

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7th, 2012, 6:30pm
 Van Nuys Golf Course, Billingsley Room
 6550 Odessa Ave – Lake Balboa, CA 91406

1. **Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, 2nd Vice President, at 6:38p .m.** Three new members were sworn in with the Neighborhood Council Board Oath Diane Geer, Linda Gravani and Christopher Bower.

Roll Call

Diane Geer	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., 2 nd V.P.	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruet	Residential Rep., EP Committee Chair	A (excused)
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep.	A (excused)
Matt Coles	Business Rep.	P
Linda Gravani	Business Rep.	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep.	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
	Organizational Rep.	<i>Vacant</i>
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep.	P
Chris Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	<i>Vacant</i>
Frank Ahn	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P (Arrived 6:55pm, left early)
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	<i>Vacant</i>

2. **ADOPTED Agenda by a unanimous vote** – Linda Schwering asks the Board to add discussion of start time for future Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Meetings as item number 11. It was on the posted agendas, but not on the copy printed for distribution at the meeting. Vote: (10-0). Motion Passes
3. **CORRECTION of Minutes of the February 1st, 2011 Meeting** – Linda Schwering proposes correction to items number 12 & 13 of previous Agenda. Minutes should read that the Haskell and Haynes Beautification project would take place on **Haskell Ave.** between Haynes and Victory. Vote: (10-0). Motion Passes.
4. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports – LAPD, City, State and Federal Representatives**

A. Lynda Levitan, Field Deputy, CD 6, Council Member Tony Cardenas ' Office
 (818) 778-4999 – Reconstruction of Van Nuys Airport Runway: Partial Grant from FAA; Reconstruction will take place mid to later 2013. Safe Route to School Program for Bassett Elementary Update: planting new trees and implementing ull sidewalks on Bassett & Haskell. West Valley Alliance Update: 1st attempt for cleanup, bags placed on Haskell Ave.; Future projects include cleanup of medians on Burbank & Balboa in the

Sepulveda Basin, median on Balboa and other problem areas; initial funding to begin project but trying to get more. (West Valley Alliance is the same company that does graffiti removal in West Valley.) Brief Overview of Future Events: Annual Self Defense Workshop (March 24), Coastal Cleanup (September 15), DEAFestival (September 29), Community Health & Safety Fair (October 27, 2012) and Dinner to honor our Veterans (November 11); for more information visit cd6.lacity.org. Workshops for policies on Reusable Bags: Location – State Building; date – March 10, 2012. LAPD Senior Lead Officer meeting is tonight; Lock it, Hide it, Keep it Campaign. Center for Assault Treatment Services (CATS) Victory for Victims 10K River Run & 5K Walk/Run is on April 15 at Lake Balboa Park. Fundraiser helps to pay for Forensic work for Sexual Abuse & Sexual Assault victims; free services for all victims provided by LAPD in LA & Santa Clarita Valley. Contact Lynda for further information on these items.

- B. Matt Margolis, Con stituent Services Dept., Congressman Brad Sherman 's Office** (818) 501-9200 - Received Federal Funding to repair 1.67 miles of streets in Lake Balboa area. Town Hall Meetings: Upcoming Meeting- April ^{6th} at Birmingham Community Charter High School from 3 – 4:30pm. Congressman Sherman's office services: liaison between constituents and federal agencies; Help people with benefits, mortgage and integration related issues; Office located on Van Nuys Blvd.; Contact Matt for further information on these items.
- C. Linda Schwering (Reportin g for Emergency Preparedness Chair Linda Prue tt)** – Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting: Sat., March 10; Location – Community Meeting Roomat the Van Nuys Fly Away at 9am. For further information contact Linda Pruettt at (818) 345-9809 .
- D. Steve Leffert** – and Allen Nelson attended a meeting at the USP§ to investigate possible alternative to get the word out to stakeholders. Carrier routes examined on website show 15,600 addresses in LB, so Walking Man should be sa turating the area. At 14.5 cents per newsletter comes to \$2,268 delivery only. Printing would be additional and need to be on cardstock, which would be costlier than current \$1400 for printing + delivery. We might consider it for elections. S.L. and Ruth Doxsee attended Council of Councils meeting held by Councilmember (CD12) Mitch Englander at Devonshire Division Police Station. Updates: Impounding vehicles of drivers without license or Insurance is about to be changed, a car will not be impounded if the driver can have someone come quickly who has driver's license and insurance. Devonshire division has closed all Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in its area.
- E. Cynthia Weichelt** - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve Clean Up: Date – April 14, 8am - noon. Meet at the amphitheater in the wildlife refuge. See www.sfvaudubon.org for more information.
- F. Linda Schwering** - Regional Budget Day with Mayor Villaraigosa: 8:30am; Location: Los Angeles City Hall; 2 representatives from each neighborhood council to attend. Ethics Training: Each board member is required to complete training; Next Ethics course in March or April (TBD).
- G. Allen Nelson** – Haskell and Haynes Beautification Project: Partnering with High Schools in LB (Birmingham, Independence, High Tech, Magnoa Science, David Pearl) who want to earn community service credit; Create new mural to clean up mural on Haskell Ave. between Haynes and Victory; Students will present

designs to council and 3 winners will be selected to paint mural.

5. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report – Schwering : Review of February financial and credit card reports.

APPROVED Treasurer's Report – Matt Coles brought a motion to approve the financial and credit card reports, seconded by Steve Leffert. (Vote:10-0). Motion passed.

6. Public Comment – Comments from the public on non-Agenda Items, Announcements and Complaints within jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC.

A. Letty Alkhaddam , Local Realtor with Rodeo Realty - Upcoming Events: Social Media Fundraiser for Lemay Elementary and Marketing for Neighborhood NightOut in August.

B. Richard Singh, Member of Community – Concerns with speed limit on Saticoy. Need for speed bumps on Stagg St. near Stagg and Amestoy. Health hazards on 7650 & 7626 Oak Park; street heavy with rodents. (L.L: call Building & Safety for health complaints. Results take 30 days.) Would like Genesta & Oak Park streets to be paved (L.L.: have all residents on street call city.)

C. Tammi Harrison, Member of Community – Complaint about illegal street vendors on Amestoy which are creating trash and traffic; Concerned with children's food and healthy safety. Complaint about people disobeying No Parking signs on West side of Amestoy; Parents parking to pick up kids; creating more traffic. Complaint about yard and garage sales on frontage road median of Balboa between Roscoe and Saticoy.

D. Fred Suzuki, Member of Community – Concern about potholes on Victory between Hayvenhurst & Haskell (L.L.: use City website to make repair request) ; Beautification on Saticoy and Balboa would increase property values; Fence on Balboa Blvd. at the bicycle/pedestrian under-crossing has been opened; Dangerous for bicyclists and pedestrians.

E. Arlen Rower, Member of Community – Concern about the lights being out in the Van Nuys Airport tunnel on Sherman Way.

7. Discussion and possible appointment of board members to fill open President position -

Steve Leffert: Our 2nd V.P. has been acting as President. No one offers to fill position, Cynthia Weichelt agrees to accept position. Steve Leffert brought a motion to fill open President position, Jack Baird seconded. Vote: (11-0). Motion Passes. Cynthia Weichelt assumes President position. Linda Schwering nominates Steve Leffert to assume 1st Vice President position. Steve Leffert declines. Linda Gravini nominates self to fill open 1st Vice President position. Steve Leffert brought a motion to fill open 1st Vice President Position, Ruth Doxsee seconded. Vote: (10-0). Motion Passes. Linda Gravini assumes 1st Vice President position. Carl Schwering nominates self to fill open 2nd Vice President Position. Steve Leffert brought to motion to fill open 2nd Vice President position, Ruth Doxsee seconded. Vote: (10-0). Motion passes. Carl Schwering assumes 2nd Vice President position.

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Police Surveillance Camera Project. Kevin McNamee, West Valley Boosters - a 501(c) 3- Requesting \$2500 from the Lake Balboa

Neighborhood Council for connecting existing cameras in residential areas and businesses. Community members would work with the officials in connecting cameras to the Police Department monitoring room and help officers obtain suspects through video surveillance. \$2500 would go towards purchasing equipment, which consists of a network video recorder, a live mobile camera and Internet connection. Linda Schwering states there is not enough in the budget to fund this project and does not recommend council use remaining funds during this fiscal year.

MOTION REMOVED - Steve Leffert proposes a motion to fund project if there are remaining funds at the end of the fiscal year. Linda Schwering requests a written statement in support of cameras from Captain and will run this proposal by Council Legal. Motion Removed.

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding Senior Symposium. Phil Merlin, Reseda Neighborhood City Council** – Requesting \$1,000 from the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council for the Senior Symposium May 19th. Previous year 300 attendees, anticipate 500 participants this year. 5 neighborhood Councils have already provided \$1,000 each. Vendor booths will be provided and LBNC will be included in advertising. He has flyers. Matt Coles took a flyer for newsletter.

MOTION PASSED - Steve Leffert makes a motion to approve \$1,000 donation to the Senior Symposium, Ruth Doxsee seconded. Vote (5-4). Motion Passes.

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding Balboa Sports Center's Spring Celebration.**

Larry Mellon, Senior Recreation Director – Requesting \$500 from the Lake Balboa City Council for cost of entertainment (Paul Wei, magician, www.funfunmagic.com) Balboa Sports Center's Spring Egg Hunt 1,000 people will be in attendance and the Sports Center will provide a Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council booth. Encino NC is hosting petting zoo. Event to take place Sat, April 7th from 10am to 1pm on the corner of Balboa and Burbank park.

Motion: Linda Schwering proposes a motion to provide up to \$385 for entertainment costs for the Balboa Sports Center's Egg Hunt. Matt Coles seconded the motion. Vote (7-0).

MOTION PASSED

11. **Discussion and possible action regarding changing start time of future meetings.**

Allen Nelson – Allen Nelson requests meeting begin at 7pm due to board members not being able to make the current meeting time. Steve Leffert proposes meeting to start at 6:30pm because it allows ample time for a meet and greet and enough time to discuss agenda items. (He requested help a half hour prior to meeting to set up.) Suggestion of agenda with fewer items.

Motion: Cynthia Weichelt proposes motion to keep meeting at 6:30pm starting with meet-and-greet and the business beginning at 7:00 PM, Jack Baird seconded. Vote: (8-2).

Motion passed.

12. **Adjournment** – Ruth Doxsee brought to motion to adjourn meeting, Allen Nelson seconded. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.