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**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 5, 2014 6:30 pm**  
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium  
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

- 1. Meeting called to order by Cynthia Weichelt, President, at 7:10pm.**  
**There were 50 people in attendance.**

**Roll Call**

Linda Schwering	Residential Rep., Treasurer	P
Cynthia Weichelt	Residential Rep., President	P
Jack Baird	Residential Rep.	P
Linda Pruett	Residential Rep., Emergency Preparedness Chair	P
Allen Nelson	Residential Rep., Communications Officer	P
Brian Tessier	Residential Rep., General Outreach Chair	A
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	P
Michael Rosa	Business Rep., Business Chair	P
Justin Bonney	Business Representative	P
Steve Leffert	Organizational Rep., Planning & Land Use Chair	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Rep.	P
Bethany Harris	Organizational Rep., Secretary	A
Carl Schwering	Senior Rep	P
Christopher Bower	Youth Rep.	P
Patricia Davidovich	At-Large Elected Rep.	P
Leslie (Leela) Woods	At-Large Appointed Rep.	A
Roxan Hartstein	At-Large Appointed Rep., Community Improvement Chair	P

- 2. ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote** - Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the agenda for the February 5, 2014 meeting, seconded by Linda Gravani. **VOTE: (11-0-0). MOTION PASSES**
- 3. APPROVED Minutes of the December 4, 2013 meeting** Michael Rosa brought a motion to approve the December 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by Roxan Hartstein **VOTE: (12-0-2) MOTION PASSES**
- 4. RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees**
- A. **LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICER (SLO) DAVID HAM-** Reported that crime is down in Lake Balboa area, call 311 for abandoned vehicles, abandoned houses; house in 17400 block was demolished; don't leave valuables in your cars: Lock it, Hide it, Keep it; set alarms on cars; a plasma center and sober living counseling group on corner of Vanowen and White Oak on

Northwest corner is trying to open; marijuana clinics are going through a lot of debates and law changes; he recommended starting a Neighborhood Watch Group, contact Senior Lead in area to attend; His email is [25717@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:25717@lapd.lacity.org), phone 818-731-2551.

- B. **LAPD SLO Steve Olivares** -He thanked those who attended the Town Hall meeting; nextdoor.com provides good information about neighborhood; 311 app is on the I-Phone and Android; neighbors should be invited to the Neighborhood Council meeting; any questions or problems call him at 818-374-7635 or email [34728@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:34728@lapd.lacity.org).
- C. **LAPD Sargent Boon - 5pm-3am Watch Supervisor** - Encouraged people to come to the neighborhood council meetings; CERT training is available for everyone.
- D. **Lynda Levitan - Area Director for City Councilmember Nury Martinez, CD6:**  
She gave information about Biased Policing, call for information 213-485-8324; Oil recycling on Saturdays & Sundays, 9am-3pm at S.A.F.E. (Solvents/Automotive/Flammables/Electronics) Center, 10241 Balboa Blvd, Northridge (just south of Devonshire St.); an update on cleaning the streets and medians was given; she wants to be involved and informed about Neighborhood Watch Groups; Internships (volunteer only) are available to high school or college students in the Councilwoman's office, high school students can receive community service credits.
- E. **Mindy Lake - Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's office**  
There is a Fruit Tree giveaway this weekend at LA Valley College on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014 from 8am - 12pm; An update on putting up the signs on the freeways and off ramps was given, signs should be up by May 2014; Eight free women's self defense classes start in May 2014 in the area; a program for distracted teen drivers is being given by CHP at high schools, Birmingham will be first; 2 Bills have gotten through the Assembly - one Bill deals with a study to put light rail in with the Orange Line; second Bill deals with adding oral history dealing with genocide in the curriculum in the high schools; She announced she is leaving the Assembly office for a position at Metro.
- F. **Linda Pruett - Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting is February 8, 2014 at the Flyaway Bus Station upstairs on second floor at 9:00 a.m.; there was a meeting in January 2014 with a speaker on the nuclear industry; an update on Map Your Neighborhood was given; 36 people attended an orientation class; information on CERT 3 classes starting in March 2014 was given.
- G. **Roxan Hartstein - Community Improvement Chair** - An update on the tree project was given; the mural project is starting soon; she attended People's Street Campaign from LADOT. Concrete cuts are being finished for trees Balboa/Saticoy. Some trees have been planted.
- H. **Allen Nelson - Communications Officer** - Discussed attending the People's Street Campaign; spoke to the new Captain of the Fire Station on Woodley regarding working with the community.

5. **Los Angeles City Budget Update: Linda Gravani** - Nothing has been reported by Budget Advocates, the entire city's budget can be found at <https://controllerdata.lacity.org>.
  
6. **Public Comment - Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, Issues, Announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council**
  - A. Andrea Monroe - She expressed a desire to rejuvenate businesses in Lake Balboa; she would like to see more art projects in the area.
  - B. Ann Ganaiian - Discussed a letter she received from a contractor regarding a project in her area.
  - C. Craig Welzbacher - Spoke regarding the noise of single engine planes over the area and what could be done about it.
  - D. Alex Mann - Requested help from the city to help clean up of the Gault Elementary School area; she said to come on Tuesdays 8:30am to help
  - E. Lorna Paisley - Expressed concern regarding the drought in California. She wants the River Project Water L.A. to speak to the Neighborhood Council about ways to save rain water; there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Woodman Avenue Multi-Beneficial Stormwater Capture Project on Friday February 7, 2014 at 1pm on Woodman Avenue at Strathern Street; contact [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com) for ways to conserve water.
  
7. **2014 NC Election Update: Review of all deadlines for candidates for the March 16, 2014 Neighborhood Council Elections. Additional discussion of Outreach requirements - Linda Gravani**  
 Orientation is Saturday February 8, 2014 at 4935 Balboa Boulevard from 2pm - 4pm;  
 Make copies of Vote By Mail Form to give out to friends and neighbors to send into City Clerk - the form is on LakeBalboaNC.org website, Vote By Mail deadline is March 10, 2014 at 5pm;  
 Election is March 16, 2014 from 10am -4pm at Gault Elementary School Auditorium.
  
8. **Community Improvement Project: Discussion -Allen Nelson**  
 Jose Castillo from Alumni Association Group at USC started a program for community cleanup and painting and is interested in the Lake Balboa area. He needs areas to clean up and paint. Magnolia Science and Daniel Pearl High Schools and the fire station have been contacted to be on the list of referrals. For other referrals email Allen at [allen@lakebalboanc.org](mailto:allen@lakebalboanc.org).
  
9. **CF-13-0650 Proposed addition of fine to existing municipal code for failure to clear public thoroughway - Roxan Hartstein**  
 This item is closed. No comments can be made on this ordinance because the City Council voted to accept it. For more information see website [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) - Ordinance number 182778. Council File number is 13-0650.
  
10. **RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the December 2013 Expenditure Report. Review and request for adoption of January 2014 expenditure report.**  
*Steve Leffert made a Motion to adopt the December 2013 expenditure report, seconded by Linda Pruett. VOTE (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES*  
*Steve Leffert made a Motion to adopt the January 2014 expenditure report, seconded by Patricia Davidovich. VOTE (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES*

**11. Board Vote on Funding Request - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Symposium: Request up to \$500 for LBNC participation/support for this outreach event.**

*Motion by Linda Schwering-I move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council expend \$500 for the Senior Symposium outreach event scheduled for May 17, 2014. Seconded by Steve Leffert.*

**VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES**

**12. Board Vote on Funding Request - External Backup: Request to spend up to \$100 for an external backup drive for the LBNC lap-top files and documents.**

*Motion by Linda Schwering - I move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$100 for an external computer back up unit in order to secure and archive LBNC files and documents.*

*Seconded by Ruth Doxsee. VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES*

**13. Board Vote on Funding Request - VANC - Request to spend \$150 in support of upcoming VANC meeting, candidate information meeting.**

*Motion by Linda Gravani -I move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend \$150 for VANC outreach event. Seconded by Linda Pruett. VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES*

**14. Board Vote on Funding Request - Worldfest: to spend \$1000 in outreach participation at this annual carbon neutral event to be held in Woodley Park, May 18**

*Motion by Allen Nelson - I move that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend \$1000 in outreach participation in Worldfest in 2014. Seconded by Roxan Hartstein. VOTE: (9-0-3) MOTION PASSES*

**15. Adjournment** - Chris Bower brought a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.