

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 6, 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.	<i>Vacant</i>
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep., 2 nd V.P.	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	<i>Vacant</i>
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	<i>Vacant</i>

2. ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote – Cynthia Weichelt asks the Board to move up Item #10 to #5 due to time constraints of IEA. Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the agenda as changed, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (14-0). Motion passes.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the May 2nd, 2012 Meeting – Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the May 2nd Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jack Baird. Vote: (13-0). Motion passes.

4. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees

A. LAPD, Steve Olivares – Available via text/cell at (818) 731-2554

B. Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair – Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings are regularly held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in the Community Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Van Nuys Flyaway on Saticoy & Woodley (free parking in front); **There will be no meeting held in July or August, therefore after this month's June 9 meeting, the next meeting will be held on SEPT. 8th** Special guest speaker this Sat. Tanya F. Yarbrough, Mixed Technique Trainer from Urban Dog S.T.A.R. regarding emergency preparedness for pets, with a huge SOS sale after the meeting, with product demos and several emergency preparedness organizations; The last of the emergency

items have been delivered to the emergency bin on Stagg St. and is now complete and the expired items in the Woodley Lakes bin have been picked up and will be replaced

C. Linda Schwering – 4th Annual Senior Symposium was quite a success!

D. Allen Nelson – Worldfest successful! We had the most board involvement to date.

E. Cynthia Weichelt, Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Committee Chair – Drought-tolerant plant sale at Magnolia Garden Center at Hayvenhurst & Magnolia on Saturday & Sunday, June 9 & 10.

F. Roxan Hartstein – 250 trees planted, any in shock that don't grow will be replaced; Send email through the LBNC website to Roxan Hartstein with the location of any dead trees you notice. 200 more trees will be planted January 13 from the existing grant and we have been awarded another grant with the possibility of planting 3000 trees.

G. Lynda Levitan, Field Deputy, CD 6, Council Member Tony Cardenas' Office (818) 778-4999 Not present, but Emily Williams reports: Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage 2012 Events packet distributed to Board; Museum of the San Fernando Valley to hold exhibit at their temporary exhibit space in the Westfield Shopping Center in Sherman Oaks, Historic Walking Tours this Saturday 10am (held monthly); A new red "Sharps Container" installed at back of the Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center (it is illegal to dispose of sharp objects such as blades and syringes in the home or public trash).

F. Diane Geer announced she is resigning at this meeting. She is moving at the end of June. Her husband serves in the military and has been transferred to another state.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding upcoming Neighborhood Council elections scheduled for Saturday September 29; possible Board Resolutions on election outreach plan and election stipulation sheet. Introduction of Independent Election Advisor, Alisa Smith – Ruth Doxsee

Visit www.empowerla.org or text the phrase "empower la" to 22828 to receive their email newsletter; July 31st – Call for candidates, August 30 – Candidate filing deadline (See newsletter or website for more information); Start asking neighbors now to run for the board!

Election Stipulation Worksheet filled out by the Board as agreed upon.

RESOLUTION PASSED – Linda Pruett brought a resolution to approve the declaration (that the LBNC...under penalty of perjury, declare that a Brown Act noticed Neighborhood Council public meeting was held with a quorum of the Board present, and the information in this document and attachments was approved as an official action of the Board per the Neighborhood Council's bylaws...) and the Election Procedures Stipulation Worksheet, as presented and discussed, seconded by Allen Nelson. (Vote: 14-0). Resolution passes. The Secretary/Election Committee Chair, Ruth Doxsee, will submit the Stipulation Worksheet and Resolution to D.O.N.E.

6. Swearing in of appointed board member Young-Jin Yang – Item tabled, Young-Jin Yang not present

7. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report – including Expenditure report for May 2012 and request for board resolution of approval – L. Schwering

RESOLUTION PASSED – APPROVED Treasurer's Report – Linda Schwering brought a Resolution to approve Financial Statements for the period ending May 31, 2012 in accordance with the Neighborhood Council bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment (Vote: 12-0-1). Resolution passes.

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

- A. Sandy Lazarus – Yard sale fundraiser for search & rescue dogs June 29-July 1st (100% of proceeds go to National Disaster Search Dog Foundation) at 7417 Ostrom Ave. from 8am-4p, also a Jamba Juice stand will be there (partial proceeds go to Foundation as well), now accepting donations for yard sale, call (818) 344-0305 to arrange drop-off.
- B. Letty Alkhaddam – Home values are up, it's a great time to sell & buy! www.lettysells.com
- C. Robert Almond representing Alex Chase, Lula – Discusses the Board & Stakeholders response to the idea of opening a pawn shop at Sherman Way & Balboa Blvd.
- D. John Whitaker, Paso Por Paso – To be added to an upcoming agenda, info packets distributed

9. Presentation of overview of City of LA Budget by Emily Williams, CD6 Deputy Chief of Staff. – L.

Gravani – City continues to save on Kilowatt usage and reduce carbon footprint by switching to LED streetlights; Street resurfacing handled through contact management by calling Van Nuys District Office at (818) 778-4999; Genesta north from Sherman Way to Saticoy and Wyandotte east from Valjean to Gloria will be resurfaced; an estimated 5,000 more trees will be trimmed throughout the City; Proposed \$7.2 Billion Budget for 2012/2013 provides 15,000 new pothole repairs, expands the pavement preservation program by nearly 10%, expands Public Library hours on Mon. & Wed. evenings as well as Fri. mornings at all 63 branch libraries, restores funding for parks for maintenance and trash pickup and constructs new park & recreational facilities, provides as needed funding for restroom & trash maintenance at parks on weekends and extra weekdays, maintains the “Summer Night Lights” program at 32 parks in the City, maintains & increases the Sanitation Lifeline program funding, maintains the size of the LAPD at its current strength, provides funding for critical Fire Dept. resources and gives incremental funding for restarting the recruitment process for new firefighters, strengthens the City’s cash reserves by \$211 Million in the Reserve Fund and calls for an 8% reduction in the Mayor’s and City Council’s Budgets;

\$5 increase to all categories of Parking Citations and another increase for disabled parking violations, remote testimony of City Council meeting to be eliminated, City has declared a State of Fiscal Emergency for the 3rd year in a row allowing a hard hiring freeze, with exception of revenue-generating, grant-funded, and emergency services, Paper and Plastic bag ordinance passed.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the Community Care Facility Ordinance, including comments by parties in support and against the currently proposed city ordinance. – A. Nelson – *Item tabled*

11. Presentation of final budget allocations and adjustments for the FY2011-2012 and Quarter 4 11/12 P-card reconciliation, end of year FY2011-2012 financial reports and budget for the FY 2012/2013 and Board Resolution of Approval – L. Schwering –

RESOLUTION PASSED – Linda Schwering brought a resolution to approve a Budget revision for reallocation of existing funds for the FY 2011-2012 for the amount of \$40,500.00 in accordance with the Neighborhood Council bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Vote: (10-0-1). Resolution passes.

RESOLUTION PASSED – Linda Schwering brought a resolution to approve the Budget for the FY 2012-2013 for the amount of \$37,000.00 in accordance with the Neighborhood Council bylaws and within the guidelines set forth by the City of Los Angeles and the Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment. Vote: (12-0). Resolution passes. *(Note: Emergency Preparedness Committee will be requesting funds in the future and the Budget will then need to be readjusted to reallocate funds in 2012/2013)*

12. Discussion and possible action regarding committee membership and preparation for projects in fiscal year 2012/2013. – L. Gravani – *Item tabled*

13. Adjournment – Allen Nelson brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.