-a-Difference committee is at the main building of the Recreation and Parks in Woodley Park on August 21 at 6 p.m.

iii. Bill McRae: For the "Capture Lake Balboa contest," anyone can submit photos of Lake Balboa for the contest. The winning images will be on the 2009 Lake Balboa community calendar. They will also accept drawings or paintings. Submit your entry online (www.lakebalboanc.org) or call at 818-779-9026. Please submit the image by October. You will have to sign a release form for your image. Steve Leffert would prefer digital images. It is possible to submit physical photographs. They can be mailed in.

b. Executive Committee Report

i. Future nomination of at-large stakeholder representatives onto the board

1. The board would like to appoint Bahman Mojalcal (Moe) as an at-large member of the board.

a. Clay McFarland introduces a motion to appoint Bahman Mojallal (Moe.)

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY IVAN TJOE

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of motion

b. David Bernardoni invites others to submit their names for one at-large, one residential, and one business representative position.

ii. Introduction of future adoption of new standing rules

1. Clay McFarland says that many of the rules they want to change will require changes to the bylaws.

iii. Formation of new LBNC committees

1. David Bernardoni says that the board is working on this item and that there will be more news at the next meeting.

c. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Linda Pruett

i. Storage containers

1. The storage containers have locations. One will be at Stagg Street School, and the other will be at Woodley Lakes Golf Course.
2. There will be CERT training on Sunday, September 28 and Sunday, October 5

ii. "Shake-up Call" – CERT Training

1. There will be a mock earthquake drill on November 13, 2008. Go to www.shakeout.org for more information.

iii. Communications Committee – Free Ham Radio Training

1. The next Communications Committee meeting is on Monday, August 11 at the Fly Away.
2. HAM radio classes will begin on September 11. The classes are free. The classes will be at 7:30 p.m. at Northridge Hospital.
3. Bill McRae asks the stakeholders to suggest names of organizations that would benefit from outreach on emergency preparedness.

d. Sylvia Silva

i. Update regarding Birmingham H.S. Student Benches

1. They have ordered the benches and trash bins. They will be installed by the beginning of the next school year. There will be a dedication ceremony. Stakeholders will be invited. The dates are not firm. There will be a plaque on the bench indicating the LBNC's donation.

ii. Update regarding Balboa/Saticoy Median beautification projects

1. Lynda Levitan had the trees donated. The contractor will select drought-tolerant trees. The landscaping should be finished by late September.

4. Public Comment

- a. Raymond Yu: On August 17, Sunday, the Nisei Week Parade begins at 5 p.m.
- b. Michelle Lopez – She lives on Genesta. There are no speed bumps on the road where she lives. She has petitioned with the city to get speed bumps. There have been three car accidents on the road due to speeding. Also, the parking spaces in her area are filled with tour buses, the cabin of an 18-wheeler.
- c. Bahman Mojallal (Moe) – The speed bumps will only slow down emergency vehicles. It will not slow down the people who want to speed. The emergency trucks have to go slowly over the bumps. He suggests pushing for neighborhood watch.
- d. Justin Bonny, stakeholder: He got speed bumps put a neighborhood in West Hills. He says that speed bumps will help slow down people at night. The drop-out rate at Birmingham High School is high. He would like the Lake Balboa area to have a library.
- e. Karl Schwering – He has a military half-track running down his street. Someone with a machine gun is on top of the track. He is on Paso Robles.

5. Brief Response from Board to Statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights
 - a. In response to Michelle Lopez, Steve Leffert suggests talking to Lynda Levitan to see why they would not put up speed bumps. Her number is 778-4914. He suggests contacting Dave Ham about the bus in the driveway. His number is 731-2551. David Bernardoni offers to give Ms. Lopez signs asking people to slow down.
 - b. In response to Karl Schwering, Ivan Tjoe thinks that it might be a part of National Guard exercises. Linda Pruett suggests contacting Brad Sherman.
6. Possible Election of new Communications Officer – Bernardoni
 - a. Amber Savastio has to resign. The members of the board need to step up, and David Bernardoni will keep the item on the agenda.
 - b. The members of the board ask the stakeholders to contribute with communications any way they can.
7. Discussion regarding SB1818 relating to affordable housing for low-income families – Possible Motion – McFarland
 - a. SB1818 is state legislation that was passed to give developers incentive to provide affordable housing. The developers get a density bonus. The city has an enabling ordinance 179681. Go to www.lacity.org for more information about it. The ordinance could allow developers to receive the density bonus without meeting the need for low-income housing. Clay McFarland passed out an article about the legislation, and he is still gathering information. He will e-mail the actual motion for next meeting.
8. Discussion regarding purchase of cloth grocery store bags with LBNC logo - McFarland
 - a. The LBNC can pass out cloth grocery bags. LBNC could set up a table at a grocery store. In exchange for signing up on the mailing list, they can get a bag. Clay McFarland is researching possible ordering options.
9. Discussion regarding proposed self-storage building at 6863-6875 Woodley Avenue – Possible Motion – Leffert
 - a. Greg Buskind, Judie Levin, and George Bromberg, developers: They would like to build a self-storage facility on Woodley Avenue, north of VanOwen Street. On the lot, there are older buildings. The Planning Department suggested they apply for a zoned variance. They are here tonight to apply for a zone variance. They want to put in an attractive-looking building. The entrance to the storage building would be from the rear. The building would serve as a buffer between the residential and the manufacturing area. Their landscaping plans are, at minimum, drought-resistant shrubbery, and, at maximum, fruit trees.
 - i. Response from the board: Steve Leffert, Ivan Tjoe, and Linda Pruett agree that they would like to see drawings and plans in order to get a better sense of the developer's plans. Ivan Tjoe is familiar with companies who can provide photo-simulations or drawings inexpensively. Steve Leffert is pleased that a storage building would create fewer parking problems in comparison to an apartment building. Clay McFarland believes that he has enough information to approve the general concept of building a self-storage building.

- ii. **Clay McFarland introduces a motion that the LBNC approve the concept of the self-storage building at 6863-6875 Woodley Avenue on the condition that the developer bring back renderings and landscaping plans to the next LBNC meeting.**

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY LISA REVEEN

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

10. Discussion regarding limit on LBNC credit card -- Motion – McFarland

- a. The current limit is \$6250 per quarter. If the LBNC wants to get a second card, he must go through the treasurer’s training. Any limit put on the second card will be removed from the limit of the first card.
 - i. Bill McRae says that it is inconvenient to have one card. Having two would make it easier to run errands. Steve Leffert has treasurer’s training already.

ii. Clay McFarland nominates Steve Leffert as the holder for the second U.S. Bank credit card with a limit of \$2000. Bill McRae seconds.

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

11. Discussion regarding CERT I Training – Possible motion to support with food funding – Pruett

- a. Linda Pruett: At last training, there were 35 people. They designated \$500 for the food for that training. They got breakfast food and pizzas. She hopes that there will be twice as many people at this next training.
 - i. **Linda Pruett introduces a motion that the LBNC set aside up to \$500 for food for the CERT1 training on September 28 and October 5.**

MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY JOYCE MACKINNON.

- 1. **Steve Leffert introduces a friendly amendment increasing the request for up to \$1000.**

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY STEVE LEFFERT

SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of friendly amendment. David Bernardoni abstains.

- 2. **The board votes on the amended motion.**

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the amended motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

- b. Linda Pruett asks the members of the board to look at the lavender sheets about the Shake Out. She asks them to read the suggestions for the neighborhood councils. She will come back in September to talk to the members of the board about suggestions for emergency preparedness activities.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Bill McRae would like to invite everyone to talk to the board and get involved.

13. Adjourn

- a. **Sylvia Silva introduces a motion to adjourn.**

MOTION BY SYLVIA SILVA

SECONDED BY TERESA POLLOCK

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

Meeting is adjourned at 9:15 p.m.