

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 3, 2008
Lake Balboa Studios
7412 Balboa Blvd.
Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Evan Doxsee	Youth Representative	P
Teresa Pollock	Residential Representative	P ¹
Sylvia Silva	Residential Representative	A ²
Amber Savastio	Business Representative	P
Linda Pruett	Second Vice-President, Residential Representative	P
David Bernardoni	President, Residential Representative	P
Bill McRae	Outreach and Marketing Committee Chairperson, At Large Elected Rep.	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer, Business Representative	P
Elmer Jespersen	Senior Representative	A
Shawn Moradian	Business Representative	A ³
Lisa Reveen	Organizational Representative	P
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Representative	P
Steve Leffert	Secretary, Organizational Representative	P
Ivan Tjoe	First Vice President, Residential Representative	A ⁷
Bahman Mojallal (Moe)	At-large representative appointed rep.	P ⁴
Allen Nelson	Business Representative	P ⁵
Jack Baird	Residential Representative	P ⁶

1. Welcome, Please Sign In
 - a. David Bernardoni opens the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the August 6, 2008 Meeting
 - a. Adoption of Agenda:

David Bernardoni asks for a motion to adopt the agenda with a change in the order moving the swearing in of Bahman Mojallal (Moe) to the LBNC board.

Teresa Pollock introduces a motion to adopt the agenda with the shift to adopt Bahman Mojallal at the beginning of the meeting.

MOTION BY TERESA POLLOCK

SECONDED BY JOYCE MACKINNON

Resolved: 8-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.

David Bernardoni swears in Bahman Mojallal (Moe).
 - b. **Clay McFarland introduces a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2008.**

¹ Teresa Pollock is present for roll call. She has to leave the meeting at 7:42 p.m. due to a family emergency.

² David Bernardoni announces that Sylvia Silva's absence is excused.

³ Shawn Moradian resigned from the board.

⁴ Bahman Mojallal (Moe) is sworn into the board; he then has to leave at 7:42 p.m. because of a family emergency.

⁵ Allen Nelson was sworn in and joined the board at the meeting.

⁶ Jack Baird was sworn in and joined the board at the meeting.

⁷ David Bernardoni announces that Ivan Tjoe's absence is excused.

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY STEVE LEFFERT

Resolved: 8-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.

3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
 - a. Megan Cottier - representative for Councilman Greg Smith’s office in CD12 – She apologizes for her absence from the summer meetings. In Northridge Park on Reseda Blvd, CD12 will be showing “Grease” on Saturday, September 6 at 7:15 p.m. There will be a community clean-up on Saturday, September 27. The training will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Northridge Recreation Center. The groups will be removing illegal signs from the area. Councilman Smith is one of the sponsors of the Great Shake-Out. Go to www.shakeout.org for more information.
 - b. Lynda Levitan – Steve Leffert speaks for her. She has been out sick for three weeks. On Saturday, October 25, CD6 will be holding the Senior Health Fair at the Japanese gardens.
 - c. Committee reports
 - i. Linda Pruett – September is National Emergency Preparedness month. The Great Shake-Out will be on November 13 at 10 a.m. To celebrate the Great Shake Out, Bill McRae suggests that every stakeholder come see the emergency bins on the day of the event. He also suggests that the communications team do a practice drill with the ham radios. The emergency preparedness meeting is Saturday, September 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Linda Pruett has been invited to attend the Emergency Preparedness Congress at the Omni Hotel in Los Angeles. The fee is \$495, so she is looking for funding or scholarships. The Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Fairs will be on September 13, 2008 at Hancock Park, September 20 at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, and September 27 at the Panorama Mall. Earthquake Preparedness 101 will be held by the Encino Chamber of Commerce on September 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Encino Community Center. CERT training will be on Sunday, September 28, and Sunday, October 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign-in begins at 7:30 a.m.
 - ii. Clay McFarland – California Clean Money Campaign – Clay McFarland is now working as a volunteer for the organization. The organization is expanding its outreach to the city level. There will be a pilot program on public funding going on the ballot in 2010.
 - d. David Bernardoni announces the resignation of Shawn Moradian effective tonight.
 - e. Steve Leffert – The police do not have permission to use radar to enforce speeding on White Oak from Roscoe down to Ventura Boulevard. The permission has expired. Department of Transportation is proposing changing the speed limit to 40 mph on White Oak from Roscoe down to Ventura and on Saticoy Street from Hayvenhurst to Woodlake Avenue so that radar can be used for enforcement.
 - f. Joyce MacKinnon: The walkway around Lake Balboa is now open.
 - g. Bill McRae asks for stakeholders to submit photographs and drawings of scenes and locations around Lake Balboa for the Capture Lake Balboa Contest. They have received only one submission so far.

4. Public Comment
 - a. Terry Horowitz: She lives on Gulf Street. Two nights in a row, she heard gunshots. She wonders if anyone knows the reason for it.
 - b. Raymond Yu: The LA Triathlon will be on Sunday, September 7. Go to latriathlon.com for more information. The Chinese Moon Cake Festival will be on Saturday, September 15. The City of LA will sponsor LA Korean Parade on Saturday, September 27. Go to www.lakoreanfestival.com for more information. On October 11, 2008, the Congress of Neighborhoods will be held at the Los Angeles City Hall.

5. Brief Response from the Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
 - a. In response to Ms. Horowitz, Joyce Mackinnon says that the gunshots might be from a movie shoot. Bill McRae offers to give Ms. Horowitz the number of the Senior Lead Officer. His number is 731-2554. The SLO is not present at the meeting. David Bernardoni encourages her to follow up with the LBNC.

6. Discussion regarding nomination and appointment of new stakeholder representatives – Motion – Bernardoni
 - a. D. Bernardoni announces that Allen Nelson and Jack Baird would like to run as business representative and residential representative, respectively. Mr. Nelson runs acting classes out of his home, and he and Mr. Baird run a marketing business. Both have lived in Lake Balboa since 1984. Both will have time to serve on committees.
 - i. **Lisa Reveen introduces a motion to appoint Jack Baird as residential representative.**
MOTION BY LISA REVEEN
SECONDED BY JOYCE MACKINNON
Resolved: 8-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.
 - ii. **Lisa Reveen introduces a motion to appoint Allen Nelson as business representative.**
MOTION BY LISA REVEEN
SECONDED BY LINDA PRUETT
Resolved: 8-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.
 - iii. David Bernardoni swears in new members Allen Nelson and Jack Baird. They take their seats at the board.

7. Discussion regarding SB1818 relating to affording housing for low-income families – Possible Motion – McFarland
 - a. Clay McFarland introduces Barbara Monahan Burke of Studio City Neighborhood Council to speak about SB1818.
 - i. Barbara Monahan Burke: She is the government affairs committee co-chair. SB1818 is an affordable housing ordinance with a density bonus. An implementing ordinance is associated with SB1818. The state bill takes over local zoning authority. The developers are allowed to build taller and denser buildings with less landscaping near transit centers, defined broadly as even a rapid red bus stop. If the developers build within the transit zone, the local neighborhood councils cannot influence the developers or offer input. The new buildings often replace older rent-controlled units, thereby creating new buildings with no rent control and

thus not truly low-income housing. Ms. Monahan Burke is working with LANCC and the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) to take back SB 1818, to do a state level proposition, or to support amendments to the bill at the state level.

1. **Clay McFarland introduces a motion to propose a resolution: LBNC supports revising the city's SB1818 enabling ordinance #179681 to, among other things, bring it more into conformity with the incentives allowed by SB1818; to provide notice to the public by requesting the filing of an application in all cases even if "by right", to allow appeals by others in addition to the immediate neighbors, owners, or applicants; and to determine that even those developments without incentives, other than parking, not be considered ministerial. Further, to support the amending of SB1818, California Government Code 65915, at the state level to exempt from provisions all charter cities with a population of in excess of 3 million if such cities enact comparable local legislations to incentivize the construction of affordable housing units.**

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY LINDA PRUETT

Discussion: Bill McRae would like to hear the other side of the argument. Megan Cottier, representative for Councilman Smith at CD12, says that SB1818 is a state bill. She does not know a lot about it, but she remembers having a meeting of the neighborhood councils about the state bill before it was voted through the city council. Councilman Smith did not vote against the bill during the city council vote. She recommends contacting Hannah Lee at the Northridge office for more information. Linda Pruett attended the meeting of neighborhood councils, which she described as an informational session, not an opportunity for asserting local influence. Bill McRae does not want to block legislation that promotes affordable housing; he still would like to weigh the opposing argument. When Linda Pruett asks Ms. Monahan Burke if the board needs to act within a certain time restraint, she responds that enabling legislation will soon compel more developers to use SB1818 as the guiding law for their development, causing more unhealthy development. Clay McFarland is pro-development, but he would like to pass the motion in order to ask for reevaluation of the state bill. David Bernardoni calls for a vote.

Resolved: 8-2-1. Motion passes. Amber Savastio and Bill McRae oppose. David Bernardoni abstains.

8. Discussion regarding purchase of cloth grocery store bags with LBNC logo – Possible motion – McFarland
 - a. Clay McFarland would like to give away reusable cloth bags with the LBNC logo as promotional items. He shows one bag that costs \$1.50 and another at \$1.79. They would be distributed at the event tables. People could sign out a stakeholder registration cards in exchange for a bag. He has a quote for 500 bags at \$1000.39 and 1000 bags at \$1892.88.

Clay McFarland introduces a motion that the LBNC make purchases from 4imprint a total of 1000 Eco Design Big Thunder totes at a total price including shipping and set-up of \$1892.88.

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY LISA REVEEN

Discussion: Amber Savastio suggests redesigning the logo for the bag. Clay McFarland says that they can get a sample bag from the company and revise from there. Lisa Reveen suggests buying green bags to align with the theme of going green.

Bill McRae offers a friendly amendment considering adding up to \$500 for development and production of artwork for the cloth bags.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY LISA REVEEN

Resolved: 9-0-2. Motion passes. David Bernardoni and Evan Doxsee abstain.

Public comment: Ruth Doxsee asks what the bags are made of. The board responds that the label says the bag is made from recycled materials with a recyclable 5 label on it.

VOTE ON MOTION: Resolved: 9-0-2. Motion passes. David Bernardoni and Evan Doxsee abstain.

9. Representatives to attend Citywide Congress& Community Budget Day on October 11, 2008 – Motion to appoint two representatives – Bernardoni

- a. Clay McFarland and David Bernardoni volunteer to attend.

Steve Leffert moves that LBNC appoint two representatives to attend Citywide Congress and Community Budget Day on October 11, 2008. The representatives would be David Bernardoni and Clay McFarland.

MOTION BY STEVE LEFFERT

SECONDED BY LINDA PRUETT

Resolved: 9-0-2. Motion passes. David Bernardoni and Bill McRae abstain.

10. Presentation by Carol Newman regarding request for resolution in opposition to Proposition 8 – Motion – Bernardoni

- a. Carol Newman: She is not a resident of Lake Balboa. She comes here as a representative of the non-partisan group, Love Honor Cherish, and she asks the LBNC to take a position in opposition to Prop 8, a constitutional amendment outlawing same-sex marriage. It will be on the November statewide ballot. 40 years ago, in Loving v. Virginia, the U.S. Supreme Court says that marriage is a fundamental right. She does not believe that they should not be voting on who should receive fundamental rights. Love Honor Cherish is going to every neighborhood council in the city. LA City Council and Reseda Neighborhood Council have opposed Prop 8 already.

Linda Pruett introduces a motion that the LBNC resolve to oppose Proposition 8 on the California November 2008 state ballot.

MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY AMBER SAVASTIO

Discussion: Jack Baird asks when Prop 8 went on the ballot, and Carol Newman says that it was after the CA Supreme Court Resolution. Clay McFarland thinks it is absurd to take away rights with a constitutional amendment. Doing so with a 51% majority is unfair and absurd. Dave Bernardoni and Linda Pruett go on record as being opposed to Prop 8. Bill McRae wrote a piece stating his opinion that gays and lesbians be joined in formal union.

Resolved: 10-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.

11. Discussion regarding purchase of emergency storage containers from a new vendor – Motion – Pruet

- a. Linda Pruet: The LBNC had originally chosen a different company. They now have to make official their decision to choose a different vendor. Container USA out of Sacramento is their choice. The total for the bins (two 20 foot steel containers) is \$7773.31. They had originally budgeted \$8000. The company has submitted necessary documentation to the city.

Linda Pruet moves that LBNC accept Container USA as the vendor for the emergency supply storage bins at \$7,773.31.

MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE

Resolved: 9-0-2. Motion passes. Evan Doxsee and David Bernardoni abstain.

12. Unfinished Business

- a. There is no unfinished business.

13. Adjournment

- a. **Evan Doxsee introduces a motion to adjourn.**

MOTION BY EVAN DOXSEE

SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE

Resolved: 10-0-1. Motion passes. David Bernardoni abstains.

Meeting is closed at 9:41 p.m.