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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 6:30 pm
Van Nuys golf Course, Billingsley Room
6550 Odessa Ave. - Lake Balboa, California 91406

1. Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:04pm.

Roll Call

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruet	Residential Rep., EP Committee Chair	P
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
	Residential Rep.	
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 1 st VP	P
Roxan Hartstein	Business Rep. , Beautification Chair	P
	Business Rep.	
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., P. & L.U. Chair	Excused
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
	Organizational Rep.	
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep.	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
	At-Large Elected Rep.	
	At-Large Appointed Rep.	
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- 2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote** - Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve the agenda for the November 7, 2012 meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (9-0-0). Motion passes.
- 3. APPROVED Minutes of the October 3, 2012 meeting** - Linda Schwering brought a motion to approve the October 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Allen Nelson. Vote: (9-0-0) Motion passes.
- 4. Swearing in of Elected Board Members:** Lynda Levitan will swear in the newly elected board members. Elected Board Members were sworn in by Lynda Levitan: Residential Representatives Linda Schwering, Cynthia Weichelt, Jack Baird, Linda Pruet, Allen Nelson and Brian Tessier; Business Representatives Linda Gravani, Clay McFarland and Michael Rosá; Organizational Representative Ruth Doxsee; Senior Representative Carl Schwering, Youth Representative Christopher Bower; At-Large Elected Representative Patricia Davidovich.

5. **Appointment of Qualified Applicants** to board seats:
MOTION PASSED: Linda Pruett brought a motion to appoint Bethany Harris to position of Organizational Representative, seconded by Allen Nelson. Vote: (12-0-0) Motion passes
MOTION PASSED: Allen Nelson brought a motion to appoint Roxan Hartstein to At-Large Appointed Representative, seconded by Linda Gravani. Vote: (12-0-0) Motion passes.
MOTION PASSED: Linda Gravani brought a motion to appoint Leslie (Leela) Woods to position At-Large Appointed Representative, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. Vote: (12-0-0)
 Newly appointed Board Members were sworn in by Lynda Levitan.

6. **Election of Officers** - Discussion of board office responsibilities and possible motion to hold over current board offers for one month. Board officers will be elected at December meeting.
MOTION PASSED: Linda Pruett brought a motion to elect officers at December meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (15-0-0) Motion passes.

7. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committee**
 - A. **LAPD Officer Steve Olivares** - Crime mapping.com an address can be inputted and it will show crimes around that area; "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" campaign reminds us that it doesn't matter what it is, keep it hidden in your trunk or it may be stolen; communicate through Face Book and Group 10A39; information was given on a hot prowl (possible crime against person) at 6418 Whitman Avenue, Lake Balboa at midnight; report any suspicious activity in neighborhood - call 877-ASK-LAPD (Dispatch) or 911 for narcotics or homicide. There is concern regarding the homeless situation, county services can be offered. From Ofc. Ham: Upcoming Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Coffee Clutch November 17, 2012 9am with Georgia Delemora at 6611 Rubio Avenue; Meeting: Joan Kelley's November 13, 2012 at 7pm at 8148 Paso Robles Avenue. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board) Meeting is November 14, 7pm. Please join us.

 - B. **LAPD Officer John Egan** - A partnership is needed with the neighborhood; there is a reduction in crime; Police Department is implementing new systems to keep track of crime in real time, which will be updated every four hours; there has been an increase in Officers in the area; input and ideas are needed about what the policing services should be focusing on next year. Lake Balboa website is outstanding, what's important to your community in 2013 is needed; Officer Steve Olivares is outstanding in people skills and technologically.

 - C. **Lynda Levitan, Senior Field Deputy, CD 6, Council Member Tony Cardenas' Office (818) 778-4999** - Council Member Tony Cardenas was elected to Congress; He will be in office until January 3, 2013; the office will be in existence until June 30, 2013; Officer Steve Olivares was highly recommended; Officer Staff Appreciation Day is November 28, 2012 at West Valley Police Station in the Community Room, Volunteers are needed on that day to help serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to approximately 300 officers, food needs to be prepared, any contributions are appreciated. Email Lynda of times that you may be available: Lynda.levitan@lacity.org
 Van Nuys Walking Tour Nov. 24th
 Allen Nelson reported stakeholder complaint at Lake Balboa: pelican fed fish on hook and became quite distressed. Call Lynda, she will call Game Warden from Fish & Game, as LAPD is

not trained in wildlife laws. All people fishing are supposed to have a fishing license.

- D. **Grayce Liu, Interim General Manager of DONE** - DONE is there to help streamline department functions, switching out of Demand Warrants to the P- Card is being implemented; DONE is open to any ideas the Neighborhood Council has.
- E. **Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Disaster Committee Meeting is November 10, 2012 9am at the Flyaway Bus Station at corner of Saticoy and Woodley - representatives will show new products in emergency preparedness that will make good gift items for the holidays; Disaster Preparedness Fair in October was an amazing success with 1000 people attending, 11 neighborhood councils participated; She has given EP presentations to Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- F. **Ruth Doxsee** - Clean up in Sepulveda Basin Saturday, November 10, 2012 meeting at Bull Creek, sponsored by the San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce
- G. **Bethany Harris - Food Forward** - Saturday, November 10, 2012 from 11am to 1pm harvesting persimmons at Hamlin and Gaynor; first Food Forward Friday Fruit Drive is November 16, 2012 from 7am - 12pm. Stakeholders can bring excess yard fruit to Starbucks at Saticoy & Louise.
- H. **Roxan Hartstein** - Lake Balboa was selected for a grant for Grow One Generation Citrus Grove and Orchard, second round of applications is due on November 30 at 4:30pm to receive \$5,000 for projects of a community garden and to beautify the area along the river. Meeting is tomorrow at 4:30pm - email Roxan if interested in attending; USPO has officially notified the council that the area now is Lake Balboa instead of Van Nuys, we can send a formal letter to Internet companies and Lake Balboa businesses ; State of California Natural Resource Agency has an annual grant program called Recreational Trails Program for \$5.3 million for Fiscal Year 2013- 2014 for development for trails, biking, trailheads, garden, motorized, walking area. Forward ideas to Roxan.
- I. **Cynthia Weichelt** - All Board Members need to take the Ethics Training, a certificate will be issued when completed; LANCC (Los Angeles Neighborhood Council Coalition) meets first Saturday of each month; Aaron DeVandry, our webmaster, is the gentleman in the back taking photos. He doesn't live in the area, so we are fortunate he was able to stop by and say hello to our stakeholders and the new board.
- J. **Allen Nelson** - Manager for Ball Park south of the Dog Park on White Oak wants to be included in Lake Balboa to be brought up at next meeting; photos were brought of area cleaned up by one of the stakeholders in the area
- K. **Linda Pruett** - Rosemary Campbell, former board member, notified us of Free Classical music concert at CSUN at Valley Performing Arts Center (VPAC) on December 2, 2012 at 3pm, parking is \$6. Orchestra is large one from Colburn School of Music.

8. Public Comment - Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council.

A. Linda Herd - She had a question regarding building being erected up on Valerio and Balboa being a low income apartment. Board: it is not, but it will have a few low-income units.

9. 2013 MTA Call for Projects - Luz Echevarria will attend from MTA to listen to ideas for MTA projects in Lake Balboa. Suggestions are invited from all stakeholders.

Allen Nelson -MTA letter was received by the Neighborhood Council calling for projects, deadline for submissions is November 8, 2012 at 5pm; suggestions for projects: bike lane reflector lights around the park, solar lights on bike paths, solar lighting at all the bus stops, benches, safe walking paths for schools and general public, reflected LED embedded in pathways, sidewalks in area

10. LA City Budget Representatives - Discussion of responsibilities of budget representatives and appointment of two board members as budget representatives.

MOTION PASSED: Leela Woods brought the motion to appoint Michael Rosá and Clay McFarland as budget representatives seconded by Brian Tessier. Vote (12-0-0) Motion passes

11. Aquatic Complex - Discussion and possible motion to support locating a planned aquatic complex in the Sepulveda basin, funded by Proposition K. Meeting tomorrow at 3pm at the Sepulveda Garden Center on Magnolia & Hayvenhurst.

MOTION PASSED: Clay McFarland brought the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council supports and encourages development of an Aquatic Sports Complex to be located in the Sepulveda Basin seconded by Michael Rosá. Vote (15-0-0) Motion passes.

12. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report -Review and request for approval of expenditure reports for October 2012, and/update revised budget for FY2012-2013

APPROVED Treasurer's Report for October 2012 Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the financial and credit card reports, seconded by Clay McFarland. Vote (12-0-0) Motion Passes. At the October Meeting the board voted to approve the reallocation of funds. A copy of the approved budget was distributed to the Board Members.

13. Anniversary of Lake Balboa N C - Discussion of project status and selection of winners of design competition by board member vote.

Item tabled: More time is needed for the project.

14. Valley Pediatric Trauma Center - Request for support of the "Festival of Lights", an annual fundraiser in support of the pediatric trauma center at Northridge Hospital, the only pediatric trauma center in the Valley. Request for support up to \$500
Allen Nelson recommended that this project should be passed on

15. Shirts - Discussion and possible motion to allocate \$450 for shirts with LBNC logo for board members

MOTION FAILED - Linda Schwering brought the motion to expend up to \$450 for 25 embroidered polo-type shirts for NC board use as an identification and outreach tool for new and future board members, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. Vote: (0-8-2) Motion Failed

16. EP Bins - Motion to allocate \$1110.78 for supplies to refill the EP bins.

Item #16 was tabled

17. Committees - Discussion of existing committees and their goals with the intent of discussing committee membership in December

Each Committee was briefly discussed: Standing: Emergency Preparedness, Ad Hoc: Land Use, Beautification, Budget, Outreach, Animal Welfare

18. Adjournment - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani. Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.