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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 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 7:08pm.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruett	Residential Rep., Emergency Preparedness Chair	P
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
Brian Tessier	Residential Rep., General Outreach Chair	P
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 2 nd VP	P
Clay McFarland	Business Rep., 1 st VP	P
Michael Rosá	Business Rep., Business Chair	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., Planning & Land Use Chair	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P
Bethany Harris	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
Patricia Davidovich	At-Large Elected Rep.	E
Leslie (Leela) Woods	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Roxan Hartstein	At-Large Appointed Rep., Community Improvement Chair	E

2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote - Clay McFarland brought a motion to approve the agenda for the February 6, 2013 meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani. Vote: (14-0-0). Motion passes. It was noted that 52 people were in attendance.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting - Clay McFarland brought a motion to approve the December 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes as issued, seconded by Michael Rosa. Vote: (14-0-0) Motion passes.

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

A. **LAPD Officer Steve Olivares** - Reported on a website nextdoor.com for the community to keep in touch on Smart Phones of any suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Anyone signed up will receive a message about it; crimemapping.com is a resource to check the crime in the area, it is

updated every four days; Cartsnap is an app for iPhones or iPads to report shopping carts in the area that needs to be picked up by using GPS application; Volunteers are needed for the Camera Project, email 34728@lapd.lacity.org if you are interested in helping; Officer Ron Owens and Officer Tim Talman were introduced as new Officers in the area; another way to get involved is through the Police Advisory Board.

- B. **Linda Pruett** - Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meets at the West Valley Police Station, which is at Vanowen & Wilbur, at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday
- C. **Nury Martinez - School Board Representative- District 6** - She covers portions west of the 405 Freeway, an update on the great schools in the area was given; a letter of support was asked for to save the Aviation School at Van Nuys Airport - the lease needs to be renegotiated. The paperwork has been submitted to the FAA, now it is up to LAWA to give the green light to enter into a new lease agreement for the original amount. Lease expires at the end of June. Nury is also a candidate for the LA City Council.
- D. **Michael Tou - Field Deputy for Congressman Brad Sherman - 818-501-9200** - They are engaged in issues including: Van Nuys airport to modernize the tower, the negotiation of the Aviation Lease; recreational resources; John Alford is a new Field Deputy. He represents the four Neighborhood Councils.
- E. **Mindy Lake - Representing Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian District 46** -Nazarian is serving on the Budget, Education K-12, Health, Rules, Transportation Committees, he is hosting an Open House at the District Office on Van Nuys Boulevard in State Assembly Building on February 21, 2013 from 5:00- 8:00 p.m.
- F. **LAPD Officer John Egan** -He congratulated the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council for having the largest attendance he's ever been to; He attended a meeting of the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Advisory Committee; the Police Department is developing a plan to address community concerns about the impact of people on the wildlife in the area; a plan is being set up to assign Officers to work the park on the weekends.
- G. **Lynda Levitan, Senior Field Deputy, CD 6 District Office** (818) 778-4999 - A book of accomplishments of Tony Cardenas, who is now in Congress, was distributed; There is a recycling center at the Recreation Center to turn in used oil Saturday February 9, 2013; list of meetings being held in the area was distributed; a new State Collection Center for electronic equipment is in Granada Hills; There is a site in the basin to obtain free mulch.
- H. **Daniel Wiseman, City Budget Advocate** -Represents a number of Neighborhood Councils in the West Valley; Mayor's Budget Survey needs to be taken by March 5th; Copies of Budget Basics was passed out and discussed; Members of the community were invited to the Coalition Meetings. BudgetAdvocatesLA.org for more information.
- I. **Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Disaster Committee Meeting is February 9, 2013 at 9:00 A.m. at the Flyaway Bus Station at corner of Saticoy and Woodley - the subject of sprouting will be discussed and demonstrated as well as food storage

for emergencies; Teen CERT was discussed; requests have been from high schools and middle schools are interested in getting CERT going in their area for emergency preparedness for schools and staff; she is giving talks to various communities in the Valley; 27 new hams were licensed, Lake Balboa Net is Sunday morning at 9:00.

J. Michael Rosa - Outreach Committee - Business Outreach is having its first committee meeting March 11, 2013 for business owners, managers in Lake Balboa; if interested in attending contact him through email at mrosa@lakebalboanc.org, check website for time and location. A speaker from SCORE will be giving a presentation, a representative from Lake Balboa Living will be there.

K. Clay McFarland - An update on a new group called the Neighborhood Council Plan Review was given; comments and input from Board Members needs to be emailed by 4:00 p.m. clay@lakebalboanc.org

L. Cynthia Weichelt - Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council received a beautiful Certificate from Tony Cardenas' Office for participation in the Thanksgiving Outreach for giving 1000 baskets; an update on the Sepulveda Wildlife Park area was given regarding clearance of 48 acres in the basin south of Burbank Blvd; There has been community interest in establishing a Youth Committee, Senior Committee and Animal Welfare Committee - Board Members and Chairs are needed - Stakeholders are welcome to join the committees.

M. Clay McFarland - Standing Committees have to meet at least once every three months; he needs the Minutes and Agendas from the Committee Meetings emailed, Committees should establish a Mission for the coming year.

5. Public Comment - Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

A. John Stevenson - Commented on Prop A; sales tax; small business replaced by big companies; supports the trade school at Van Nuys Airport.

B. Brad Porter - West Cal Property Group - Three acres at 17051 Sherman Way in Lake Balboa have been purchased for 18 homes to be built.

C. Fred Suzuki - Resident of Lake Balboa - Would like to beautify Lake Balboa around Balboa and Saticoy and other areas by planting plants.

D. Justin Bonney - An update was given on a new Facebook page created to promote small businesses in the community - [facebook.com/lake/lakebalboaliving](https://www.facebook.com/lake/lakebalboaliving).

E. Linda Heard - Commented on the underpass at the airport being a disaster with tiles off and graffiti on walls.

F. Cindy Montanez - Resident of Lake Balboa, former state legislator, she thanked the Neighborhood Council for all the work they do for their area. She is an LA City Council Candidate

G. Carmen Trutanich - City Attorney - An update was given of what has done in the City in three years including: embracing neighborhood Councils, history on the Neighborhood Councils, stakeholders' role, elections, membership, public safety, crime, electronic billboards. Jane Usher, an employee in his division, is the highest ranking city official who serves on an NC board (Mid City West). 213-973-8344

6. Mural Design Contest Winners - John Baird - A number of high school students participated in the design contest - three designs were voted on by the Board and Design Number 2 won by majority vote

7. Digital Billboards: Discussion and possible motion to issue comment letter to city council regarding recent motions to retroactively legalize digital billboards - Steve Leffert
MOTION PASSED: Steve Leffert brought a motion that the Board of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council urges the City of Los Angeles to fully implement the appeals court ruling in the *Summit Media LLC v City of Los Angeles* and to remove the 103 illegal digital billboards blanketing our city. We further request that the City refrain from making any changes to the zoning laws relative to digital billboards until the illegal boards are removed and any such proposed change has been subjected to an open and transparent outreach process to community stakeholders. This motion shall be implemented by writing a letter to the City Council, seconded by Clay McFarland. Vote: (14-0-0) Motion passes.

8. Tillman Multiuse Facility: Discussion of Design and Build project that recently broke ground. Possible motion to issue comment letter. Steve Leffert
MOTION PASSED: Steve Leffert brought a motion Whereas, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports the current plan for an 18,000 square foot facility replacing the current trailers. Whereas, the project has broken ground and is "design and build" meaning that the design may change. The Board Members of the Neighborhood Council resolve to issue a comment letter to state our opposition to any plan design changes that reduce the current boundaries of Woodley 1 park area, seconded by Michael Rosá. Vote: (13-0-0) Motion passes.

9. Community Impact Statements: The board will nominate and vote to authorize up to 5 board members to submit community impact statements on behalf of stakeholders. CIS are limited to 150 words and can be submitted on issues before the city council. Linda Gravani
Item tabled

10. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for approval of expenditure report, including P-Card expenditures for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2012-213.

Resolution: Steve Leffert brought a motion to resolve that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approves the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2012 including the 2nd Quarter 2012-2013 credit card reconciliation in accordance with the Neighborhood Council.

Vote (13-0-0) Motion passes - Resolution adopted

11. Budget - Review and possible action to approve and adopt a revised Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013. L. Schwering

Resolution: Steve Leffert brought a motion to resolve that the Neighborhood Council has voted and approved and adopted the revised budget of the February 6, 2013 regular meeting.

Vote: (12-0-0) Motion passes - Resolution adopted

12. World Fest - Discussion and possible action to approve non-financial participation in World Fest Allen Nelson - Lake Balboa neighborhood wants to participate with no available funds. In return for free participation Lake Balboa hopefully will get some businesses that would be willing to participate and pay for retail space at the event. World Fest is offering a discount to local businesses who would like to participate with a booth.

13. Senior Symposium: Possible motion to allocate up to \$750 to participation in senior symposium.

MOTION FAILED: Motion brought by Clyde McFarland to allocate up to \$750 for the April 20, 2013 Senior Symposium, seconded Ruth Doxsee. Vote: (4-8-0) Motion failed

MOTION PASSED: Motion brought by Linda Pruett to allocate up to \$500 for the April 20, 2013 Senior Symposium, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. Vote: (8-5-0) Motion passes.

14. EP Bins Motion to allocate \$1110.78 for supplies to refill the EP bins. Pruett

MOTION PASSED: Linda Pruett brought a motion to allocate \$1110.78 for supplies to re-stock expired items in the emergency preparedness bins in Lake Balboa, seconded by Linda Gravani.

Vote (13-0-0) Motion passes.

15. Bike Plan -

MOTION PASSED: Steve Leffert brought a Motion that the board members of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council resolve to issue a comment letter to state our support for having this portion of the Woodley Avenue route upgraded to bike lane as a part of the proposed Bike Plan routes seconded by Clay McFarland Vote: (12-1-1) Motion passes

16. Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance

Item tabled

17. 2013 Posting and Refreshment schedule

Signatures have been obtained

16. Adjournment - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani

Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.