

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2013 6:30 pm

Gault Street Elementary - Room 13
17000 Gault St. Lake Balboa, CA 91406

- 1. Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:02 pm.**
There were 52 people in attendance.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	E
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruet	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	E
Michael Rosa	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	E
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	P

- 2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote** - Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve the agenda for the October 2, 2013 meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani. Vote: (12-0-1) Motion passes.
- 3. APPROVED Minutes of the September 4, 2013** - Bethany Harris brought a motion to approve the September 4, 2013 meeting minutes as issued, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (12-0-1) Motion passes.
- 4. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members & Committees**

A. LAPD Officer Steve Olivares

- 1) Put valuables in the trunk to avoid theft.
- 2) Be aware that people may be watching you.
- 3) When calling 911 give a good description of the person.
- 4) West Valley crime is down 12%.
- 5) A message can be sent by phone or email and PD will call back ASAP.
Phone #818-374-7635 (Officer Steve Olivares) 818-374-7634 (Officer David Ham).
- 6) An update on the Ice cream truck issue was given.
- 7) The City is going to teach all Senior Lead Officers to be able to train for CERT.
- 8) 400,000 people are to be trained for CERT.
- 9) Carry pepper spray or a taser to protect yourself.
- 10) Nextdoor.com - is a network neighbors with all the people in your neighborhood, and will umbrella over all neighborhoods, neighborhood council and police department.
- 11) Call 911 when there is a burglar.
- 12) Burglaries happen generally during the daytime.
- 13) CPAB meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30-7:00 at West Valley Police Station.
- 14) There are only 120 legal marijuana clinics across the city, the rest are systematically being shut down.

B. Lynda Levitan, Senior Field Deputy, CD 6 Member Nury Martinez' Office (818) 778-4999 -

- 1) There is a need to establish Neighborhood Watches.
- 2) Contact LAPD to get Neighborhood Watch started.
- 3) Council Member Nury Martinez will be at the next CPAB meeting.
- 4) Annual Flu Shot Clinic is October 26, 2013 from 9:00am - 1:00pm at Bernardi Senior Center 6514 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys.
- 5) Stakeholders are encouraged to join a committee.
- 6) West Valley is supposed to be assessing the cameras to help deter graffiti.

C. Mindy Lake, Representing Assembly Member Nazarian's Office

- 1) Linda Pruett was thanked for lending her support and expertise at an emergency preparedness training course at the state building.
- 2) 30 people are needed to start a CERT course.
- 3) Education Bills have been signed by the Governor.
- 4) One Bill was authored by Assembly Member Nazarian - The Information Act for Affordable Care and Medical Information.
- 5) Assembly Member Nazarian will attend the next Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council meeting in November.
- 6) Five Bills have been authored and made it to the Governor's desk for signing, two out of the five have been signed.
- 7) Nazarian's Office is sponsoring five Women's Defense Workshops all over the district on October 5th, 12th, 19th 2013.

D. Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair - Emergency Preparedness Committee

- 1) Neighborhood Council of Congress was on Saturday September 28, 2013 in which Linda spoke on a panel.
- 2) Sixth Annual Emergency Preparedness Event is Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Fire Station #87 on Balboa Boulevard. Everyone will receive an emergency preparedness kit and free lunch.
- 3) Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council received a Certificate of Recognition for their efforts in emergency preparedness recognized by the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment at the Congress of Neighborhood Councils on Sept. 28.
- 4) The Big Shake Out is on October 17, 2013 at 10:17a.m. Wherever you are Drop, Cover and Hold on. Go to Shakeout.org to register.
- 5) Regular emergency preparedness meeting is October 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Flyaway Bus Station, Community Meeting Room at corner of Saticoy and Woodley.
- 6) New Program (Map Your Neighborhood) is starting toward end of October.

E. Mike Rosa, Business Committee Chair

- 1) **Spend \$25** in Lake Balboa was on the September 25, 2013 at the Vallarta Supermarket.
- 2) **Next Spend \$25** is at the Food For Less on Hayvenhurst and Sherman Way between 12:00-5:00pm.
- 3) **Permanent Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council** meeting will be in the auditorium at Gault Street Elementary School.

F. Steve Leffert, Land Use & Planning Committee

- 1) **One item is on the Agenda** tonight for 126 unit apartment building on Woodley.
- 2) **New Housing Development** on Sherman Way will be single family homes.
- 3) **Small lot subdivision** on Vanowen Street for 29 homes taking over 3 existing lots.
- 4) **PLUHT Meetings** are held at Councilman Martinez's office.

G. Allen Nelson, Communications Officer

- 1) **Banner for Magnolia High School** is now up on the street facing Victory.
- 2) **School has picked a date** to begin the mural on Saturday, October 19, 2013.

H. Roxan Hartstein, Beautification Committee -

- 1) **Anti graffiti coating** will be put on the mural.
- 2) **Community improvement** is getting recognized for all the big tree projects in the community.

I. Cynthia Weichelt, President-

- 1) **Cynthia put My L.A. 311 APP on her phone**, take a picture- it is sent to Graffiti Removal
- 2) **S.A.F.E. collection center** for used motor oil and other hazardous materials is across from fire station on Balboa south of Devonshire across from Ralphs and is open Saturday and Sunday to drop off old paint, batteries, oil, etc.

- 3) **Pro bono (free) legal advice** session at the Law Library downtown on October 21, 2013
- 4) January 1, 2104 **Ban on Single Use Plastic Bags** begins in Los Angeles

J. Ruth Doxsee

- 1) **Neighborhood Watch meeting** is 7pm, January 15, 2014 at Stagg St. Elementary School. Councilmember Nury Martinez will be guest speaker.

5. **Public Comment:** Comments from Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, announcements and complaints within the jurisdiction for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council.

A. **Sue Steinberg** - The tunnel on Sherman Way needs to be cleaned up.

B. **Tony Wayne** - The issue with the recycled truck at Louise and Vanowen has been eliminated; There are a lot of wrecks at the corner of Louise and Vanowen. There is problem with the parking of semi trucks on Victory Blvd. between Louise Ave. and Aldea St. near Birmingham H.S. during the night.

6. **Bicycle Registration Proposal: CF-13-1237: Possible board vote to issue letter and CIS on the issue of bicycle license and registration**

MOTION PASSED: Linda Gravani brought the motion that the City of Los Angeles may terminate licensing of bicycles, seconded by Jack Baird. Vote (7-2-1) Motion passes.

7. **Bay Delta Conservation Plan: DWP and FWW's**

No action

8. **Raise LA - Living Wage Campaign - Movement for a living wage ordinance in LA County.**

MOTION PASSED: Allen Nelson brought the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports the efforts of Raise LA to promote a living raise policy proposal, seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote (7-2-0) Motion passes.

9. **RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for approval of expenditure report.**

MOTION PASSED: Allen Nelson brought the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote (11-0-1) Motion passes.

10. **CIP Tree Project: Replacement: Funding Request for allocation of \$1710 to water 19 replacement trees for 6 months**

MOTION PASSED: Motion brought by Roxan Hartstein to use the CIP funds allocated in 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$1710 to go towards 19 replacement trees for watering for six months. The vendor will be West Coast Technical the same vendor as the last who watered the trees in our commercial zones tree watering project, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. Vote (11-0-2) Motion passes.

11. CIP Tree Project: Phase 2 - Saticoy/Balboa - Funding request for allocation of \$4680 to water 52 new trees for 6 months

MOTION PASSED: Motion brought by Roxan Hartstein to use the CIP funds allocated in 2013-2014 budget in the amount of \$4680 to go towards 52 new trees to be planted at Balboa and Saticoy intersection for the watering for six months. The vendor will be West Coat Technical the same vendor as last time who watered the trees our commercial zone tree watering project, seconded by Mike Rosa. Vote (11-0-2) Motion passes.

12. Land Use: 7121-7137 Woodley Ave: Woodley Sara, LLC project for construction of 126 unit apartment building on C3-1VL zoned Lots

MOTION PASSED: Motion brought by Steve Leffert to issue a letter of support for the project seconded by Mike Rosa. Vote (7-4-1) Motion passes.

13. Election Outreach: Discussion on outreach for Neighborhood Council elections in March 2014, including website and physical outreach materials.

- 1) Date for the election: March 15 - March 21, 2014.
- 2) This topic will be on the November agenda for further discussion.
- 3) Board Members need to think about neighbors and friends in community who might want to join the Board.

14. Appointment of Budget Reps:

Linda Gravani and Michael Rosa are appointed as budget reps.

15. Request for City Policy Change:

Linda Gravani - Neighborhood Councils should be allowed to speak on neighborhood council issues for more than 2 minutes. Minimum of 5 minutes to discuss issue.

MOTION PASSED: Motion brought by Linda Gravani that anyone attending a Los Angeles City Council meeting or other LA City meeting that the neighborhood Councils be granted a minimum of five minutes to speak, seconded by Linda Pruet. (Vote 12-0-1) Motion passes.

16. Adjournment - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.