

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, July 1, 2009, 7:30 pm  
 Lake Balboa Studios  
 7412 Balboa Blvd.  
 Lake Balboa, CA 91406

D. Bernardoni	Pres., Residential Representative	A (Excused)
E. Doxsee	Youth Rep.	A (Excused)
Sylvia Silva	Residential Rep.	P
Amber Savastio	Communications Officer, Business Rep.	A (Excused)
Linda Pruett	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP, EP Committee Chair	P
Ivan Tjoe	1 <sup>st</sup> VP, Residential Rep.	A(Excused)
Steve Leffert	Secretary	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer, Business Rep.	P
Bahman Mojallal (Moe)	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Elmer Jespersen	Senior Rep.	A
Teresa Pollock	Residential Rep.	P
Allen Nelson	Business Rep.	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Lisa Reveen	Animal Welfare Comm., Organization Rep.	P
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Rep.	P
Bill McRae	Outreach & Marketing Comm. Chair	A (Excused)

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. C. McFarland (1st V.P.) opens the meeting at 7:35 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the June 3, 2009 Meeting
  - a. **T. Pollock introduces a motion to adopt the agenda. L. Pruett seconds. (9-0-1) Motion passes. C. McFarland abstains.**
  - b. **S. Leffert introduces a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2009 meeting. J. MacKinnon seconds. (9-0-1) Motion passes. C. McFarland abstains.**
3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
  - a. LAPD – SLO Saul Parades - National Night Out will be on August 4 from 5-9 p.m. at Birmingham High School. Rash of residential burglaries west of Balboa Park. Have three suspects in custody. Officers have been active and made good arrests. Cameras are in the tunnel on Sherman Way. They need to be hooked up to online connection. Police will be present throughout Lake Balboa on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - b. Lynda Levitan – Rep. from Tony Cardenas’ office – Cameras should be running at full capacity by Tuesday, July 7. Please come to National Night Out at Birmingham High School. Please call 311 or the 1-800 -773-2489 and the City will move bulky furniture from houses and apartments.
  - c. Update regarding City Budget – Bernardoni is not present to make report.
  - d. Linda Pruett – Emergency Preparedness Committee – The LBNC has made no progress getting approval from the City Attorney for the purchase of emergency supplies. Please come to the Emergency Preparedness meeting on July 11 at Rec and Parks HQ by Woodley Lakes Golf Course from 9 – 10:30 a.m.

- e. S. Leffert – Re: plan to change Bob Hope (Burbank) airport late night flight patterns to Van Nuys Airport. Reads letter of thanks to LBNC from Mayor of Burbank for its support for joint resolution on the airplane nighttime noise issue in the San Fernando Valley.
4. Public Comment
    - a. Linda Abrams – Board Member at Valley Interfaith Council – VIC is a 501-3C organization. They offer services for the elderly. Seeking a donation from the LBNC through the MPG application for the food pantries they support.
    - b. Raymond Yu – Pacific Palisades will have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. New city officials have been sworn in. Go to pageantryproductions.com for the parade list. Lotus Festival will be at Echo Park Lake. Go to laparks.org for more information.
  5. Brief response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights
    - a. Linda Abrams of the Valley Interfaith Council requests to be put on agenda for August 5 meeting.
  6. Discussion regarding funding for trees and landscaping for the Balboa/Saticoy median - Silva
    - a. The LBNC had allocated \$5,000 towards beautification of the Balboa/Saticoy median. The condition for the allocation was that the LBNC would receive a donation of trees. The donor has not been able to secure the trees. Would like to add \$175/mo to spend on maintenance and an additional \$1250 for the trees. C. McFarland suggests that LBNC make a new motion rather than amend the old one because it's a new fiscal year. The project should take place in the fall or winter months.

**S. Silva introduces a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$7,250 for landscaping of the median at Balboa Blvd. just south of Saticoy Street on the east side of Balboa Blvd. and also to include the amount of \$175/mo for maintenance for a period of 5 months. Moe seconds. (9-0-1) Motion passes. C. McFarland abstains.**

7. Discussion Regarding proposed Wireless Telecommunication Facility at 6345 Balboa Blvd - Leffert
  - a. Proposal to put cell phone tower on building across the street from Birmingham High School. According to the government, health concerns are not a valid reason to protest the proposal. Aesthetics and level of need for tower at specific location are valid. The plans show that the cell tower will not be visible from the street. Unless AT&T can prove the need for the tower at that location, S. Leffert suggests sending a letter of opposition for the proposal to relevant parties. Another stakeholder suggests asking those proposing the motion to come to the meeting. S. Leffert suggests that the LBNC ask AT&T to demonstrate the need for installation at the location.

Public comment: Woman has seen cell phone towers installed in Northridge, and they are eyesores. Local organizations in Northridge could not stop the construction.

**S. Leffert introduces motion that LBNC write a letter to the representative for the proposed cell tower at Encino requesting current coverage maps and proposed coverage maps and to invite the representatives to attend the next monthly meeting. L. Reveen seconds. (9-0-1) Motion carries. McFarland abstains.**

8. Discussion regarding regulation to prevent the parking of unhitched "advertising" trailers along Sherman Way specifically between Balboa and Louise - Leffert

- a. Received multiple phone calls complaining about advertising trailers, specifically between Balboa and Louise. The trailers are a distraction to drivers and an eyesore. LBNC considers strategies for removing signs, possibly seeking further enforcement actions by City Attorney.

Public comment: People vandalize the advertisements on unhitched trailers. Another would like to suggest that the city increase the fines for the signs and allocate the funds the beautification projects. Another says that the fatal accident near one of the advertisements was not because of the trailers.

S. Leffert introduces motion that we have no parking of unhitched trailers on Sherman Way between Hayvenhurst and White Oak. C. McFarland suggests changing the letter to say that they would be writing a letter to the offices of Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Cardenas.

**S. Leffert introduces motion that the LBNC write a letter to the offices of Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Cardenas proposing that there is no parking for unhitched trailer on Sherman Way between Hayvenhurst and White Oak. T. Pollock seconds. (9-0-1) Motion carries. McFarland abstains.**

- 9. Discussion regarding proposed lease to Castle & Cooke Aviation at Van Nuys Airport and Negative Declaration of impact on the neighborhood - Leffert
  - a. Castle & Cooke would service transient aircrafts (those not based at the Van Nuys Airport). LBNC requested an EIR to be done about the area and the proposal to lease to Castle & Cooke Aviation the Van Nuys Airport as FBO. The project has been given a “negative declaration,” meaning that the proposal will have no effect on the area – no significant increase in number of airplanes, noise, or pollution. LBNC received no notification about the negative declaration, despite having written a letter requesting an EIR about the proposal. Public comment period is approximately 20 days.
    - 1. Steve Friedmann from Castle & Cooke is available to answer questions about the project. He says they have received information. 300-page environmental report has been completed. No taxi line will remain, and the planes will have their engines off and be towed into the facility. The plan is to build one hanger that will actually mask noise. Invites the council members to visit the proposed FBO and get more information. The numbers of jets using Van Nuys Airport is dropping. The local companies use these jets, so a loss of jets is a loss of potential revenue. The project cannot be built on the other side of the Van Nuys Airport because that area is in development by other companies.
    - 2. Lynda Levitan would like to visit with Castle & Cooke at the site; she recommends that the other board members attend.

The LBNC members will go to the site at 10 a.m. tomorrow (July 2) to visit the Castle & Cooke location at 7415 Hayvenhurst Place. S. Leffert introduces motion that LBNC have a special meeting.

- 10. Discussion regarding proposed Conditional Use to permit the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption at 16505 Victory Blvd. -
  - a. Moot point. CD1 does not provide liquor licenses, according to Councilman Cardenas.

**S. Leffert introduces motion that LBNC oppose the approval of a conditional use permit and that the letter be sent to Councilmember Cardenas' office. S. Silva seconds. (9-0-1) Motion carries. McFarland abstains.**

11. Discussion regarding possible and preferred locations for the next Board elections on May 27, 2010

- a. LBNC needs to choose five possible locations. They may or may not be able to hold the election at Lake Balboa Studios.

**S. Leffert introduces motion to send to City Clerk a list of preferred locations: 1. Lake Balboa Studios, 2. Gault Street School, 3. St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 4. Bassett School, and 5. Stagg Street School. S. Silva seconds. (9-0-1) Motion carries. McFarland abstains.**

12. Unfinished Business

- a. Anaid Yerena of UC Irvine would like the council to designate a representative to grant them an interview for a graduate-level study on neighborhood councils in Los Angeles area. S. Silva requests background information on the study – its funding and its purpose. It's possible to have more than one interviewee from the council. Anytime in July would be good.
- b. Special meeting next Tuesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. Agenda will consist of FBO at Van Nuys Airport.

13. Adjournment

- a. **T. Pollock introduces motion to adjourn. J. MacKinnon seconds. (9-0-1) C. McFarland abstains.**  
Meeting is adjourned at 9:43 p.m.