

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

- 1. Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:05pm. There were 51 people in attendance.**

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
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
Michael Rosa	Business Rep., Business Chair	E
Justin Bonney	Business Stakeholder-Rep	P
Bethany Harris	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., Planning & Land Use Chair	P
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	A
Patricia Davidovich	At-Large Elected Rep.	P
Leslie (Leela) Woods	At-Large Appointed Rep.	A
Roxan Hartstein	At-Large Appointed Rep., Community Improvement Chair	A

- 2. Recognition of Service in memoriam to Clay McFarland read by Linda Pruet.**
- 3. Swearing in of newly elected board: Councilwoman Nury Martinez will swear in the board elected in the March 16th election. (We waited until N.M. arrived at 7:40pm, in meantime heard public officials' comments.)** Previous to swearing in, Linda Pruet read a letter of gratitude and tribute to outgoing board member Steve Leffert for his lengthy and dedicated service to LBNC. The newly- elected board was sworn in. *Residential Stakeholder Representatives:* Cynthia Weichelt, Linda Pruet, James C. Brown, Sandra Joseph, Tom Riley, Natalie Arazi; *Business Stakeholder Reps:* Linda Gravani, Justin T. Bonney, Gary Davis; *Organizational Stakeholder Reps:* Bethany Harris, Ruth Doxsee; *Senior Stakeholder Rep:* Mary L. Pennomon; *Youth Stakeholder Rep:* Madeline J. Pammit; *At-Large Elected Rep:* Brian Tessier

4. Possible Appointment of Open Board Seats: Candidates interested in appointment to open board seats will be considered for appointment by the Board.

Linda Schwering was appointed for Organizational Stakeholder Rep (13-0-0).

Tom Brennan was appointed for At- Large seat (10-0-3)

Patricia Davidovich was appointed for At-Large seat (7-6-0)

5. Board Resolution that current board officers serve until the May regular meeting, when the board will hold the annual election of board officers.

*Resolution proposed by Cynthia Weichelt that current board officers continue in their positions until the May regular meeting at which time we will hold our annual election of board offers, seconded by James Brown. **VOTE (15-0-1) MOTION PASSES***

*Linda Pruett was appointed as the second signer. **VOTE (14-0-2) MOTION PASSES***

6. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote –Linda Gravani brought a motion to approve the agenda for the April 2, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. **VOTE (16-0-0). MOTION PASSES**

7. APPROVED Minutes of the March 5, 2013 meeting Patricia Davidovich brought a motion to approve the February 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Linda Gravani.

VOTE (16-0-0) MOTION PASSES

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

A. **LAPD Officer Bruce Oakley-** Introduced himself and reported that crime is down in Lake Balboa area.

B. **LAPD Captain Egan** – An update on the crime and the marijuana clinics in Lake Balboa was given.

C. **Lynda Levitan - Councilwoman, Area Director for City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, CD6** CATS (Center for Assault Victims Treatment & Services) Victory for Victims Run/Walk fundraiser is at Lake Balboa Park on April 13, 2014; Volunteers are needed for “The Sky’s The Limit” on May 2, 2014 to encourage kids to pursue Aero space jobs; starting Neighborhood Watch Groups is encouraged; Clean-up project will be delayed; email or call for any problems.

D. **Bill Larsen - City Attorney’s Office** reported on a marijuana shop on same intersection as Fly Away Bus Terminal, it’s pre-ICO and legal, sober house closure on Gloria Ave and complaints about trailer park on Woodley. Contact him at william.larsen@lacity.org or 213-393-5561.

E. **Bill Hackett** –District Director for Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, Dist. 46 – An update was given on Bill AB557 and the transportation and water issues. He can be contacted at 818-376-4246.

- F. **Linda Pruett Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** No Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting in the month of April due to the CERT training; May meeting will be the first Saturday at the Flyaway Bus Station upstairs on second floor at 9:00 a.m.; Speaker will be Susan Jensen. There is a need to be prepared for a very large earthquake 7.8 and above; Free CERT Training is 17 ½ hours taught by the Fire Department; Complete training weekend of April 12th and 13th at National Guard Armory at Louise and Victory. Classes start at 8:00. Ham Radio test can be taken. The study manual for the test can be bought at the Ham Radio Outlet in Burbank; Map Your Neighborhood program is growing.
- G. **Linda Gravani** – Chair of Election Committee – Acknowledged Linda Schwering for her work on election. Also David Fletcher was thanked as a volunteer who alerted neighborhood.
- H. **Linda Schwering** – Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday April 19, 2014 at the Balboa Sports Complex, Burbank Blvd and Balboa Blvd; Senior Symposium is May 17, 2014 at One Generation, Reseda and Victory.
- I. **Cynthia Weichelt** – World Fest is May 18, 2014 Sunday afternoon, need volunteers to man the table.

9. Los Angeles City Budget Update: Linda Gravani -

An update on an email received regarding staying the course on March 17, 2014, which can be downloaded at cao.lacity.org

10. 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 and Daryl Derrico- President_Birmingham Alumni Association of Birmingham Community Charter High School; Community Mixer Event is on May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at John O’Groats on Ventura, cost is \$15.00, email RSVP to communications@birminghamalumni.org; Job Fair is being postponed.
- B. Jorge Castenada – Next Door – An update on Next Door.com was given; free website, free app for I. Phone
- C. Bob Hertzberg – Former Assemblymember 1996-2002. He is running for State Senator.
- D. Steve Leffert – Stated that tables and chairs in room need to be put away; someone needs to field the phone calls; take care of the mail. Some items still in Room 13.

11. Water LA: Presentation on water-wise landscaping and possible board motion.

A presentation was given by Melody Winter of Water LA and River Project. Designs homes, streets and schools to capture run off of rain. Contact Shawn Scudder, 3912 Laurel Canyon # 208, Studio City, 91604, 818-853-4448, shawn@TheRiverProject.org

- 12. Groundwater Replenishment Project:** Presentation by DWP's John Hinds (john.hinds@ladwp.com) and Bureau of Sanitation's Lenise Marrero (lenise.marrero@lacity.org) on this water supply project directly impacting our community. 2022 is target date for project to be in service. In middle of Draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report) now. Got to lacitysan.org/irp/2040SignUp.cfm to be notified of OneWater 2040 campaign updates. May 21st 11:30-3pm is stakeholder workshop open to all interested. *Ruth Doxsee made the Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council send a letter in support of the Groundwater Replenishment Project, seconded by Linda Gravani.*
VOTE (11-0-5) MOTION PASSES
- 13. Recycled Water Advisory Group: Presentation of consensus statement on RWAG in the 5th year of this important opportunity for stakeholder input into large scale public works projects.** *Motion by Ruth Doxsee that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council send a letter in support of the Recycled Water Advisory Group's consensus statement, seconded by Justin Bonney.*
VOTE (14-0-2) MOTION PASSES
- 14. CF14-0356: Sepulveda Basin Wildlife areas: Board discussion and possible vote on this motion to create an ordinance prohibiting specific behavior damaging wildlife in the basin. The ordinance aims to establish a basis for enforcement in the wildlife areas.**
James Brown commented that the signage prohibiting specific behavior should be bilingual to ensure that it is understood and not used as an excuse for noncompliance to the ordinance. *Linda Gravani made the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the request for the necessary ordinances at existing city parks be extended to wildlife area, seconded by Patricia Davidovich.* **VOTE (15-0-1) MOTION PASSES**
- 15. Figueroa Street Bridge: Presentation and possible Board Motion regarding a proposed green space and bike path installation in lieu of destroying the historic bridge – Cultural Monument #908.**
Motion made by Bethany Harris that the Lake Balboa Council issue a letter of support for a proposed green space and bike path installation in lieu of destroying the historic bridge – Cultural Monument #908, seconded by James Brown. **VOTE (15-0-1) MOTION PASSES**
- 16. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the March 2014 Expenditure**
Linda Schwering made a Motion to adopt the March 2014 expenditure report seconded by Justin Bonney. **VOTE (11-0-4) MOTION PASSES**
- 17. Board Vote on Funding Request – Discussion and request for approval to spend up to \$700 for LBNC outreach items for use at upcoming outreach events.**

*Linda Pruett made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$700 for outreach items for these events, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. **VOTE (11-0-4) MOTION PASSES***

18. Board Vote on Funding Request: Discussion and request for approval to spend up to \$100 for business cards or card stock for new board members.

Justin Bonney brought a Motion that Lake Balboa approve up to \$100 for LBNC outreach items for business cards or card stock for new Board Members, seconded by Gary Davis.

VOTE (11-0-4) MOTION PASSES

19. Adjournment – *Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.*