

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 1st, 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.	Absent, Excused
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.	Absent, Excused
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P
Lisa Reveen	Organizational Rep., President	P
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep.	P
Bahman Mojallal	Business Rep.	P
Teresa Pollock	Business Rep.	Absent
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep.	P
Evan Doxsee	Youth Rep.	P
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	Absent, Excused

3. ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote – Item 7 has been removed from the agenda, as Steve Leffert is not present. Linda Pruett brought a motion to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Allen Nelson. Vote: (11-0). Motion passes.

4. APPROVED Minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting – Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt. Vote: (10-0). Motion passes.

5. RECEIVED Treasurer’s Report – Linda Schwering
 Treasurer presents standard financial reports and US Bank Credit Card statements with expenditures and reconciliation covering a period ending May 31. Treasurer explained that on the main summary page towards the bottom there is an item listed under “Encumbered by Board Action” which is a rollover figure from last year that was moved into 2011 for Lake Balboa Emergency Center Supplies. A new check request or demand warrant has been submitted to the city and has been recorded also under “Demand Warrants Pending.” Until the Board has word from DONE on what they would prefer, rollover versus check request, an adjustment has been made at the bottom where \$20,840 was temporarily pulled out of Encumbered Funds so that the amount was the same expenditure listed under “Demand Warrant Pending”

\$20,364.40. Linda Pruett comments that she spoke to Rita from DONE and she asked that a new invoice be submitted, and promised that they will send a check for this very shortly.

Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to accept reports as presented and place them on file, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt. Vote: (11-0). Motion passes.

Also, a correction should be made to a typographical error on the "Check Expenditure" page of the April 2011 Financial Report to change the "Total Expenditures Only" to \$14,568.74.

6. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports - LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives

A. Amber McDonald, Assembly Member Bob Blumenfield's Office –

- 1) Free Veterans Employment Expo, Thursday, June 9, 10am-2pm at CA Army National Guard at 17330 Victory Blvd., flyer distributed
- 2) Legislative Update, introducing AB 1300 (Preventing Medical Marijuana Program Abuse Preserving Local Control Bill)

B. Lynda Levitan, Field Deputy, CD 6, Councilman Tony Cardenas' Office (818) 778-4999

Please report any potholes in our area via 311, website, or call Lynda directly, pothole filling to take place on June 4th & 5th; Clean & Green program/LA Conservation Corps. has agreed to help clean the medians in the area, but Lynda also suggests holding Neighborhood Council sponsored Saturday Clean Up days; Some organized Clean Ups to take place inside Sepulveda Basin Fridays with students on summer vacation; Open House and Carnival to take place Saturday June 4 at West Valley Police Department; Child Safety Workshop and Resource Fair at West Valley Community Room on June 18, 9am-1:30pm; Councilman to have a community swearing-in ceremony at Van Nuys City Hall Government Center on July 16; Pet Care Fair with microchipping, low-cost vaccine, spay and neutering by appointment, and special guest from "Pit Boss" to attend, flyer distributed.

c. LAPD – Senior Lead Officer Perez (818) 731-2554 and Officer Hamm (818) 731-2551; Asks stakeholders to keep up on neighborhood watch and to help prevent crime in our area by continuing to lock your doors and by keeping valuables out of your car; Dial 911 for emergencies, and for all other info dial (877) ASK-LAPD or dial 311 to reach the right department related to your inquiry.

**d. VALLEY TRAFFIC DIVISION (VTD) – Officer Tim Gallick and Captain Ivan G. Minsal
Engineering, Education, Enforcement:**

Valley Traffic Division helps the City with Engineering: the building and improving of streets, striping, etc.; Education: Sober Graduation, Don't Drink & Drive, Don't Text and Drive, Speaking in Schools about Bicycle Safety, Texting and Bicycling, Pedestrian Laws, Pedestrian Safety, Child Safety Car Seat Education; Enforcement: to protect and prevent accidents.

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

e. Linda Pruett - Emergency Preparedness – Booklet "When Disaster Strikes" distributed; June 10 & 11 Big Parking Lot Sale at SOS; Next Emergency Preparedness Meeting - Sat. June 11 at the Van Nuys Flyaway, 2nd Floor at 9am

g. Linda Schwering – Reporting on how well the recent Senior Symposium went at One Generation, how there was plenty of exposure for LBNC with the bags given out and hopes in the future to be able to become an even larger and more visible part of this very big event

h. Allen Nelson – Reporting on how well the recent World Fest event went at Woodley Park, and how a great job had been done cleaning up the area after the event.

i. **Cynthia Weichelt** – A reminder of things going on regularly at the Wildlife Area such as weeding with the CA Native Plant Society and bird walks the First Sunday of every month at 8am led by the Audubon Society

j. **Roger Ortiz** –Congratulating Cynthia Weichelt on her accomplishment of being sworn in as an attorney.

7. **Public Comment** – *No Public Comment*

8. **Presentation by Emily Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff, 6th Council District regarding 2011-2012 City Budget – Reveen**

Overview of \$6.9 Billion Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 approved May 18, 2011; Some highlights include: All Fire Stations will remain open and no layoffs to occur since Fire Department deployment strategies will change to more accurately reflect today's needs and will instill a hard-hiring freeze to take place until at least 2014-2015; Public Library hours have been restored to open 6 days a week; Expansion of the Summer Night Lights Program (Keeping some parks open from 7pm to midnight Wed.-Sat.) from the current total of 24 to 32 parks; Dept. of Recreation & Parks has to raise its fees, as it has taken close to \$30 million in cuts, and will be closing many parks as a result, ideas include possible public/private partnerships with major advertising at parks in order to keep them open; Street maintenance will continue with pothole filling and street repair to be accomplished next; More enforcement of Dept. of Building and Safety Codes; Some departments that are to take the biggest cuts include the City Attorney's Office, Dept. of Recreation and Parks, Dept. of Transportation; Neighborhood Councils Budget for this coming fiscal year will be \$40,500; Reported deficit of \$4.1 Million was reduced, and in fact eliminated; We do have a Reserve Fund balance which will remain at \$193.8 Million, consisting of \$120.3 Million in the Emergency Reserve, and \$73.5 Million in the Contingency Reserve.

Lisa Reveen asks about law enforcement at the parks during the extended nighttime hours and Emily responds that they will have heavy law enforcement there, a collaboration between LAPD and Rec. & Park Security as well as programming, moonlight basketball games, and games & skills for younger people, with a very healthy ratio of not only law enforcement and security but also adults and trained instructors. However, additional law enforcement will not necessarily be available at the parks that will not stay open, due to budget cuts.

9. **Presentation by Lynda Levitan and possible motion for National Night Out funding for West Valley LAPD Boosters - Reveen**

Linda Pruett brought a motion to allocate \$1,000 for participation in the National Night Out event, seconded by Roger Ortiz. Vote: (9-1). Motion Passes.

10. **Discussion/Possible motion regarding AB 818 – Renter's Rights to Recycle Act – Ortiz**

Amber MacDonald from Assembly Member Bob Blumenfield's Office distributed information at the last meeting and once again reviews the Bill with the Board. Any apartment complex with more than five units would be required to provide recycling to the entire complex.

Roger Ortiz brought a motion for the LBNC to create a letter of support for AB 818, Renter's Right to Recycle Act, seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote: (10-0). Motion Passes.

The Secretary shall draft a letter of support for review with the Board.

11. Presentation by Don Shultz of the Van Nuys Citizens Advisory Commission regarding the creation of a Van Nuys Airport Board of Airport Commissioners solely in charge of issues that pertain to the Van Nuys Airport. Possible motion – Ortiz

Linda Pruettt asks how they intend to bring airport operations up, and Elliott Sanders responds that bringing in new corporate jets would help, but what would help even more would be focusing more on flight instruction, which is a core business there.

Linda Schwering asks how the Board of Airport Commissioners would differ from the existing Citizens' Advisory Commission and Don Schultz explains how they would actually have decision making power. Another advantage of creating this Board is that there would be local meetings focused on an agenda dedicated to issues which pertain solely to our area here at the Van Nuys Airport as opposed to meeting twice a month at LAX to sit through agendas focused on LAX happenings, including vendors presentations which have no bearing on the well-being of our airport. Linda Pruettt reminds the Board just how important it is to maintain and take good care of the Van Nuys airport as it plays a very important part in emergency preparedness and in keeping our community healthy.

Roger Ortiz brought a motion for the LBNC to submit a letter of support for the creation of a Van Nuys Airport Board of Airport Commissioners solely in charge of issues that pertain to the Van Nuys Airport, seconded by Bahman Mojallal . Vote: (11-0). Motion passes.

The Secretary shall draft a letter of support for review with the Board

12. Unfinished Business –

a) Field Deputy Seme Park from Councilman Greg Smith's Office –

A new ordinance has been passed in regards to the regulation of unlicensed group homes.

A 9.4 acre property on Devonshire west of Reseda, Oakridge Estate, has been purchased for the preservation of open space with plans to turn it into a park and to preserve the house as a historic home, email oakridgepad@gmail.com for more info.

Lynda Levitan supports the new ordinance passed in regards to group homes, and reminds the Board how important this is for our area, especially with regard to unlicensed sober living homes.

b) Allen Nelson – Asks for the removal of Theresa Pollock from the Board as she has voluntarily given up her position by not attending 4 meetings in a row, according to our bylaws, and asks the Board to open up the slot to another person. ***This item is to be put on the July agenda.***

Also, he reminds the Board that there is currently a \$1 Million Grant available from the Federal government if local communities can work with the schools to improve access and transportation lines to and from the local schools, but it goes away July 15th. Lynda Levitan will forward to the schools before they will be out on summer vacation shortly.

13. Adjournment – A motion is brought to the table by Evan Doxsee to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger Ortiz (Vote: 10-0); Motion passes. Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision at 8:33pm.