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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 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 7:10.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	E
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.	P
Leslie (Leela) Woods	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Roxan Hartstein	At-Large Appointed Rep., Community Improvement Chair	P

2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote – Clay McFarland made the motion to adopt the agenda. Roxan Hartstein seconded the motion. Vote: 15-0-0 It was noted that 42 people were in attendance.

3. APPROVED Minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting - Steve Leffert brought a motion to correct (5A) to Police Commissioner. Linda Pruett seconded the motion. Vote: (14-0-0) Motion passes.

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

A. LAPD Captain John Egan – Reporting on the Sepulveda Dam steering committee and the progress on the public relations piece. Has found a bilingual volunteer to assist in the media conference. Increased presence in the park on weekends. Reported on the ham radio training available. Inquired about board and public comments on the Persian New Year Festival. Thanked Linda Gravani for completing the volunteer citizen police academy training. Lt Paul Espinosa, Officer Olimpia Casilla and Officer Moses Lopez are introduced. Espinoza is in community relations and works closely with the neighborhood councils. Lopez provided the nonemergency line for the stakeholders 877 ASK LAPD. Officer Royal Barbar, SLO in Reseda area reporting for Officers Ham and Olivares: the crime report numbers look good. In Ofc. Ham's area year to date the crime has gone down 9-10%, in Ofc. Olivares' area, it has gone down by 14%. Theft from vehicles and burglaries have gone up, as well as stolen vehicles. Egan requested feedback in regards to the festival. In answer to a stakeholder that made a comment in regards to the concern that much of the lake was occupied by the festival,

Allen Nelson explained that it was for religious reasons that the festival needed to take place near the lake. Also announced was a meeting of the SFV coalition on gangs in late May/early June.

- B. Brian Gavidia with Congressman Tony Cardenas District 6** – The first Congressional forum on School Safety will be held at the Van Nuys High School at 10AM on 4/27. Please RSVP on the website.
 - C. Mindy Lake - Representing Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian District 46** – Nazarian 's first bill was passed AB320, the Tobacco Free School Prop 99 requiring tobacco free campuses (which includes e-cigarettes). Looking for California small business honorees, asked board president and business outreach chair to provide feedback. Pierce College VITA provides free tax help Wednesday and Saturdays before April 12th. 818.376.4246.
 - D. Lynda Levitan, Senior Field Deputy, CD 6 District Office** (818) 778-4999 – Introduced assistant Jenny Reyes who passed out information fliers for those present. Aviation Career day Friday April 5th. In need of more volunteers. Center for Assault Treatment Run April 28th. The Center provides free services for child assault cases.
 - E. Clay McFarland** – Sales tax increase defeated. BONC: There are 3 working groups for the NC Plan Review, two in the basin and one in the Valley. The meetings are going well.
 - F. Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Disaster Committee Meeting is April 13th at 9:00 A.m. at the Woodley Emergency bins where products that have expired will be restocked. Lake Balboa Net is Sunday morning at 9:00.
 - G. Roxan Hartstein – Beautification Chair** – Cleanup at Balboa and Saticoy Sunday June 9th. Magnolia Science Academy is interested in participating. Adopt a tree program extended to residents north of Saticoy. Ideas for the new sign - “Welcome to Lake Balboa” – were passed around for comment.
 - H. Mike Rosa – Business Outreach Chair** - The next meeting will be Monday the 8th at 6:30PM – held at Millie’s restaurant. The president of the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce will be in attendance.
 - I. Allen Nelson – Communication’s Officer** – Magnolia Science Academy is interested in sharing a new banner with LBNC. Students working on a scale rendering of mural.
 - J. Steve Leffert - Land Use Committee Chair** – Tesla wants to open new show room for electric cars in Lake Balboa.
 - K. Bethany Harris – Organizational Rep/Secretary** – Last month’s harvest with Food Forward yielded 1,500+ pounds of fresh produce donated to SOVA and ONEgeneration. CSUN harvest is to be Sunday, April 21st 9AM- 3PM, there is a need for more volunteers.
 - L. Linda Schwering – Treasurer – Review of Spring Egg hunt.** 400 children in attendance. Good outreach – photos online on LBNC website.
 - M. Patricia Davidovich** - Community Education Program at New Horizons – End of Life April 16th at 5PM
 - N. Linda Schwering** – Senior Symposium at ONEgeneration April 20th – in need of volunteers.
 - O. Cynthia Weichelt– President** – Announced the California Native Plants sale April 20th at the Garden Center; Army Corps of Engineers has involved concerned interest groups in the ongoing investigation of the Corps removal of habitat in the South Sepulveda.
- 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. Shannon Moore** - Birmingham Alumni – wants to be a part of community activities. Pancake Breakfast to engage stakeholders 5/18 at Birmingham. communications@Birminghamalumni.org, or srmoore33@gmail.com
 - B. Richard Valdez Candidate for Council CD6 818-522-2863**
 - C. Justin Bonney** - Bonney gave an update on the new Facebook page he created to promote small businesses in the community - facebook.com/lakebalboaliving. In addition to the newsletter he has a new newsletter with 1,000 in distribution. Suggests recognizing businesses for keeping area clean.\
- 6. Community Impact Statements.** CIS can be used to submit comments on issues before the city council. Clay McFarland made the motion selecting Linda Gravani.
Motion: The Board of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council authorizes boardmember, Linda Gravani, to submit Community Impact Statements on behalf of the board. Cynthia Weichelt 2nd the motion, **Vote**

14-0 – 1 Abstention

7. **Funding.** 11-1020-S1 Clay McFarland made the motion to support of implementation of NC Funding changes as proposed by DONE Steve Leffert seconded the motion. 15-1 Abstention – Motion Carries.
8. **Election Funding** – Clay McFarland motioned to send a letter to mayor and City Council.
Motion: Whereas, The city’s request for Neighborhood Councils to pay for elections out of their budgets amounts to a budget cut that will materially impair the Neighborhood Councils from performing their mandated function; and Whereas, The city continues to violate Charter Section 911 by cutting Neighborhood Council funding, sweeping excess funds and failing to fund Neighborhood Councils in a secure account one year in advance. Therefore, The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council moves that: the City Council issue no delays in the 2014 Neighborhood Council elections; the City Council impose no further funding cuts to the Neighborhood Council annual budget and increase the budget funding to \$50,000; and the City Council reinstate roll over of funds to allow Neighborhood Councils to achieve local goals. We demand that you cease these alleged vioalctions by fully funding both the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Neighborhood Councils sothat they can adequately perform their mandated functions in the community. Roxan Hartstein seconded the motion.
9. **Mural Ordinance** – File #11-0923 Nelson opens discussion regarding Mitch Englander’s email recommending 3% text reinstated. Roxan recommends board to read entire ordinance fully before reverting back to prior 3% and for the current ordinance w=to be left alone. Nelson makes a motion to support ordinance as it is to date. 5-5 Does not pass.
10. **Treasurers Report – Review and request for approval of March 2013 expenditure reports, including P-Card (Purchase Card) expenditures for 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2012-2013.** Resolution: Clay McFarland brought a resolution to approve the expenditure and P-Card reports for the period ending March 2013, including the 3rd Quarter of 2012-2013 seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (13-0) Resolution passes.-Linda Schwering recommended that an ad hoc budget meeting was needed to prepare proposed costs and that June 14th is the cutoff date for P-Card use. She also asked for it to be put on the May agenda. The board was informed that May 15th was the cutoff for demand warrants for this year. For future larger projects undertaken by the committees there will be a 4-5 month delay on projects costing over \$5,000 – the city also will require competitive bids.
11. **2013 Congress of Neighborhood Councils.** Re-agendize
12. **Facebook.** Previously there had been opposition to social media (2010). Three years later and every city department has Facebook (this includes DONE). It is now understood that it is acceptable for neighborhood councils to utilize social media. Linda Schwering made the motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council resolves to have a Facebook page. Linda Gravani seconded the motion. 12 in favor 1 opposed – 2 Abstentions. Motion carries
13. **ADA Compliance** – Linda Gravani's discussion of ADA checklist including certain verbiage, video compliance and regulations regarding locations of board meetings and to contact Thomas Soong (or Richard Ray if Soong is not available).
14. **Stakeholder Definition.** Discussion of meeting Clay attended where a committee attempted to make clear how to define a stakeholder. After much deliberation, it was decided not to change verbiage and for neighborhoods councils to establish their own definition. Clay made a motion to resolve to adopt the recommendations of BONC. Motion carried 14-0
15. **Newsletter. Mike Rosa.** Discussion of how to determine deadline of entries for the newsletter. Rosa asked for all material to be in by the 15th, for the verbiage to be sent as if it were going to be sent to the board for editing. Cynthia requested other outreach chairs to also share responsibility of the newsletter. Alien Nelson mentioned that he met with Brad Plonka of Magnolia Science Academy – the students are interested in volunteering to distribute the newsletter door to door and at the Sunday farmers market. Walking man perhaps is not the most efficient or cost effective way to reach our stakeholders – the board is looking to an alternative.
16. **Adjournment** - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda Pruet. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.