

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council  
 Board Meeting Minutes  
 Wednesday, April 2, 2008  
 Lake Balboa Studios  
 7412 Balboa Blvd.  
 Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Dylan McRae	Youth Representative	P
Nancy Kane		P
Sylvia Silva		P
Teresa Pollock		P
Linda Pruettt	Second Vice-President	P
Steve Leffert	President	A
Bill McRae	First Vice-President	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer	P
Elmer Jespersen		P
Gwen Wright		A
Lisa Reveen		P
Joyce MacKinnon		P
Shawn Moradian		A
Paul Fabre		P

Before the Board Meeting, there was a candidate forum conducted by Mr. Jerry Kvasnicka, independent election administrator. For residential representative, Ivan Tjoe, Ruth Ann Doxsee, David Anthony Bernadoni, and Teresa Pollock spoke. For business representative, Nancy Kane, Arthur Asianian, Amber Savastio, and Clay McFarland spoke. For organization representative, Sharon Brewer and Lisa Reveen spoke. For youth representative, Evan Doxsee spoke.

1. Welcome, Please Sign In  
 Steve Leffert is absent, and Bill McRae leads the meeting in his place. The meeting begins at 8 pm.
  
2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes of the March 5, 2008 Meeting
  - Linda Pruettt requests that agenda item #8 is moved to position #6.
  - Motion to approve agenda.
 MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND  
 SECONDED BY TERESA POLLOCK  
 Resolved: 10-0 to approve the agenda with changes.
  
3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal Representatives, Board Members and Others, Committee Reports
  - a. Lynda Levitan – rep. for Tony Cárdena's office
    - "The Sky's the Limit" event will take place on April 25, 2008 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Van Nuys airport. The emergency preparedness fair is in June, and they will be giving away 400 kits. There is an upcoming Earth Day event on April 19 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Sun Valley Recreation Center. They will be planting trees.

- b. Megan Cottier – rep. for Councilman Greg Smith's office – CD12
  - Thanks to a motion by Councilman Smith, the environmental impact report for the Las Lomas development has been stopped. Citrus Sunday will take place on April 6. Attendees will be picking fruit and giving it to local food shelters. There will be an Earth Day event in Chatsworth Park. They will be giving out canvas bags. The councilman's office will not need the support of the neighborhood council for this event, so the agenda item on Citrus Sunday is not relevant.
  
- c. Melvin Cañas – rep. from DONE
  - The city clerk is now officially in charge of neighborhood council elections. DONE is looking for ways to market the neighborhood councils; they are considering helping with the cost of a large advertisement.
  
- d. Clay McFarland – LANCC Report
  - The LANCC meeting has not met yet, so he has nothing to report.
  
- e. Bill McRae
  - i. Outreach/Marketing Report
    - Anyone interested in the Beautiful Homes contest can contact Bill at his home or call the LBNC number.
  
  - ii. Possible Photo Contest
    - The board is considering putting together a photo contest with the goal of creating a calendar to be distributed throughout the community. Those who have photographs of Lake Balboa area should submit their photos. They will go on the LBNC website as well.
  
  - iii. Board Member Tribute for Dylan McRae
    - The board wishes a happy 18<sup>th</sup> birthday to Dylan McRae, and they thank him for spending part of his birthday at the meeting.
  
- f. Linda Pruettt
  - i. Emergency Preparedness Fair, June 7<sup>th</sup>
    - The Emergency Preparedness Fair will take place on June 7. It's a joint effort of LBNC and Councilman Cardenas's office. There are fliers in the back about the Ambassador program. At the Emergency Preparedness meeting on April 5 where Steve Wardlaw of the Amateur Radio Association will be teaching people how to get their ham radio licenses.
  
  - ii. Winner of Name-the-Police-Station Contest, our own Rebecca Westberg
    - Rebecca Westberg won \$1000 in the Name-the-Police station contest. She named it Topanga Police Station.
  
  - iii. New Board Telephone and Fax Number
    - The new phone number is 818-779-9026.

- iv. 2008 Celebrate LA Volunteer Event – 04/27/08, Rose Bowl, 11 am to 5 pm
- v. Free “Watch the Road” signs are available at the meeting

- The signs are actually not in the back.

- 4. Public Comments –
  - Michelle Nasko from Arts for Earth asks everyone to attend an event at Woodley Park on April 26. At the event, artists will gather and draw inspiration from the wildlife reserve.
- 5. Brief Response of Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights.
- 6. Discussion of “Salute to Recreation Family Festival” on May 30-June 1, 2008 at Northridge Park. Possible motion to participate again this year, and/or to approve expenditure for give-away items
  - a. Board Comment
    - Linda Pruet: The event will take place on May 30 through June 1. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> annual event, and LBNC participated last year.
  - b. Public Comment
    - Megan Cottier encourages the board to participate because it's a great event.
  - c. Board Discussion
  - d. Motion
    - Teresa Pollock introduces a motion that the LBNC participate in the “Salute to Recreation Family Festival.”  
MOTION BY TERESA POLLOCK  
SECONDED BY DYLAN MCRAE  
Resolved: 10—0 in favor of the LBNC’s participation in the “Salute to Recreation Family Festival.”  
  
•Sylvia Silva nominates Nancy Kane to attend the event, and Ms. Kane agrees. Teresa Pollock offers to attend, and Amber Savastio agrees to take a shift.
- 7. Motion to support “Citrus Sunday” on April 6, 2008. Possible motion for donation by our neighborhood council -- Pruet
  - Item dismissed because the request is no longer necessary, as Megan Cottier stated in her statements to the board.
- 8. Discussion of NUSA (Neighborhoods USA) Conference, May 21-24, 2008 in Hampton, Virginia. Possible motion to approve sending a representative to the conference. -- Pruet
  - a. Board Comment

- The board discusses the NUSA Conference and debates whether to send a delegate to the conference. The attendee will have his travel expenses reimbursed and a per diem of \$200.34.

b. Public Comment

- Lynda Levitan encourages the board to attend because there might be less money in future budgets for long-distance conferences. Amber Savastio believes that conferences are motivating and worth the expense. Melvin Cañas of DONE encourages the board to send a delegate.

c. Board Discussion

- Paul Fabre and Clay McFarland express their reservations about spending the money on a long-distance conference in this tight economy.

d. Motion

- Linda Pruett introduces a motion that the LBNC sponsor an attendee for the conference. MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT  
SECONDED BY LISA REVEEN

- Paul Fabre introduces an amendment to the motion that, if anyone is designated to attend the NUSA event, that person should write a detailed report about the lessons of the conference and how they can be applied.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION BY PAUL FABRE

SECONDED BY SYLVIA SILVA

Resolved: 10-0 in favor of amendment.

VOTE ON MOTION WITH AMENDMENT

Resolved: 8-2 in favor of sending delegate to NUSA Conference.

- Lisa Reveen introduces a motion that Linda Pruett attend the NUSA Conference as delegate for LBNC.

MOTION BY LISA REVEEN

SECONDED BY ELMER JESPERSEN

Resolved: 10-0 in favor of Linda Pruett attending the event.

9. Other Report – Possible future actions to be taken

- Paul Fabre asks if the previous board members need to attend the next meeting to make a quorum, and both Clay McFarland and Bill McRae say yes.

10. Unfinished Business

- Lynda Levitan thanks everyone on the board for their work. She thanks those who are leaving the board for their help.

11. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 9:30 p.m.