



Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4th, 2011, 7pm
 Lake Balboa Studios
 7412 Balboa Boulevard
 Lake Balboa, California 91406



1. Meeting called to order by President Lisa Reveen at 7 P.M.

2. Roll Call

David Bernardoni	Residential Rep., 1 st V.P.	P
Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep.	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruett	Residential Rep., EP Committee Chair	P
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep.	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	Absent, Excused
Lisa Reveen	Organizational Rep., President	P
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep.	P
Bahman Mojallal	Business Rep.	Absent, Excused
Teresa Pollock	Business Rep.	Absent
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep.	P
Evan Doxsee	Youth Rep.	Late
Sylvia Silva	At-Large Elected Rep.	Absent, Excused
Roger Ortiz	At-Large Appointed Rep., 2 nd V.P.	P
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep., Secretary	P

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote** – Allen Nelson brought a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Dave Bernardoni. Vote: (11-0).
4. **APPROVED Minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting** – Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Dave Bernardoni. Vote: (10-0).
BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: Dave Bernardoni suggests that, in the future, the Minutes be attached to the corresponding meeting’s approved Treasurer’s report, and that they be uploaded to the website that way as well.
5. **RECEIVED Treasurer’s Report** – Schwering
 Treasurer presented financial reports and US Bank Credit Card statement (covering a period ending April 30). Steve Leffert brought a motion to accept reports as presented and place them on file, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (11-0).
6. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports - LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives**
 - a. **LAPD** – Board Member Steve Leffert shares information from Nixle in Officers’ absence (you can sign up to receive updates from your local police department at www.nixle.com): The City

of Los Angeles has adopted a new ordinance which will allow police officers to stop and detain individuals, and the City Attorney to prosecute people who may be posing as door-to-door solicitors in order to stalk a home or create a cover to commit a crime. Individuals who approach your door with the stated intent of a commercial purpose must now provide valid government-issued photo identification when requested. They must also be able to produce a current business tax registration certificate. The hours of solicitation are restricted to 8am to 8pm. These identification requirements may also deter vendors from defrauding the public by attempting to sell inferior or illegal products. Always ask for these documents in addition to any receipt you might be able to obtain. Be sure to report any suspicious solicitors to police. Write down any I.D.s they may provide, and if the vendors refuse to provide any I.D. try to take note of their physical appearance and any form or transportation, write down their license plate and report them to the police department or call (877) ASK-LAPD.

b. Amber McDonald, Assembly Member Bob Blumenfield's Office – Legislative Update, Distributed fact sheets & brochures to introduce AB 818 and AB 935; To be added to June 1st's agenda to discuss amongst the Board and take possible action at the next meeting.

c. Lynda Levitan, Council District 6, Field Deputy (818) 778-4999 -Reporting on the success of the recent Mayor's Day of Service to clean up the Sepulveda Basin with the Friends of the LA River, the Audubon Society, and the community; Aviation Career Day Friday May 6 at the Van Nuys Airport ; Pet Care Fair on June 25th; Health Fair on October 29 at the Japanese Garden with lots of new activities, giveaways, free flu shots and more; Work on the Propellor Park at Van Nuys Airport should begin by end of summer and the project should take approximately a year to 18 months to complete; Golf Course Improvements to come; New McDonald's on Vanowen and Balboa is complete.

Linda Pruettt advises on the increase in the number of poison ivy and poison oak cases found in the first aid effort of the recent Sepulveda Basin clean up.

d. Linda Schwering – Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment has made changes to their grace period for Councils to turn in their quarterly reconciliations, reducing the period to (30) days; A reminder to prepare, maybe designating a committee to work on projections to make sure that we turn our Fiscal Year Neighborhood Council Budget in on time, which will be due July 15; Approved Website Maintenance prefers to be billed for services \$125/month, billing quarterly at \$325 a quarter, done on a demand warrant basis, and with a check request.

RECEIVED Announcements and Reports - Board Members and Others, Committee Reports

e. Linda Pruettt - Emergency Preparedness Meeting - Sat. May 14 at the Van Nuys Flyaway, 2nd Floor at 9am, Big SOS Sidewalk Sale to come in June; Also on May 14 Senior Symposium at One Generation; Working to approve a 2nd Emergency Bin for our area, more info to come.

f. Roger Ortiz – Report on the success of the recent Egg Hunt; It was a great turnout with lots of opportunities for outreach in the community.

g. Linda Schwering – A request has been made by the Senior Symposium for 300 LBNC reusable bags for the event, but they were going to be used for outreach at the World Fest . A decision will be made after the Board takes inventory of what is available.

h. Carl Schwering – Upcoming Senior Symposium topics to include Brain Health, Emotional Health, Fall Prevention, Exercise & Nutrition, and Sex and Seniors...This is a free day for seniors and Baby-Boomers (55 and over), and includes continental breakfast, lunch, and programs on the topics mentioned above and more.

7. Public Comment

a. Kelly Arnold, LIFE ALERT, Stakeholder – An emergency response company, anywhere in the U.S., any age, anybody—Paramedics, police, fire department. With a little waterproof pendant, a person could access help at anytime from anywhere. All of their pertinent information is kept on file and Life Alert will stay with them until help arrives to share their medical history and their medicines, their doctor's name and number and hospital of choice, allergies to medicines, surgeries, and who to notify if they need to be taken to the hospital.

b. Jahan Dehmardan, Stakeholder – A recent string of robberies on his block have raised an issue of the need for more lighting on a very dark street to help prevent problems in the future; Suggestions include getting their neighbors together to get their block assessed for new street lights, a process that might not be as efficient and cost-effective as having each resident install more motion-detector flood lights on their own property to illuminate the area as necessary.

8. 30 Minute presentation and discussion by Denise Plato of City of LA Bureau of Sanitation regarding the bureau of sanitation's waste water program – Nelson

Some adjustments have been made to the bureau's financial plan and Denise Plato introduces their proposal: A ten year plan to address a need for adjustment in their sewer service charges, which have remained about the same for much too long. They hope that this is the direction our community wants to go with regard to protecting our environment. By January 2012 increase by approximately \$32 plus \$37/per family/per year/for 10 years and at the end of the ten years the monthly rate will have increased by \$30 a month www.lacitysan.org and www.lasewers.org (213) 978-0333

9. Discussion on the re-revised Bylaws – Possible Motion – Leffert ~ *ITEM DELETED FROM AGENDA* – Awaiting response from D.O.N.E.

10. Unfinished Business –

Cynthia Weichelt - World Fest LBNC Booth Arrangements, Parking Passes, LBNC Banners
Dave Bernarndoni - Organized Community Cleanings, De-weeding of medians, Beautification Committee to address this issue and come up with an event or plan possibly involving High Schools and the community at large.

11. Adjournment – A motion is brought to the table by Evan Doxsee to adjourn, seconded by Roger Ortiz (Vote: 11-0); Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision at 8:33 pm.