

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 5, 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 7:04pm.

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
	Residential Rep.	Vacant
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep., Beautification Chair	P
Matt Coles	Business Rep.	Excused
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.	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	Vacant
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	Excused
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	Vacant

2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote - Linda Pruet brought a motion to approve the agenda for the September 5, 2012 meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani. Vote (10-0-0). Motion passes.

APPROVED amendment to agenda by unanimous vote - Vote (10-0-0) - Motion passes.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the August 1, 2012 meeting - Steve Leffert brought a motion to approve the August 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote (9-0-1) Motion passes.

4. 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 - Flyers left regarding opportunities available to business owners or starting businesses:

Business Lunch Meeting at Police Station on September 18, 2012. Coastal Clean Up Day on September 15, 2012 along the L.A. River in Lake Balboa Park. Please join us.

- B. LA DOT -Representative Luz Echevarria - Free lawn signs available & free installation of bike racks upon approval of location; bike maps, bike reflectors, lunch bags distributed.
- C. Steve Leffert - An ordinance was passed by the city to close marijuana shops by September 1, 2012. 40,000 petitions were presented in opposition, as a result the shops remain open
- D. Linda Pruet, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair - Emergency Preparedness Committee Meeting Saturday September 8, 2012 at 9:00am in the Community Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of the Van Nuys Flyaway on Saticoy & Woodley (free parking in front); CPAB meeting Wednesday September 19, 2012 7:00pm at the West Valley Police Station on Van Owen.
- E. LAPD Captain Egan - CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm (with Meet & Greet at 6:30pm) at the West Valley Station; An update on Carmageddon II was given; emergency preparedness is important; Reseda Neighborhood Council celebrating 100th Anniversary Centennial in Reseda Park; Great concern for fire danger was expressed, LA Triathlon Event Sunday September 9, 2012; Neighborhood councils and local businesses were invited to work with the police to present movies in the park; Numerous thefts in parking lots of parks so a reminder of "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It", Marijuana clinic closures delayed due to signatures in opposition; No commercial burglaries in area, one residential burglary last week, three stolen cars; a third of car break-ins occurring in West Valley were in Lake Balboa neighborhood; Spoke regarding back to school activities; An update on the half way houses was given; Police Department is committed to the issue of constitutional policing and investigating any personnel complaints, any allegations of unauthorized force
- F. Roxan Hartstein - Balboa Music Festival on September 15, 2012 needs volunteers for the 13th and 14th three to four hours from 10am - 7pm. Lunch and free concert tickets will be provided

www.balboa musicfestival.com to view artists attending

- G. Steve Leffert - Gabriela - Minute Taker delivered a girl, Mina - 7 lbs 4 oz, 20 inches long on August 16th.
5. Public Comment - Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
- A. Letty Alkhaddam - Rodeo Realtors - Husband rented a commercial warehouse to sell marble in Lake Balboa.

6. LBNC Elections - Region-wide Neighborhood Council Elections on September 29, 2012. Committee report, call for candidates & update from Alisa Smith, Independent Election Advisor.

Alisa Smith - Independent Election Advisor - Alisa@empowerla.org - A regional half page ad for Region Three in the Daily News on September 27, 2012; Two or three food trucks will be at the elections site. Emergency and Beautification Committee tables will be at the election site; grocery bags will be handed out; volunteers for election day are needed; Candidate Training Session September 13, 2012 in the Encino Community Center on Balboa Blvd North of Ventura Blvd. at 6pm

7. LBNC Candidate Forum - Meeting turned over to Alisa Smith. Each candidate will be welcomed to speak to the stakeholders.

Candidates who presented: Residential: Jennifer Holtan, Yali Yang, Linda Schwering, Cynthia Weichelt, Allen Nelson, Jack Baird, Linda Pruett, Brian Tessier, Business: Michael Rosa,

Linda Gravani, Clay McFarland, Roxan Hartstein, Bethany Harris, Organizational: Ruth Doxsee, Steve Leffert, Youth: Chris Bower, Senior Carl Schwering, At-Large Elected : Patricia Davidovich.

8. Original Item 8: LA DOT Rep. Eric Wright to discuss DOT programs available to our neighborhood, including bike rack initiative. Nelson; occurred during Item 4 A: Announcements. According to agenda adopted, Item 14 was taken out of order as Item 8.

Land Use: Conditional use permit for sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption at the Van Nuys Golf Course, 6550 Odessa Ave, Lake Balboa.

MOTION PASSED - Steve Leffert brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council go on record in favor of the application of a conditional use beverage permit, Case No. ZA 2012-2009 for the sale/service of beer for on-site consumption at Van Nuys Golf Course, 6550 Odessa Ave., Lake Balboa, CA, including outdoor dining, hours of operation from 6 am to 10pm daily, and hours of beer service be 7am to 10pm. The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council shall write a letter to this effect and send it to the Zoning Administrator as soon as practicable, seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote: (8-0-1) Motion passes.

9. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report -Review and request for approval of expenditure reports for July 2012 and August 2012

APPROVED Treasurer's Report for July 2012- Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the financial and credit card reports, seconded by Ruth Doxsee Vote (9-0-0) Motion Passes.

APPROVED Treasurer's Report for August 2012 - Roxan Harstein brought a motion to approve the financial and credit card reports, seconded by Steve Leffert - Vote (8-0-1) Motion passes

10. LBNC Election Outreach - Discussion and possible motion to revise the authorization of the Election Committee so spend up to \$4,992.27, the revised amount available for Election and Election Outreach expenses confirmed by DONE, from encumbered funds from FY2011-2012

MOTION PASSED - Linda Schwering brought a motion to revise the authorization of the Election Committee to spend up to \$4,992.27, the revised amount available for Election and Election Outreach expenses confirmed by DONE, from encumbered funds from FY2011-2012, seconded by Steve Leffert. Vote (9-0-0) Motion passes.

11. Anniversary of Lake Balboa, California - Beautification project in celebration of 5th Anniversary of renaming of community.

After Board discussion Item #11 tabled to be put on October Agenda.

12. Yard Fruit - Presentation by Bethany Harris, employee of Starbucks on Louise, just south of Saticoy who also volunteers with Food Forward, an organization focused on volunteer harvest of local residential yard fruit and redistribution to local food banks including a current project in collaboration with Starbucks to supply the SOVA food bank at Hayvenhurst and Vanowen Discussion and update by Board Members of Item #12.

13. Local Elementary School Thanksgiving Food Drive -Discussion and possible action regarding LBNC participation. Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets to be distributed to 750 low income families in Councilmember Tony Cardenas' Council District 6, that includes 6 Lake Balboa elementary schools

MOTION PASSED - Steve Leffert called the question. Linda Pruett brought a motion to allocate \$500 toward purchase of Thanksgiving food baskets, seconded by Linda Schwering. Vote (8-0-1) Motion passes.

14. Item #14 was taken out of order as Item #8

15. Web Services: Discussion and motion to change web-hosting services

MOTION PASSED - Motion brought by Linda Schwering regarding cancellation of services with Liquid Web, and new service with Aaron DeVandry not to exceed \$20 per month, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote (9-0-0) Motion passes.

16. Adjournment - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.