

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 2, 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 7:06pm.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruet	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.	Absent/Excused
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	Vacant

2. ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote – Cynthia Weichelt asks the Board to delete Item #4 from Agenda due to Young-Jin Yang's absence. Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the agenda as revised, seconded by Linda Gravani. Vote: (11-0). Motion passes.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the April 4th, 2012 Meeting, and correction of the Minutes of the March 7th, 2012 Meeting – Linda Schwering requests that Item #3 of the April 4, 2012 Minutes be amended to include a correction of the March 7, 2012 Minutes (In March's Item #3) by deleting the word "resolution" to reflect the "approval" of the Minutes, not resolution. Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the April 4th Meeting Minutes, seconded by Linda Pruet. Vote: (12-0). Motion passes.

4. Swearing in of Board Member appointed at April 4, 2012 Meeting, Young-Jin Yang.
Item deleted from Agenda, Young-Jin Yang not present

5. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports - LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives
A. LAPD, Steve Olivares – Working with Army Corps. of Engineers to address the problems of transients in two main hubs: Haskell & Boscoe by the 405 and Woodley at the park; Squatters/illegal activity inside bank owned property at 17020 Hartland; Stream of burglaries by a transient on bicycle targeting a specific residence on Gilmore; Keep trouble out of your area with deterrents such as motion detector

lighting, cameras with "Smile, you're on camera" signs, or neighborhood watch signs, and communication is key...Please report suspicious activity in your area by calling (877) ASK-LAPD or dial 311, if there is an immediate threat such as drug use in a parked car or vandalism/theft in progress dial 911; Officer Steve Olivares, handling east Lake Balboa inquiries: Office (818) 374-7635/Cell (818) 731-2554; SLO David Ham, handling west Lake Balboa inquiries: Office (818) 374-7634/Cell (818) 731-2551

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

Not present, but reminder sent regarding the West Valley Carnival at the West Valley Police Station on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 4, 5, & 6

C. Tom Soong, Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment – Budget cuts possibly minimizing staff members from 19 to 17; Neighborhood Council funds may be reduced to \$37,000, still to be approved; May 15 is deadline to submit all completed Demand Warrants, June 16 is P-Card deadline; NC Elections to be held between August 13 – August 19, funds for elections can be encumbered to be used next year, 4 page flyers "2012 NC Elections Frequently Asked Questions" distributed; Local trainings for outreach & elections to be held on Sat. May 12, from 8am-12:15pm at the Marvin Braude Constituent Center and another on Thurs. May 17, from 6pm-9pm at the Tillman Conference Room, all Board Members and Stakeholders invited, please pre-register for workshop by calling (213) 978-1551, flyers distributed; To be added to the Empower LA email list please send a text message with "Empower LA" in the body to "22828"

D. Allen Nelson – All Lake Balboa Residents (with photo I.D proof of 91406 zip code) get free admission to Worldfest on May 20th at Woodley Park, also all high school students, including non-residents, are eligible for discounted tickets available online

E. Carl Schwering – Advanced registration is required (seating is limited) for 4th Annual Senior Symposium on Sat. May 19 from 8am-4pm at ONEgeneration Senior Enrichment Center, flyers distributed

F. Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair – Congratulations to Linda Pruett on her recertification for the next 2 years as CERT Emergency Medical Responder (CERT Level 3/Advanced First Aid)! This course is highly recommended for anyone interested, the next one begins in the end of June in Reseda; Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month (next one on Saturday, May 12th) at 9am in the Community Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Van Nuys Flyaway (free parking); Linda requests for arrangements to be made to have newsletter emailed

G. Diane Geer – Recent Easter Event was a great success; Also working with Neighborhood Watch

H. Linda Gravani – Aviation Career Day also a great success

I. Linda Schwering – Update on Reusable Tote Bags: ordered, under budget (down from \$1800 for 1000 bags in 2008/2009 to \$1551 for 1000 bags this year!), and to be delivered in time to be used for WorldFest and the Senior Symposium outreach purpose

6. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report – including Expenditure report – Linda Schwering

APPROVED Treasurer's Report – Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the financial reports covering a period up to 4/30/12, including purchase card reports of credit card activity, as printed, seconded by Allen Nelson. (Vote: 11-0). Motion passes.

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

A. Mary L. Pennomon – Complaints of property owner's refusal to fix front gate buzz-in system, creating hazards for tenants (especially seniors and disabled), and emergency response at 15925 Victory Blvd.

B. Darien Mann – Trees on Balboa in front of Birmingham H.S. are dead and their deep wells in the sidewalk have introduced safety concerns; Feral cats creating problems in the community

- C. John Stevenson – Concerned about budget issues affecting the performance of City employees
- D. Susan O’Sullivan – St. Bridget of Sweden Parish offers a food pantry (“Martha’s Pantry”) run on Tuesdays by donation and through Valley Food Bank from 10am-2pm; Asking the community for donations of canned goods
- E. Kathie Shorkey – St. Bridget of Sweden School would like to work together with the LBNC on marketing beginning in August; Also, Pancake Breakfast open to the community to be held on May 20 from 8am-11am, \$6

8. Presentation on the California High Speed Rail Project by Samantha Foley, to introduce the project, local impact and opportunities for participation in the process– Nelson Denise & Maria present details of the project; visit site at www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov ; Email feedback to boardmembers@hsr.ca.gov or palmdale_los.angeles@hsr.ca.gov ; flyers distributed

9. Discussion and possible action regarding proposed Tillman Personnel and Multi-Use Facility Project – Leffert

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion as follows, seconded by Roxan Hartstein:
I move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council communicate via letters/email to City Council representatives Tony Cardenas and Mitch Englander, and the rest of the L.A. City Council to support the proposed construction of a Personnel and Multi-Use Facility at the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and to request that the new community/meeting rooms be available for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council meetings. Vote: (10-0). Motion passes.

10. Discussion and possible motion on the proposed re-writing of the zoning codes for Los Angeles – Leffert

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion as follows, seconded by Linda Gravan:
Whereas the current Los Angeles City Zoning Ordinance was established in 1946 and has had many parts that are antiquated and disjointed,
And whereas the City Council is considering a comprehensive zoning code revision
And whereas the approximate \$1 Million annual budget for this revision includes only \$40,000 per year for Public Outreach,
And whereas our neighborhood council has stated a goal to preserve historic, suburban, residential neighborhoods by restricting the rezoning of R-1 and RA-1 properties,
And whereas our neighborhood council has stated a goal to address infrastructure, school needs, utilities, and traffic concerns with the increase of population density,
And whereas the zoning code revision may include zone conversion including the rezoning of all the City’s Agricultural, Single-Family, Open Space and Public Facility zoned properties
And whereas this could result in a large number of zoning options for current residential zoned properties,
And whereas this would enable the Planning Department to establish a separate work program to rezone 67% of lots within the City shortly after the new Code provisions go into effect
And whereas the mass rezoning of properties, even with mitigation monitoring, may have residual impacts
I, therefore, move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council communicate via letters/email to Mayor Villaraigosa and our City Council representatives Tony Cardenas and Mitch Englander, and the rest of the L.A. City Council:

- to oppose any changes to the zoning code that would allow higher density development in current R-1 and RA-1 properties

- that traffic and utility capacity must be considered in proposals to increase housing density
- that even within the R-1 and RA-1 zoning there are needs to restrict the size of a home in relation to the size of the lot (mansionization)
- that quality of life issues should remain more important than developers profit

Vote: (11-0). Motion passes.

11. Discussion of committee membership and possible creation of ad-hoc election outreach committee to prepare for possible August elections

Cynthia Weichelt, President, creates the Ad-Hoc Elections Outreach Committee, appointing Ruth Doxsee as Chair

12. Discussion and possible board resolution to reallocate and encumber available funds from 2011-2012 fiscal budget for specific use on election outreach – L. Schwering

MOTION PASSED/BOARD RESOLUTION APPROVED – Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve Board Resolution to be presented by Cynthia Weichelt and Linda Schwering to reallocate funds of up to \$5000 into Outreach for Elections Outreach, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (10-0-2)

13. Adjournment — Matt Coles brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.