

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2013 6:30pm
Gault Elementary School - Room 13
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, Calif. 91406

1. Welcome and Roll Call.

Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:04pm.
67 people in attendance.

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	E
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 as presented.

3. Approved Minutes of October 2nd, 2013 meeting - Leela Woods brought a motion to approve the October 2, 2013 meeting minutes, seconded by Linda Gravani. Leffert made correction of location to room 13, not auditorium. Ruth Doxsee motioned to change the minutes to reflect this. Bethany Harris seconded.

VOTE (14-0-0) Motion passed.

4. Announcements and Reports: Special Presentation by State Assembly member Adrin Nazarian, LAPD, Local, City State and Federal Representatives, Board Members & Committees

Adrin Nazarian Introduced by Mindy Lake:

Nazarian recapped recent legislation in state assembly:

- Enterprise Zone changes.
- Changes to school financing.
- Paid down \$4 billion in debt. 80% of budget is subject to mandates
- **Transportation**, started dredging our ports so that more ships can come in.
- **Regarding healthcare**, we are moving forward with Affordable Care Act.
- **Water Bond**: peripheral canal or convergence program to bring water from the delta: farms use 80% of all water in Ca.
- **Entertainment industry** tax credits
- Employment Development Department (EDD), we are able to serve people with EDD issues once our office gets involved.

C. Royal Barber of the Los Angeles Police Department: Crime down 11% year to date

D. Lynda Levitan, Field Deputy for City Councilmember Nury Martinez, CD6:

Health faire. We gave several hundred flu shots and provided fluoride for kids' teeth.

Senior fitness festival in the Balboa Recreation Center.

Proposed Clean Up in Lake Balboa to do a clean up.

Neighborhood watch groups.

E. Raffy Astvasadoorian, Deputy City Attorney

Medical Marijuana. 70-100 filed on property owners, business owners, clerks.

F. Bill Larsen, Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, 213-393-5561:

Group homes: activity at 6800 block of Jellico. R1 zone limits residency to 7 unrelated persons. Report violations .Gangs: M13 and Logan Heights

G. Linda Pruet, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair, introduced Lieutenant Colonel Tom Arlauskas of the National Guard. Arlauskas will focus on civil disaster response. Emergency preparedness meeting on Saturday, Nov 9 at the FlyAway.

H. Mike Rosa, Business Outreach Chair, \$25 on 25th -Greenland Market noon to 5pm.

I. Roxan Hartstein, CIP Chair, new trees planting will begin soon.

J. Allen Nelson, Communications Officer, Starting new mural contest

K. Chair Weichelt Clay McFarland resigned from his business seat. There is a possibility of appointment in December.

5. Budget Update: Gravani/Rosa

Back-to-basics priority lists – passed out to the Board.

Ron Galperin, Controller for City of Los Angeles website is controllerdata.lacity.org In a couple of months he will ask city and neighbors to complete survey about how money should be spent in Los Angeles.

6. Public Comment: Comments from Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and complaints within the jurisdiction of the Lake Balboa NC.

A. Marty Martin spoke about Operation Gratitude event December 7, 9am to 4pm.

B. Ted Moriarity concerned about big development.

C. Mr. Absalon represents Gault Street Elementary

D. Justin Bonney spoke about the Next Door application for smartphones

E. Mr. Leonard, bulky trash in the alley on Enadia.

F. David Hernandez spoke about the LA parking freedom

G. Mr. Sandoval, developing the Lake Balboa Community Wrestling club.

7. Election Stipulation Worksheet Sheet: Review and board vote on the final election stipulation sheet for the March 16, 2014 Neighborhood Council Elections.

Election will be March 16, 2014 from 10am to 4pm at Gault Street Elementary School. There will also be vote by mail. There is \$500 in budget Gravani made the motion: "Whereas LBNC Election Committee has reviewed the 2014 Election Stipulation Worksheet LBNC moves to accept the worksheet as written." Seconded by Mike Rosa. Vote: (14-0-0) Motion passed.

8. NC Plan Review Recommendations: Review and possible board vote on 8 recommendations by the Board Of Neighborhood Commissioners Concerning the administration of Neighborhood Councils. Gravani

Tom Soong, from EmpowerLA, introduced **Lydia Grant, Commissioner for the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners**, she advised us of the mayor's goal for NCs to get 1% of the population to vote

Gravani Motion Hartstein second.

MOTION TEXT:

"Whereas the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment requests input on 8 motions currently before the Commission, LBNC moves to forward a resolution in support of items 1 and 3-8 and opposes item 2."

VOTE (14-0-0) Motion passed.

Motion: There are 8 motions but the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council moves to oppose item 2. *Linda Gravani made Motion. Ruth Doxsee seconded.*

VOTE (7-0-3) (Nelson had stepped out of the room) Motion passed.

9. Marijuana Dispensaries "Measure D": Discussion and possible board vote to issue comment letter to City Council. L.Schwering

Possible recommendation to city council to require health and safety regulation of Measure D compliant dispensaries.

Linda Schwering initiated the Motion. Rosa seconded.

VOTE (2-9-2) NOT APPROVED

10. Land Use - 6643-6701 Louise Ave.: Discussion of Expedited Processing proposed project for a small lot subdivision project (10 single family homes) on two RA-1 lots totaling approx. 58,018 sq.ft.. Possible motion to issue letter of comment. Leffert

Tom Stemnock, President, Planning Associates Inc.: Gave presentation on possible plan for development of combined lots- requires rezone property from RA to RD5. 10 homes, 2100-2200 sq ft. homes - gated, no access from the west.

Steve Leffert made the Motion. Allen Nelson seconded.

MOTION TEXT:

"I move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council move to write a letter of support for the small lot development at 6643-6701 Louise Avenue, Lake Balboa with the following conditions: That the 5-foot easement along Louise Avenue be required, but the existing improvements (sidewalk and curb) remain as is. That the three California Live Oak trees in the parkway along Louise Avenue remain. That the driveway and entry gate(s) to the

small lot subdivision be split to go to the north and south of the existing 16" diameter oak tree. That the two homes fronting on Louise be oriented so their "fronts" face Louise to look like regular single family homes and that their roof lines be likewise oriented so as to provide a pleasing look from Louise Avenue. That all lots maintain the 5,000 sq. ft. minimum size. That the two homes at the west be oriented so their "fronts" face the future Lasaine Avenue. That there be a "walk in gate" at the west end of the development for easier access to Lemay Street going west to the elementary school. That there be iron fencing along Louise Avenue with landscaping on the street side of the fencing as opposed to a 6' masonry wall."

VOTE (6-2-4) APPROVED

11. Land Use - 6922-6930 Balboa Blvd.: Discussion of proposed project for a small lot subdivision (10 single family homes - Tract #72240) on two combined R-1 lots totaling approx. 20,328 sq. ft. Possible motion to issue letter of comment. Leffert

Leffert made a Motion,. Rosa seconded the Motion. Discussion of other similar projects, Steve Leffert made a revised Motion. Bethany Harris seconded.

MOTION TEXT (REVISED):

"I move that the Lake Balboa NC support the proposed zoning change for a small lot development at 6922-6930 Balboa Boulevard, Lake Balboa only with the following conditions: That the development be limited to a height maximum of 25 feet for the rear 49 feet of the property (east end) to prevent the loss of light and privacy to the back yards of the properties at 6919 and 6927 McLennan Avenue, and 6934 Balboa Boulevard as is the building code. That there be obscure glass on the east facing windows of the eastern most homes upper floor. That the side yards between the homes be a minimum of 4', conforming to the requirements of RD-2 zoning for a three story structure rather than the 3' proposed."

VOTE on revised Motion (9-1-3) APPROVED, a letter will be issued

12. Land Use - 15800 block of Wyandotte St.: Discussion of two proposed projects for small lot subdivisions (each with 5 single family homes) on the southern portions of 15816 and 15846 Leadwell (actually on Wyandotte), each lot approx. 15,000 sq. ft.. Possible motion to issue letter of comment. Leffert

Steve Leffert made the motion, Patricia Davidovich seconded.

MOTION TEXT:

"I move that the LBNC support the proposed development of two small lot subdivisions of 5 homes each with the appropriate rezoning located at the southern portions of 15816 Leadwell Street and 15846 Leadwell Street, Lake Balboa (actually fronting on the 15800 block of Wyandotte Street with the following conditions: That the southernmost homes be oriented to face Wyandotte Street with their entrance doors facing Wyandotte to give a more single family home residential look to the developments. That appropriate trees be planted where allowed in the parkway. That at least one tree be planted in each backyard."

VOTE (8-0-3) APPROVED

13. Correction Of May 2013 minutes: Discussion of difference between May transcript and May minutes, possible board vote to correct minutes to accurately

reflect the motion that was passed by the council pledging \$500 to LSS. Tessier
Item tabled.

14. CF-13 00650 Proposed addition of fine to existing municipal code for failure to clear public throughway: Board discussion and possible vote to issue comment letter and CIS. Hartstein
Item tabled.

15. Treasurer's Report: Review and request for adoption of the October 2014 Expenditure Report that includes the October P-Card reconciliation. L. Schwering
Linda Schwering made a Motion to adopt October 2013 expenditures. Rosa seconded.
VOTE (10-0-1) APPROVED

16. Board Vote on Funding Request: WEB Outreach expense, vendor Aaron DeVandry, for NC website hosting and maintenance for the period of October - December 2013 in the amount of \$434.85. L. Schwering
Linda Schwering made Motion to allocate a web outreach expense for October to December 2013 in th amount of \$434.8. Roxan Hartstein seconded the Motion.
VOTE (12-0-0) APPROVED

17. Board Vote On Funding Request – EP: to spend up to \$500 to print 1000 booklets for the Map Your Neighborhood Project Emergency Preparedness project. Pruet
Linda Pruet made a Motion, Davidovich seconded.

MOTION TEXT

“Former LBNC President Bill Haller has succeeded in securing the promise of \$1,000.00 from Sotheby Realty toward printing 1,000 Map Your Neighborhood Shingles (booklets) for use with this extremely worthwhile EP program, in exchange for having their name and logo on the front as funding the printing. The best quote we have for this quantity is \$1,260.00. I move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council fund up to \$500.00 for additional printing fees and tax to obtain these booklets.”

VOTE (12-0-0) APPROVED

18. Board Vote On Funding Request – Community Needs Drive: for up to \$100 for direct event costs for community collection event for canned food & fruit.

Harris Bethany Harris spoke about the fruit drive at the farmers market on Sunday prior to Christmas. Neighbors can drop off bags of fruit from their backyards, cans too. Youth outreach is sponsoring this.

Harris Motioned, Rosa seconded the Motion.

VOTE (12-0-0) APPROVED

19. Board Vote on Funding Request -- CIP – 2nd Mural Section: up to \$1500 for direct costs of completion of the second section of the Haskell Mural. Hartstein, Nelson
Nelson made the Motion, Woods seconded the Motion.

VOTE (12-0-0) APPROVED

20. Board Vote on Funding Request -- Outreach: up to \$2500 toward the cost of erecting “Lake Balboa” signs at I-405 freeway exits. Leffert.

Signs cost \$1,500 and are maintained for free. Four signs, total cost \$7,500. *Leffert made motion to spend up to \$1500, Rosa seconded.*

MOTION TEXT:

“Whereas there are no signs on the I-405 freeway or the CA 101 freeway indicating Lake Balboa, and whereas the cost of placing such signs are \$2,500 each for those along the freeways, and whereas the cost of placing such signs indicating directions to Lake Balboa from the off-ramps are \$1,250 each and whereas we would need, minimally, along the I-405 one Northbound sign (“Lake Balboa next and third exit”), and whereas we would need, minimally, along the I-405 one Southbound sign (“Lake Balboa next two exits”), and whereas we would need, minimally, on the I-405 Northbound off-ramps at Victory and Sherman Way West two directional signs indicating the way toward Lake Balboa And thus the total minimal cost for these signs is \$7,500, and whereas Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian has indicated his office would fund part of the cost of the signs, and whereas Councilperson Nury Martinez has indicated her office would fund part of the cost of the signs I move that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council share the expense by funding up to \$1,500 toward the cost of these signs.”

VOTE (9-2-1) APPROVED

21. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 10:32pm.