

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 7:00 pm
 Lake Balboa Studios
 7412 Balboa Blvd.
 Lake Balboa, CA 91406

D. Bernardoni	Pres., Residential Representative	P
E. Doxsee	Youth Rep.	P (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Sylvia Silva	Residential Rep.	P (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Amber Savastio	Communications Officer, Business Rep.	A
Linda Pruett	2nd VP, EP Committee Chair	P
Ivan Tjoe	Treasurer	A (excused)
Steve Leffert	Secretary	P
Clay McFarland	Vice Chair, Business Rep.	A
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.	A
Bill McRae	Outreach & Marketing Comm. Chair	P

1. Welcome, Please Sign In – Meeting opened at 7:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2010 meeting
Chair proposes modification of the agenda – move #5 to #3 and move everything down.
Motion by Teresa Pollock:
“to adopt the agenda as modified.”
Bill McRae seconds.
VOTE: Approved. (9-0-1) Chair abstains.

Motion by Steve Leffert:
“To approve minutes of April 7, 2010.”
Allen Nelson seconds.
VOTE: Approved. (9-0-1) Chair abstains.

3. Guest speaker, Los Angeles City Controller, Wendy Greuel
 Wendy Greuel addresses the audience about her responsibility for overseeing the cash flow of Los Angeles. Audits city offices and departments when necessary. Working with limited staff. One priority of hers is the maintenance of a strong reserve fund. She welcomes calls to 1-866-428-1514 to report waste, fraud, and abuse of city resources. E-mail controller.greuel.lacity.org with questions or information.
 Ms. Greuel takes questions from the members of the neighborhood council and the audience. During Q&A, she talks about the following:
 - a. Possibilities of auditing the recycling program, loss of revenue from urban recyclers
 - b. Her support of the 50/50 plan for the repair of sidewalks by homeowners
 - c. The status of rollover funds - According to Bong Hwan Kim, neighborhood councils will be able to roll over funds into the following budget year. Her assumption is that the neighborhood councils will start with a certain amount and roll over any remaining

- funds into the next budget year. P-Card limits will stay at \$2,500. Every month, NC's will have to hold a vote to approve the expenses put on the card.
- d. The availability of the reserve fund in case of emergency, like a natural disaster.
4. Candidates Forum

The candidates listed below introduce themselves to the audience and state the reason for their interest in the neighborhood council seat.

 - a. Residential Stakeholder Representative
 - i. Cynthia Weichelt
 - ii. Jack Baird
 - iii. Dave Bernardoni
 - iv. Linda Schwering
 - v. Sylvia Silva
 - vi. Linda Pruett
 - vii. Teresa Pollock
 - viii. Allen Nelson
 - b. Senior Stakeholder Representative
 - i. Carl Schwering
 - c. Organizational Stakeholder Representative
 - i. Steven Leffert
 - ii. Lisa Reveen
 - iii. Glenn Bailey
 - iv. Sharon Brewer
 - v. Ruth Doxsee (write-in candidate)
 - d. Youth Stakeholder Representative
 - i. Evan Doxsee
 5. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
 - a. Officer Saul Paredes - Announcements about upcoming events – National Night Out (August 3), and community concerns about urban recyclers and garage sales. Fields questions about medical marijuana dispensaries, methods of auto theft, and juvenile break-ins.
 - b. John Bwarie - Rep. for Council member Greig Smith, CD12 – Updates about Council Member's legislative activity, including efforts to increase government transparency. News about city's budget – while still in the process, the budget will have to be approved by the Mayor and City Council by June 10, 2010.
 - c. Eddie Martinez - Rep. for Council member Cárdenas, CD6 – Announcements about upcoming events – pet care fair on June 12. Fields questions from stakeholders on abandoned cars.
 - d. Dave Bernardoni - Reminder on LBNC elections on May 27 at Lake Balboa Studios.
 - e. Lisa Reveen – Announces upcoming event, World Fest on May 16th in Woodley Park.
 - f. Linda Pruett - Reminder about Emergency Preparedness Committee meetings.
 6. Public Comment
 - a. Glenn Bailey – Board of Neighborhood Commissioners approved new NC in the valley – Northridge South. Encourages LBNC to reach out to new group. Urges board to check into status of rollover funds. Does not agree with Ms. Greuel's assessment of their status.

7. Motion to allocate money towards one additional page on monthly LBNC newsletters –
Motion – Pruett

Motion by Linda Pruett:

“to allow the expenditure of funds for the printing of a multi-page newsletter as needed.”

Lisa Reveen seconds.

VOTE: Approved (9-0-2), Evan Doxsee and Chair abstain.

8. Discussion regarding restoration of boat rentals at Lake Balboa – Possible Motion –
Bernardoni

Glenn Bailey says that rental service was terminated by city. Would be good to have proper amount of staffing on busy summer weekends.

Private vendor (the one who manages bicycle rentals) spoke to Dave Bernardoni. He is not present at the meeting. Could be interested in resuming operations.

9. Discussion regarding the City of Los Angeles’ plan to make homeowners responsible for sidewalk repairs – Possible Motion – Leffert

Motion by Steve Leffert:

“Whereas for many years the City of Los Angeles has allowed the planting of street trees with destructive root growth,

And whereas the City of Los Angeles has not kept up with the needed tree trimming and removal of oversized and inappropriate species with destructive roots

And whereas some street trees have outgrown the space provided and trunks and roots have caused serious damage to sidewalks, curbs, and driveway aprons and need to be removed or at least have their roots trimmed,

And whereas the City of Los Angeles has not kept up with timely repairs for sidewalks, curbs, and driveway aprons damaged by street trees,

And whereas homeowners and businesses who might be willing to make sidewalk repairs need to go through an elaborate and costly permit, inspection, and approval process,

And whereas the City of Los Angeles, as a budget cutting matter, wants to put the burden of making these long-neglected curb, sidewalk, and driveway apron repairs on property owners

And whereas many properties in Los Angeles are currently worth less than their mortgaged value and many property owners are already on the verge of foreclosure,

And whereas, if the responsibility of making repairs to sidewalks is transferred to property owners, those property owners will see a rise in the cost of their liability insurance and for sidewalk repairs as a result of the past years of neglect by the City of Los Angeles ,

I move that any responsibility for maintaining sidewalks in a safe condition only occur if the sidewalks are in good, safe condition and that those sidewalks that are

not in good, safe condition first be repaired by the City of Los Angeles before any private property owner responsibility takes place.

Teresa Pollock seconds.

VOTE: Approved (10-0-1). Chair abstains.

10. Unfinished Business

Steve Leffert - Election day for eleven NC's is on same day. Outreach will include full-page ad for two days in *Daily News* and a postcard mailing. Board gives Moe permission to create banner advertising election to post in front of Lake Balboa Studios.

Linda Pruett - Thanks Moe for allowing emergency responder class to meet at studios on Tuesday evenings.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Evan Doxsee to adjourn.

Teresa Pollock seconds.

VOTE: Approved (10-0-1). Chair abstains.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.