

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 1, 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 Pruet	Residential Rep., EP Committee Chair	Excused
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
	Residential Rep.	Vacant
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep., Beautification Chair	P
Matt Coles	Business Rep.	Excused
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 1 <sup>st</sup> V.P.	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., P. & L.U. Chair	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep., Secretary	Excused
	Organizational Rep.	Vacant
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep., 2 <sup>nd</sup> V.P.	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	Vacant
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P (Left meeting early)
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	Vacant

2. ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote –Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the agenda for the August 1, 2012 meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (8-0-1). Motion passes.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the June 6, 2012 regular meeting and July 7, 2012 special meeting – Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the June 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (9-0). Motion passes.

Allen Nelson brought a motion to approve the July 7<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (9-0). Motion passes.

4. LBNC Elections – Region-wide Neighborhood Council Elections on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Committee report on outreach, call for candidates and updates from Alisa Smith, Independent Election Advisor - [alisa@empowerla.org](mailto:alisa@empowerla.org) - Election Line: (818) 293-VOTE (293-8683) - [www.empowerla.org](http://www.empowerla.org) – Linda Gravani updates on the progress of outreach to get participation from community, distribution of calendar; Public comment: Stakeholders Patricia Davidovich and Freddy Cortez introduce themselves to the community

5. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives,

## Board Members, Committees

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

New map of district boundaries distributed; "National Night Out" Neighborhood Watch Meeting on 8/7 at 6pm at Lulu's Restaurant/16900 Roscoe Blvd.; Free business workshops calendar distributed [www.iconcdc.org](http://www.iconcdc.org) (818) 894-8800; Free spay & neutering or microchip available for pets; Bikeway across from Birmingham H.S. is currently being fixed

B. Matt Margolis, Congressman Brad Sherman's Office (818) 501-9200 [matt.margolis@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.margolis@mail.house.gov) – Flyers distributed: Foreclosure Prevention & First-Time Homebuyer Workshop on 8/4 from 8:30a-2pm at Sherman Oaks/East Valley Adult Center; Town Hall Meeting on 8/5 from 3-4:30pm; Constituent Services Guide offers help with any federal agency:

C. Steve Leffert – Introduces "Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods" survey program and asks for input, ideas, and feedback from the community ( [www.la2b.org](http://www.la2b.org) )

D. Linda Schwering, reporting for Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair – Emergency Preparedness Committee Meetings are regularly held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9am in the Community Meeting Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Van Nuys Flyaway on Saticoy & Woodley (free parking in front); \*\*There will be no meeting held in August, therefore the next meeting will be held on SEPT. 8\*\* Emergency preparedness items for Woodley Lakes Emergency Supply Center have been put in place

E. Cynthia Weichelt – Election of officers pushed until after October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Committee Update– Sports facilities to open in the fall; Soccer fields being renewed, also to open in the fall; in the Burbank and Woodley area they will be mowing all grass as soon as birds are done nesting;

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

A. Gloria Park – Aya Restaurant at White Oak & Sherman Way has applied for a conditional use permit for beer & wine open from 10:30a-11pm; Board not opposed, no action taken

B. Glenn Bailey – Pushing for bicycle parking at LBNC Meeting Location; Valley residents can participate and provide public comment at City Council meetings now only once every two months, next meeting Friday 8/3 at 10am at Van Nuys City Hall, also encourages stakeholders to comment on the need to reinstate the ability to have remote meeting access to make Public Comments whenever the Council meets through remote viewing at Van Nuys City Hall

7. LA DOT – Eric Wright/not present – Free lawn signs available & free installation of bike racks upon approval of location, email Allen Nelson ( [allen@lakebalboanc.org](mailto:allen@lakebalboanc.org) ); Glenn Bailey comments as Vice-Chair Bike Advisory Board on taking advantage of the opportunity to install bike racks in the community; City's notice of scoping for proposal to connect Woodley bike lanes between Stagg & Roscoe, require IER, to be added to next month's agenda; Project to have White Oak between Roscoe & Vanowen slurry coated and bike lanes installed in progress now

8. Urban Beekeeping – Discussion and possible action regarding efforts to legalize urban beekeeping in Los Angeles (Bower) – Summer Spanton provides info on urban beekeeping, "Honey Love", colony

collapse disorder, the importance of bees pollinating, feral bee hives, bee rescue available through [www.backwardsbeekeepers.com](http://www.backwardsbeekeepers.com)

MOTION PASSED – Christopher Bower brought a motion to send a letter to our City Council representatives which states that the LBNC supports efforts to legalize urban beekeeping in Los Angeles and encourages the City Planning Department to initiate an ordinance that would allow residents to raise their own honeybees, a practice that helps boost struggling honeybee populations and benefits the environment, seconded by Linda Gravani. (Vote: 9-0). Motion passes.

9. Music Festival in the Sepulveda Basin – Discussion and possible reply to Army Corps. of Engineers request for public comment on proposed 10,000 person, 4,000 car concert to be held on 9/15/12 in the Sepulveda Basin (Gravani) – Board members and Stakeholders Glenn Bailey, and Lynda Levitan contribute Public Comment and feedback to be referred back to the Army Corps. of Engineers  
MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion for the LBNC to compose a letter of Public Comment with statements, questions, and concerns, including a request for a complete list of parking costs and methods to prevent overflow parking, request to keep the rest of the park open to the public and the bikeway open and clear of pedestrian traffic, questioning why their EIR preliminary report says \$35 for tickets but website says \$55, and to clarify it is the Lake Balboa Music Festival, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. (Vote: 9-0). Motion passes.

10. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report – Review and resolution of approval of expenditure reports for month of June 2012 and 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter FY 2011-2012. Review and approval of expenditure reports for July 2012 (L. Schwering) – July 2012 reports not available until September meeting and will be presented at that time; Board revised the LBNC Budget, approved at the July 7 Special Meeting moving funds for tree watering project from Beautification Category into Community Improvement Projects Category; DONE has approved \$4992.27 in rollover funds to be used for this year's election, to be reviewed by Election Committee

RESOLUTION PASSED – APPROVED Treasurer's Report – Linda Schwering brought a Resolution to approve expenditure and purchase card reports for the month of June 2012, including the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of FY 2011/2012, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. (Vote: 7-0-1). Resolution passes.

11. 2012 Congress of Neighborhood Councils – Discussion and possible action regarding allocation of funds up to \$500 in support. (Gravani) – 2012 Congress of Neighborhood Councils to be held on September 22 at 8am at City Hall

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion for the LBNC to complete the form for the resolution in the amount of \$100, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. (Vote: 6-0-2). Motion passes.

12. Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Discussion and possible action regarding allocation of funds up to \$500 for emergency preparedness supplies for the bags for the event. (Leffert) –

MOTION PASSED – Steve Leffert brought a motion stating that the LBNC participate in the Disaster Preparedness Fair on October 6, 2012 and allocate up to \$500 for emergency preparedness supplies to be placed in the bags to be handed out at the event, seconded by Allen Nelson. (Vote: 7-1-0). Motion passes.

13. LAPD National Night Out – Discussion and possible support of this LAPD local outreach event up to \$250. (Schwering) – Item Tabled (withdrawn)

14. Clean Up Day – Beautification Committee will propose dates for Haskell/Haynes Clean Up and request allocation of funds up to \$1700 for supplies and plants for the project. (Hartstein)– Item Tabled (Property owner’s permission/written consent to be obtained and Lynda Levitan to be emailed regarding project)

15. Plastic Bag Reduction legislation AB298 – Discussion and possible action regarding newly proposed legislation. (Nelson) – Update support to AB298; Andy Schrader, Clean Seas Coalition speaks  
MOTION PASSED – Allen Nelson brought a motion for the LBNC to send a letter in support of AB298, seconded by Steve Leffert. (Vote: Previously approved, unanimous). Motion passes.

16. Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods – [www.la2b.com](http://www.la2b.com) Discussion and possible action. (Leffert) – Board members are to fill out and return packets to Steve Leffer

17. Adjournment – Allen Nelson brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.