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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2013 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 7:03pm.

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
Clay McFarland	Business Rep., 1 st VP	E
Michael Rosa	Business Rep., Business Chair	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., Planning & Land Use Chair	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P
Bethany Harris	Organizational Rep., Secretary	P
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
Patricia Davidovich	At-Large Elected Rep.	P
Leslie (Leela) Woods	At-Large Appointed Rep.	P
Roxan Hartstein	At-Large Appointed Rep., Community Improvement Chair	P

- 2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote** - Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve the agenda for the March 6, 2013 meeting, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. Vote: (15-0-0) Motion passes.
- 3. APPROVED Minutes of the February 6, 2013** - One correction requested by Linda Pruet in Item 14, to replace "refill" with "re-stock expired items in." Leela Woods brought a motion to approve the February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes with correction, seconded by Patricia Davidovich. Vote: (15-0-0) Motion passes.
- 4. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committee**
 - A. Police Commissioner Rafael Bernardino** -He stated he is a Valley resident and played golf at Lake Balboa Golf range; he stated that "the Valley is his No.1 priority"; he complimented Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council for their signage; he is visiting all the Neighborhood Councils; He stated Captain Egan suggested at the CPAB meeting the incorporation of survival buckets; His email address is on LAPD website
 - B. LAPD Captain Egan** - He stated the idea for the survival bucket was Linda Pruet's idea; Crime is down significantly by 22% in the greater West Valley area in all categories; There are a lot of cars and motorcycles being stolen in the area, 65% of stolen cars are recovered, but virtually none of the stolen motorcycles are recovered; Police cars have cameras on the front taking pictures of license plates; New software (Palentier) is being used by Officers to obtain information on suspects; reported on increasing

police presence in the wild life area and is working on a bilingual educational program to educate people to use the parks properly.

- C. **Officer Steve Olivares** - He gave an update on the new technology being used by the Police Officers. Introduced the police officers on duty at night, Officer Vargas and Officer Casey Keifer, they received five new volunteers for the camera monitoring; an update on the Sepulveda basin was given; People selling magazines door to door in the community are potential scammers; He volunteered to speak at Neighborhood Watch meetings on the scams in the area.
- D. **Officer Casey Keifer** - He Introduced himself and asked to be contacted if the public has any information on anything. He thanked the public for helping out the Police Officers.
- E. **Officer Vargas** - He thanked the community for its support and involvement.
- F. **Mindy Lake - Representing Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian District 46** - (818) 376-4246. She reported that they had a successful Open House with 400 people attending at the State Office; Assembly Member is co sponsoring an event called Car Fest in conjunction with the Auto Club and the Highway Patrol to give a 12 point checklist on April 12, 2013 from 12-4 pm. It's a senior event to be held at the Sherman Oaks East Valley Adult Center, 5056 Van Nuys Boulevard; Coldwater/Ventura closure is from March 23 through April 25, 2013; Assembly Member put 20 Bills out; She gave an update on the Entertainment Industry Tax Credit Bill and Fracking Bill for government regulation to study the impact of fracking on the environment. Next month she will report on the upcoming L.A. River Symposium at CBS.
- G. **Lynda Levitan, Senior Field Deputy, CD 6 District Office** (818) 778-4999 - Recycling motor oil, etc. at Anheuser Busch at the Budweiser lot on March 23, 2013 and at Hanson Dam on March 9, 2013; Fruit tree give away on Saturday March 9, 2013 at Roger Jessup Park; She printed out emergency numbers in the area for neighborhood prosecutors to contact with neighbor disputes or City Attorney issues; Free repairs and lead abatement from the Housing Department for those who qualify; East Valley Transit Corridor Study meeting at Marvin Braude Constituency Center on March 27, 2013; Persian Festival to be held at Beilenson Park on Easter Sunday March 31, 2013 ; Volunteers are needed for Aviation Career Day on April 5, 2013 from 6am to 3pm at the Van Nuys Airport; Victory For Victims Walk at Woodley Park is April 28, 2013 starts at 8 am.
- H. **Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Disaster Committee Meeting is March 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Flyaway Bus Station, Community Meeting Room at corner of Saticoy and Woodley, topic will be radio communications in a disaster; She spoke at Fire Station 102 at a neighborhood summit on emergency preparedness; Linda and Brian Tessier toured the Bethel Preschool to assess their emergency preparedness supplies and plan; Lemay Elementary School has requested CERT training; Magnolia Science Academy wants to do CERT training for teens.
- I. **Roxan Hartstein, Beautification Committee** - Community Improvement Project first public meeting in March either 13th, 14th or 21st at 7:00 pm at Lulu's Restaurant in Lake Balboa; Magnolia Science High School Parent's Night is the last Thursday of the month at 5p.m. and volunteers are needed to man a booth to pass out flyers about the Neighborhood Council in order to get the parents acquainted with the neighborhood council and more involved with the community; there is a meeting with the kids on March 8, 2013 to pick up the final mural design to be submitted to the city.
- J. **Allen Nelson - Beautification Committee** Thank you letters were hand delivered to every student who participated in the mural project.

- K. **Cynthia Weichelt** - Sepulveda Basin Wildlife cleanup is on April 13, 2013 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. It is being sponsored by the Audubon Society; Regional Neighborhood Council Coalitions encouraged the Neighborhood Councils if there wasn't much notice to the Neighborhood Councils to write in to say they want a chance to look at the things put on Council files before a vote is taken in order to have stakeholder comment feedback to the Council. It's a way that the Neighborhood Councils are affecting local government.
 - L. **Michael Rosa - Business Outreach Committee** - First meeting at Waadt Appliance is April 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Lake Balboa businesses are invited to help businesses grow. Justin Fine is speaking on Social Media, SCORE is also speaking. LAPD Officer Ham is going to attend.
 - M. **Linda Schwering - Treasurer** - Deadline for Demand Warrants or Neighborhood Purposes Grants requesting funds is May 15, 2013; Lake Balboa doesn't necessarily agree with or support policy or opinions of stakeholder's endeavors, whether it's in person, in print or on the internet as the Council presents all types of views.
 - N. **Brian Tessier - Outreach Committee** - He encouraged newer Board Members and Chairs to talk with and interact with other Neighborhood Councils to see how they work to get a broader perspective; Lemay Elementary has been approached to have a community service on the Back To School night in the Fall to use as a springboard to bring to the other schools in the area; Lutheran Social Services (LSS) in Van Nuys, www.lssccc.org has a food bank, help with job skills, teaching English, assist people with applying for disability and food stamps will be present, CERT class training will be promoted.
 - O. **Bethany Harris** – A fruit harvest of oranges and grapefruit (held at a nearby private home) will be on March 15, 2013 from 10 am -12 pm and 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed. Fruit will go to SOVA and ONEgeneration.
5. **Public Comment:** Comments from Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council
- A. **Lorna Paisley - Stakeholder** - She wanted to know if there were street sweepers in Lake Balboa She asked about the low water pressure in her area and was told it was a problem within her property. She was advised where to find mulch in the area.
 - B. **Justin Bonney** - Lake Balboa Living created a Facebook page to promote the area, which has received a lot of feedback. There has been outreach to the business community; San Fernando Relics has a huge museum collecting anything from the San Fernando Valley; Yelp is a great place to advertise a small business.
 - C. **Bonita Lee - Resident of Lake Balboa.** She is interested in getting the Newsletter by email, because the newsletter is not getting to her condominium complex.
6. **Land Use Issue: West Cal Property - Onion Field development @17051 Sherman Way. Presentation by developer. Discussion and possible comment letter on the current plans. MOTION PASSED:** Steve Leffert brought the motion and Jack Baird seconded: Whereas the proposed Tract Map No. 72214 calls for subdivision of the lot at the northeast corner of Sherman Way and Amestoy Ave., And whereas it calls for the completion of

Cantlay St. and the alley north of Sherman Way through the property, And whereas it keeps the designated R-1 zoning with the goal of construction of 18 single family residences, Therefore I move that the Board of the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support this proposed Tract Map and shall send a letter of said support to the designated Advisory Agency in the Department of City Planning before the due date of March 24, 2013. Vote: (13-0-0) Motion passes.

7. Nowruz-Persian New Year: This event will be held on Sunday March 31. Discussion and possible comment letter on potential community impact of this festival. No action taken

8. Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance: Possible motion to issue comment letter. **MOTION PASSED:** Motion brought by Steve Leffert and seconded by Michael Rosa: Whereas the Lake Balboa NC is already on record as supporting AB-298, the Single Use Bag Reduction Act, And whereas the City of Los Angeles is proposing a similar Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance, the board members of the Lake Balboa NC resolve to issue a comment letter to state our support for the Los Angeles Single Use Carryout Bag Ordinance. Vote: (16-0-0)

9. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for approval of expenditure report, including P-Card expenditures for January and February 2013. Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the financial and credit card reports, seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote: (12-0-0) Motion passes.

10. Community Impact Statements: Board to authorize an ad hoc committee. **MOTION PASSED:** Linda Gravani brought a motion that the board authorize an ad hoc committee to establish the process for issuing official statements; how and how many authorized board members are selected; when that authorization expires; determine what General Statements to have on file; with the intention that there will be a system in place to forward LBNC Board approved Community Impact Statements for the City Council, Council Committees and/or Ad Hoc Committees, seconded by Bethany Harris. Vote: (16-0-0) Motion passes.

11. Youth/Outreach: Discussion and possible formation of a committee targeted at engaging youth stakeholders. Bethany Harris is Chair of the new Committee.

12. Newsletter: Discussion of distribution options and expanding outreach. Michael Rosa submitted ideas of ways to be more efficient in the delivery of the newsletters and the engaging of local students and volunteers to be involved in the distribution of the newsletter.

13. Spring Egg Hunt: Motion to allocate up to \$300 to the Balboa Sports Complex Spring Egg Hunt. **MOTION PASSED:** Motion brought by Linda Schwering that Lake Balboa participate in the Spring Egg Hunt in the amount of \$300 for entertainment to include booth and outreach, the event to be held on March 30, 2013, seconded by Linda Pruett. Vote: (12-0-0) Motion passes.

16. Adjournment - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani Motion passes by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.