

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 6:30 pm
Van Nuys Golf Course, Billingsley Room
6550 Odessa Ave. – Lake Balboa, California 91406

1. Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:00pm.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruett	Residential Rep., EP Committee Chair	P
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
Diane Geer	Residential Rep.	P
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep., Beautification Chair	P
Matt Coles	Business Rep.	P
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 1 st V.P.	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., P. & L.U. Chair	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
	Organizational Rep.	Vacant
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep., 2 nd V.P.	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	Vacant
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	Vacant

2. ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote – Cynthia Weichelt asks the Board to move Item 9 to Item 6 and Item 10 immediately following Public Comment. Linda Pruett brought a motion to approve the agenda as revised, seconded by Matt Coles. Vote: (12-0). Motion passes.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the March 7th, 2012 Meeting – Linda Schwering requests that Item 5 be corrected to read “...review of Feb. financial and credit card reports” Matt Coles brought a motion to approve the March 7th Meeting Minutes, as corrected, seconded by Allen Nelson. Vote: (13-0). Motion passes.

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

A. LAPD, Senior Lead Officer Saul Paredes – Residents are encouraged to follow and document foreclosures in their area to prevent problematic squatters from taking advantage of vacant properties by visiting www.westvalleypolice.org, following link to “Foreclosures” and entering those addresses; “Knock-knock burglars” have become a trend, checking if anybody is home before breaking & entering and also posing as solicitors when somebody is home to distract them while their partners enter through the backyard, so let neighbors know if you go out of town so they can notify police of any unusual activity and cancel mail delivery to reduce the chance of burglary attempts; SLO Saul Paredes, handling east Lake Balboa inquiries: Office (818) 374-7635/Cell (818) 731-2554 ; SLO David Ham, handling west Lake Balboa

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

City Council District 6 expands as of July 1st to include the entire Sepulveda Basin, along Victory Blvd to White Oak, up to Saticoy, on Saticoy back to Louise then up to Roscoe; Cleanups continuing on the medians in the Sepulveda Basin, on Haskell, Woodley, Burbank and Balboa; Update to come on lawn signs for safety purposes; Runway at Van Nuys Airport will be refurbished in 2013; All Access ball field for youth with disabilities is being installed at Beilenson Park, it was approved by Parks Commission a couple years ago, grants & funding were provided through the Recreation & Parks Foundation; Issues within Sepulveda Basin to be addressed in an environmental assessment in Sept; dumping of construction debris in wildlife area, they are working on tacks to prevent this; "Victory for Victims Walk" April 15 in Sepulveda Basin; LAUSD Redistricting Commission to have a Public Hearing at Van Nuys City Hall on April 11th at 4pm, with more to be held at City Hall; Aviation Career Day April 20th at Van Nuys Airport 9am-2pm, Contact Lynda Levitan to volunteer with shifts from 6am-12pm & 9am-3pm; Metro to relieve traffic congestion on Sepulveda Blvd., meeting at 6pm on April 18th at Valley Presbyterian Hospital Health Education Center on Vanowen; Friends of the Los Angeles River hosting a fun Sepulveda Basin cleanup event at 9am-12pm on April 28th on the west side of Balboa (www.FOLR.org); Poster competition for Mayor's Office deadline May 4; Lake Balboa sign near Burbank Blvd. still missing; Contact Lynda for further info on any upcoming events.

C. Linda Schwering – Ethics training cancelled; check website to get info or train online; March 10 was Mayor's Regional Budget Day, Budget may be cut by 10%, possibly may apply to 2012/2013 FY;

D. Steve Leffert – Construction to begin on the Propeller Park at the Van Nuys Airport along Balboa north of Stagg St. this Spring/Summer, good idea to look into accessing use of the community room for LBNC meetings.

E. Allen Nelson – All Lake Balboa Residents (with photo I.D. showing 91406 zip code) get free admission to Worldfest on May 20th at Woodley Park, event includes petting booths for kids, wine & beer garden for adults, lots of vegan food, informational PETA booths, a fully solar powered event with entertainment & music; Haskell/Haynes Mural Project deadline has been extended to an August judging with Magnolia Science Academy, Daniel Pearl and Birmingham High Schools expressing interest.

F. Roxan Hartstein – Residents' input encouraged to flag areas in need of beautification (landscaping, cleanup, graffiti) to help increase property values; New trees have been planted on the south side of Vanowen and on both sides of Haskell; Please notify Board if you or your business does not receive Lake Balboa Newsletter.

G. Cynthia Weichelt – CA Native Plant Society presents Sepulveda Basin Wildflower Show & Plant Sale at 9am-4pm on April 21st on Magnolia & Hayvenhurst; Audubon Society hosts a cleanup of the Sepulveda Basin wildlife area at 8am-12pm on April 14th, students receive credit.

H. Linda Pruett – Reseda Neighborhood Council Community First Aid & CPR Training on April 15th \$35; Encino NC & Encino Chamber of Commerce Disaster Preparedness Committee interested in setting up Ham radio; Linda Pruett recertifying for the next 2 years as CERT Emergency Medical Responder (CERT Level 3); Next Emergency Preparedness Meeting (re: nuclear disasters) on Saturday, April 14th at 9am in the Community Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Van Nuys Flyaway (free parking).

5. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report – including Expenditure report for March 2012, including 3rd quarter 2011-2012 Credit Card report – Linda Schwering

APPROVED Treasurer's Report – Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the financial reports covering the period ending March 31, 2012, including 3rd Quarter FY2011-2012 purchase card reports, seconded by Linda Pruett. (Vote: 12-0). Motion passes.

6. Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Announcements, and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC.

A. Sal Pelaez, Northridge South Neighborhood Council, Chair of Transportation and Public Works Committee – Update on bike path on White Oak between Roscoe & Vanowen extending to Orange line to be completed by end of April; Suggests a site to keep neighbors in contact which works like Facebook, useful for Neighborhood Watch groups at www.nextdoor.com

B. John Stevenson – LB resident, concerned about budget issues affecting the performance of City employees.

7. Discussion and possible appointment of board members to fill open positions – F. Ahn
Frank Ahn brought motion to approve Young Jin-Yang as the new At-Large Appointed Representative, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. Vote: (14-0). President Cynthia Weichell will swear newly appointed At-Large Representative in at next meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding tree watering project and adjustment of funding allocation for this project – R. Hartstein

MOTION PASSED – Due to the accelerated planting of trees, increasing the number of trees from 113 to 215 in one initial phase instead of two, Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to reallocate funds of \$3,500 from the Haskell & Haynes landscaping project and allocate \$155 from uncommitted funds budgeted for community improvement, to allocate a total of \$3,655 from this fiscal year (increasing the originally requested amount for watering trees by \$155) to the tree watering project, seconded by Steve Leffert. Vote: (13-0). Motion passes.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding Big Sunday event on May 5th, originally sponsored by the Park Advisory Board – A. Nelson

Big Sunday Event at Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park on May 5 from 8am-4pm with tree planting, free spay & neutering, projects to make paper mache flower pots & chew toys for dogs, dog adoptions, fetching competition for dogs, atomic dog radio,

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion to sponsor Big Sunday weekend at the dog park, pending approval of City agencies in reference to any liabilities, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (13-0). Motion passes.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding land use issue; Conditional use permit for sale of on-site consumption alcohol at 16623 Sherman Way – S. Leffert

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion in reference to ZA 2012-236 CUB Restaurant at 16623 Sherman Way that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council go on record in favor of the application of a conditional use permit for the sale of on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine with the following conditions:

1. Hours of operation be limited to 11AM-10PM Mondays-Thursdays, 11AM-12 Midnight Fridays, 8AM-12 Midnight Saturdays, and 8AM-10PM Sundays.

2. Only beer and wine be permitted for a minimum of the first two (2) years of operation before a review and permitting for a full alcohol license

3. That the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council and Stakeholders within a 500 ft. radius of the restaurant be notified when there is an application pending for extending the on-site sale license to full alcoholic beverages – beyond beer and wine license

Also, a letter be written and sent to the City Planning Department denoting our position, motion seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote: (12-1-0), Ahn opposed. Motion passes.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding land use issue; Los Angeles Sephardic Housing Association (LASHA) proposal for senior housing facility to be built on vacant lot at Sherman Way and Amestoy – S. Leffert

Board is not in opposition at this time but would like to be included in the planning process to ensure Lake Balboa residents are in agreement of support; No action taken at this point.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding allocation of funds up to \$865 to purchase EP supplies to restock EP bin – L. Pruett

\$865.21 from Community Improvement Projects, already set aside, to be spent to purchase EP supplies to restock EP bin.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding allocating funds up to \$2000 to purchase outreach items – L. Shwering

MOTION PASSED – Linda Schwering brought a motion to approve up to \$2,000 for general outreach items to be offered at outreach events, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (12-0). Motion passes.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding potential to encumber funds for upcoming election– L. Shwering

Councils encouraged to plan and set aside funds such as a letter of agreement to rollover funds designated for elections; Ideas include holding elections in a fun, productive outreach event; May 16 deadline to submit all demand warrants.

15. Adjournment – MOTION PASSED – Matt Coles brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.