

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
 Board Meeting Minutes
 Wednesday, June 4, 2008
 Lake Balboa Studios
 7412 Balboa Blvd.
 Lake Balboa, CA 91406

Evan Doxsee	Youth Representative	P
Teresa Pollock	Residential Representative	P ¹
Sylvia Silva	Residential Representative	A
Amber Savastio	Business Representative	P
Linda Pruett	Second Vice-President	P
David Bernardoni	President, Residential Representative	P
Bill McRae	Outreach and Marketing Committee Chairperson	P
Clay McFarland	Treasurer, Business Representative	P
Elmer Jespersen	Senior Representative	P
Shawn Moradian	Business Representative	A
Lisa Reveen	Organizational Representative	P
Joyce MacKinnon	Organizational Representative	P
Steve Leffert	Secretary, Organizational Representative	P
Ivan Tjoe	First Vice President, Residential Representative	P

1. Welcome, Please Sign In
 David Bernardoni opens the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, and Approval of Minutes of the May 7, 2008 Meeting and the May 21, 2008 Special Meeting
 - a. Linda Pruett introduces a motion to adopt the agenda.
MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE

Resolved: 11-0-1 in favor of the motion.

 - b. Linda Pruett introduces a motion to approve the minutes of the main meeting on May 7, 2008.

MOTION BY LINDA PRUETT

SECONDED BY EVAN DOXSEE

Resolved: 11-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

 - c. Joyce MacKinnon introduces a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting on May 7, 2008.

MOTION BY JOYCE MACKINNON
SECONDED BY AMBER SAVASTIO

¹ Teresa Pollock leaves the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Resolved: 11-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

- d. Clay McFarland introduces a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21st meeting.

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE

Resolved: 10-0-2 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains. Linda Pruett abstains because she was not present at the meeting.

3. Announcements and Reports – LAPD, Local, City, State, and Federal

- a. Officer Saul Paredes: The National Night Out event is on August 5, beginning at 7 p.m. at Bassett Elementary School. There will be a potluck dinner served. Mr. Paredes' contact information is 818-731-2554.
- b. Lynda Levitan: The Emergency Preparedness Fair is on June 7. There are 400 emergency preparedness kits available, one to each family that visits all 28 booths at the event. The summer festival is on June 28 at the grassy area near the government center and city hall. They will be playing *Alvin and the Chipmunks*. On June 12 at 6 p.m., at the garden center on Hayvenhurst and Magnolia, there will be a meeting with the planners of the BCRP. Lynda will give more information to David Bernardoni as she learns more.
- c. Greg Bartz, neighborhood council liaison with D.W.P: The city council has approved the rate increase by Department of Water and Power. Mr. Bartz is here to review the D.W.P.'s plan to restructure the zones. After public complaint and upon the city council's request, they have rezoned the hot and cool zones of the city. The people living in the hot zone can burn more energy and pay less in order to compensate for the higher temperatures. The restructuring plan is the third phase of a larger plan by the D.W.P. It has been approved by the D.W.P. board. For more information on how to read your utility bill, go to www.ladwp.org.
 - a. The members of the board questions Mr. Bartz about specifics of the restructuring plan. Amber Savastio determines that running your refrigerator all day will place you in the second tier. Steve Leffert reminds Mr. Bartz of the general opposition to the rate hikes by neighborhood councils all over Los Angeles County.
- d. Melvin Cañas, D.O.N.E. representative: He urges the board members to complete the board member survey by June 30. The board members should fill out what information they can and skip the questions they cannot answer. To get the surveys to Mr. Cañas before June 30, e-mail a copy or send it via post.
 - i. David Bernardoni encourages all members of the board to fill out the survey before the deadline. He would like to see 100 percent participation.
- e. Linda Pruett:
 - i. She was unable to attend the conference in Virginia because she had a medical emergency. She has written a letter explaining the circumstances to the board. She has asked member of the conference to provide her with any literature from the event.
 - ii. There is a parking lot sale at SOS on the weekend of June 7 when the emergency preparedness fair is being held.
 - iii. Steve Wardlaw, President of the San Fernando Valley Ham Radio Club, will serve as the co-chair of the communications committee. On the 5 of June at 7 p.m., there will be a meeting of ham radios at the flyaway.
 - iv. The Great Southern California Shakeout will be a week-long event from November 12 to 16. On November 13 at 10 a.m., there will be a mock earthquake (7.8 on the Richter scale).
 - v. Linda asks for volunteers to take charge of refreshments for the meetings.

- vi. There will be no emergency preparedness committee meeting in June or July.
- f. Clay McFarland: The LBNC is ready to start organizing a workshop on the Clean Money Campaign. Contact Clay at claymcfarland@sbcglobal.net for more information.
- g. Steve Leffert:
 - i. There is a budget town hall meeting on the state budget at the Richie Valens Recreational Center in Pacoima on June 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.
 - ii. The LBNC signs are on order. Steve has been in contact with Lloyd Levine's office, and they will be forwarding his request to CalTrans to place Lake Balboa signs at the exits on I-405.
 - iii. The second bin for emergency preparedness will be placed on the north side of Stagg Street Elementary School.
 - iv. AT&T sent out notices saying that they want to put 2 foot by 4 foot boxes in cabinets on White Oak Avenue and another on Woodley Avenue.
 - v. There will be a Planning and Land Use Committee meeting soon. Bill McRae will put the information on the LBNC website.
- h. Elmer Jespersen – One Generation newsletters from Reseda Park are available in the back of the room at the meeting. The newsletter is filled with information about activities and programs available for people 60 years of age and over.
- i. David Bernardoni announces his intention to schedule an executive committee meeting on the unfair distribution of the workload among the board members.
- j. Bill McRae: There will be an important meeting where the City will be revising part of its housing plan on June 26. Bill encourages those interested in housing issues to attend.

[Teresa Pollock leaves the meeting at 8:47 p.m.]

4. Public Comment – Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements, and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC.
 - a. Raymond Yu: The West Hollywood Gay Pride Parade will be on June 8 starting at 11 a.m. running west on Santa Monica Boulevard between Crescent Heights and Robertson Boulevard. For more information, go to www.lapride.org. The Pacific Palisades America Parade will be on July 4 from 2 to 6 p.m.
 - b. Eric Price complains that his neighbors are violating residential zoning laws by housing more than 14 adults in the same residence.
 - i. Lynda says that if the people can divide the house legitimately, they are safe. Department of Building and Safety can do nothing.
 - c. Jeff Witherall: He has been fighting the developer who is trying to add on 4 units at 17610 Sherman Way. Steve Leffert, Linda Pruet, and the LBNC have helped him. The South Valley Planning Commission votes 3-0 against the building plan for the 4-unit building. The developer has appealed.
5. Brief Response from Board to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their general public comment rights
 - a. Bill McRae applauds Jeff Witherall for being active and being a part of the Land Use Committee.
6. Review of Budget for fiscal year 2008-9

- a. Clay McFarland: The total of next year's budget will be \$165,000. He suggests having a community project committee that would raise community awareness of the availability of the funds. The only solid figure in the budget is the grand total. The other figures are adaptable with a motion by the board.
 - i. In response to Clay's suggestion about a community project committee, Linda Pruett mentions Greater Valley Glen Neighborhood Council who sets aside a \$10,000 budget item. Each quarter, they let the stakeholders decide how \$2500 of that \$10,000 should be spent.

Amber Savastio introduces a motion to approve the budget for fiscal year 2008-9.

MOTION BY AMBER SAVASTIO

SECONDED BY LINDA PRUETT

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

7. Motion to appropriate funds for a School Children's Educational Concert by the New Valley Symphony Orchestra – Presentation by Sara Fisk, President of NVSO – Leffert
 - a. Sara Fisk: She would like \$6000 for the orchestral concert by the New Valley Symphonic Orchestra. The concert is free to all who attend, and the funds will go towards the payment for the musicians.
 - i. **Steve Leffert introduces a motion to approve the funding of \$6000 for one concert by the New Valley Symphonic Orchestra to be held at Birmingham High School sometime in the fall semester.**

MOTION BY STEVE LEFFERT

SECONDED BY ELMER JESPERSEN

1. Board Discussion: Bill McRae would rather see New Valley Symphonic Orchestra use the \$6000 for several concerts at a smaller scale. The concerts would be linked with the name of the LBNC as sponsors. He believes that a one-off orchestral concert would make less of an impact on the community. Clay McFarland will oppose the motion because he does not think that the LBNC will be able to justify the appropriation. Steve Leffert believes that the concert as presented by Miss Fisk is a good, fun, and educational experience for the students.
- ii. Clay McFarland suggests a friendly amendment to the motion that it is subject to D.O.N.E.'s approval.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY LISA REVEEN

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the friendly amendment. David Bernardoni abstains.

- iii. Discussion of the amended motion:

Bill McRae wants to go to an ad hoc committee in order to create a more comprehensive program. The LBNC would add this request for funding as an item on the next meeting's agenda. Clay McFarland and Bill McRae both see an extended program as a marketing opportunity and a benefit to the community.

**Clay McFarland introduces a motion to table the issue and go to committee. The committee would make a plan and consult with D.O.N.E.
MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND
SECONDED BY BILL MCRAE
Resolved: 8-2-1 in favor of the motion.**

8. Burbank Airport plan to divert their late night operations to Van Nuys Airport -- Possible Motion – McRae

a. Bill McRae: He saw an article in the paper on the proposed plan for Burbank Airport to move 13 or so night flights from their airport to Van Nuys Airport. The Lake Balboa community has fought to keep away undue noise at night.

- i. Lynda Levitan says that the board should write letters to the agencies in control airport traffic, the F.A.A. The most effective mode of attack is to oppose the curfew of the Burbank Airport. The board members should write individually and as a group stating their opposition to the curfew.

Bill McRae introduces the following motion: The LBNC should do the following regarding the move of night flights to Van Nuys Airport: 1. the LBNC takes a position of opposing the curfew change at Burbank Airport, 2. that the LBNC writes letters to anyone with impact immediately, and 3. that the LBNC advises maintaining the curfew at Van Nuys Airport.

MOTION BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY EVAN DOXSEE

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

9. National Night Out approval of funds – McRae

a. **Bill McRae introduces a motion to allocate up to \$400 to support the LBNC's senior lead officers on National Night Out on August 5.**

MOTION BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY LINDA PRUETT

Resolved: 9-0-2 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni and Evan Doxsee abstain.

10. Marketing/Outreach programs (Beautiful Homes Contest for Summer and Capture Lake Balboa Photo & Image Event) and approval of funds – McRae

a. Bill McRae: There will be one Beautiful Homes Contest each season. These contests are an attempt to unite and enliven the community.

Bill McRae introduces a motion to spend up to \$600 for each Beautiful Homes Contest (one in summer and one during the holidays), totaling \$1200 for the year.

MOTION BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY AMBER SAVASTIO

Resolved: 9-0-2 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni and Evan Doxsee abstain.

b. Bill McRae: The Capture Lake Balboa Photo and Image Event will ask people to submit photos and artwork of Lake Balboa. The images will be put in a calendar used for outreach. The participants will be competing for prizes of money and gift cards. The cost of printing 500 calendars is roughly \$2000. Bill would like to ask for \$2600 in total, \$2000 for printing 1000 calendars, \$250 for prizes, and \$300 for an advertisement.

Bill McRae introduces a motion to appropriate \$2600 for Capture Lake Balboa Photo and Image Event Calendar.

Board discussion: Linda Pruett would like Bill McRae to use a local printer for the calendars. The local printer might be more expensive, so Bill McRae wants to raise the limit.

Bill McRae introduces a new motion to appropriate up to \$3000 for the Capture Lake Balboa Photo and Image Event.

MOTION BY BILL MCRAE

SECONDED BY IVAN TJOE

Resolved: 9-0-2 in favor of the motion. David Bernardino and Evan Doxsee abstain.

11. Unfinished Business

- a. There is no unfinished business.

12. Adjournment

- a. **Clay McFarland introduces a motion to adjourn.**

MOTION BY CLAY MCFARLAND

SECONDED BY EVAN DOXSEE

Resolved: 10-0-1 in favor of the motion. David Bernardoni abstains.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.