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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 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.

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	E
Linda Gravani	Business Rep., 2 nd VP	P
Michael Rosa	Business Rep., Business Chair	A
Justin Bonney	Business Stakeholder-Rep	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** - Linda Gravani brought a motion to approve the agenda for the March 5, 2014 meeting, seconded by Justin Bonney. **VOTE: (14-0-1). MOTION PASSES**

3. **APPROVED Minutes of the February 5, 2013 meeting** Roxan Hartstein brought a motion to approve the February 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by Steve Leffert. **VOTE: (13-0-1) MOTION PASSES**

4. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees**

- A. **LAPD SENIOR LEAD OFFICER DAVE HAM-** Reported that crime is down in Lake Balboa area, His email is 25717@lapd.lacity.org, phone 818-731-2551. He left flyers were left with all Senior Lead names, phone numbers and emails to contact them; crime is down in all the West Valley; there was a shooting and a stabbing at a party in Reseda;

Lake Balboa is down except for cars being broken into around the Sepulveda Basin area, please Lock It, Hide It, Keep It; there is an issue with older cars being stolen for transportation in the Van Nuys area between the airport and 405 south of Roscoe to Victory. Suggest putting a club, a kill switch, an alarm or a locking device for the pedals; put locks on gates to prevent break-ins, make sure you lock up your home, don't leave valuables by the front window to be seen; make friends with your neighbors; put cameras outside on property; get a dog; start a Neighborhood Watch Group, if there is a problem call the neighborhood block captain, give the information, she will contact the Senior Lead.

- B. **LAPD Sergeant Gary Payton**- He introduced himself; encouraged talking to neighbors, hiding your valuables, call him with any questions.
- C. **Lynda Levitan - Area Director for City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, CD6:**
Clean-up co-sponsored with the Neighborhood Council will be April 26, 2014 and will use Basset Elementary School as home base, breakfast and lunch will be served; Sky's The Limit Event is May 2, 2014 from 9am to 2pm at Van Nuys Airport, goal is to bring 1200 students to airport to expose them to career in aviation; volunteers are needed for this event; Councilwoman Nury Martinez will be present on election day.
- D. **Max Reyes - Eric Garcetti's Office** - He handles west of 405, Sherman Oaks, Studio City; neighborhood walks are being hosted; town halls are being put on; Operation Neighborhood Blitz has been launched to fill pot holes on curbs and sidewalks.
Contact him with any concerns at max.reyes@lacity.org.
- E. **Greg Bartz- Community Liaison for Department of Water and Power** -The information in the package that was handed out was reviewed. Email is greg.bartz@lawp.com - (213) 367-2800.
- F. **Lydia Grant - Board of Neighborhood Commissioners** - She oversees Regions 1 and 2 in the North Valley. Contact information is Lydia.grant@lacity.org (818) 470-6629 an update was given of the duties of her department; Porter Ranch had 730 voters showing up at the polls; names are being taken for volunteers for the election polling places.
- G. **Tony Wilkinson - Independent Election Advisor** for the upcoming election; an update on the elections was given; stakeholders were encouraged to run for the Neighborhood Council Seats
- H. **Linda Pruett - Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair** - Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting is Saturday March 8, 2014 at the Flyaway Bus Station upstairs on second floor at 9:00 a.m.; A Red Cross instructor will be speaking at the meeting; Map Your Neighborhood is a nine step program that is going over well in Lake Balboa; Sandy Joseph hosted the first presentation of MYN with a good turnout; goal is to get every block within the San Fernando Valley area; CERT training presented by the Fire Department is free, 17 hours of

training; Two day CERT Class is April 12, 13, 2014 at the National Guard Armory; catalogs from SOS Survival are available.

- I. **Allen Nelson - Beautification Committee** -An update on the Mural Design Contest was given; USC Community Cleanup will do a clean up every other month and will concentrate on the schools in Lake Balboa; Senior Symposium is Saturday May 17, 2014 and Sunday May 18, 2014 is World Fest.
 - J. **Steve Leffert, Land Use and Planning Committee** - At a hearing he attended on March 4, 2014, an update was given regarding a project on Vanowen Street with three RA lots.
 - K. **Ruth Doxsee** -An update was given on the Recycled Water Advisory Group workshop on February 19, 2014 that was attended.
 - L. **Cynthia Weichelt** - Received a notice from the Los Angeles Animal Services that the NKLA (No Kill LA, nkla.org) Program has been a big success and resulted in a drop by half of the number of animals being euthanized than two years ago.
 - M. **Aaron Ortiz - Southern California Gas Company.** An update was given on the new installations of the meters in the area.
5. **Los Angeles City Budget Update: Linda Gravani** -
The Neighborhood Council President was contacted and a request for update was sent.
 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. Elliot Durant - Chairman Public Safety Committee for Tarzana - an update on Next Door was given.
 - B. Daryl Derrico -President Birmingham Alumni Association of Birmingham Community Charter High School. He introduced himself, hosting a Community Job Fair in May 2014 for students. He can be reached at 323-825-1517 or via email: president @birminghamalumni.org.
 7. **2014 NC Election Update: Review of all deadlines for candidates for the March 16, 2014 Neighborhood Council Elections.**
Vote by mail deadline is March 10, 2014 and must be received by the City Clerk by 5pm -
Application can be mailed, emailed or faxed.
 8. 2014 NC Election Candidate Forum: Each verified candidate will have up to 2 minutes to make a personal statement Candidates for the 2014 NC Election made personal statements of their qualifications. Tony Wilkinson, Region 3's IEA, moderated the forum. Those who spoke included Madeline J. Pammit (Youth Stakeholder Rep. Candidate), Carl Schwering, Jack G. Baird, Mary L. Pennomon (Senior Stakeholder Rep. Candidates), Leela Valencia Woods, Brian Tessier (At-Large Elected Stakeholder Rep. Candidates), Linda Gravani, Justin T. Bonney, Gary S. Davis (Business

Stakeholder Rep. Candidates), Ruth Doxsee, Bethany Harris (Organizational Stakeholder Rep. Candidates), Edward K.Waters, Cynthia Lyons Weichelt, Natalie Kaye Arazi, Joseph Zahn, Linda J. Schwering, James C. Brown, Tom Brennan, Allen Nelson, Sandra Joseph, Linda Pruetz, Thomas J. Riley, Gordon Brown (Residential Stakeholder Rep. Candidates).

9. **CF-13-0025-S1:** Discussion and possible motion on this council file promoting a measure to entice witnesses to hit-and-run accidents to come forward.
Linda Gravani made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the establishment of recommended standing rewards for hit-and-run crimes that occur in the City of Los Angeles, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.
VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

10. **RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the February 2014 Expenditure**
Linda Schwering made a Motion to adopt the February 2014 expenditure report seconded by Roxan Hartstein. **VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

11. **Board Vote on Funding Request - Spring Egg Hunt - Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$350 for event entertainment at the April event held at the Balboa Sports Complex**
Linda Schwering made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council expend up to \$350 to provide magician entertainment for the annual event Spring Egg Hunt at the Balboa Sports Complex to be held April 19, 2014, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. **VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

12. **Board Vote on Funding Request - Election Outreach: - Bus Bench - Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$400 for design, poster fabrication and placement on up to 6 bus benches in Lake Balboa, as a onetime expense.**
Linda Schwering made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$400 for bus bench posters, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. **VOTE (9-1-2) MOTION PASSES**

13. **Board Vote on Funding Request - Election Outreach - Discussion and possible motion to spend up to \$175 on Election Day signage, posters and supplies.**
Linda Gravani made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$175 on Election Day signage, posters and supplies, seconded by Ruth Doxsee. **VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

14. **Board Vote on Funding Request - Election Outreach: Discussion and possible motion to spend up to \$60 toward the Region 3 Rally in the Valley, towards pro-rated LBNC outreach booth.**
Linda Gravani made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$60 toward the Region 3 Rally in the Valley, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. **VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

15. **Board Vote on Funding Request: Election Outreach: Discussion and possible motion to spend up to \$50 for balloons for polling place identification on election day.**
Linda Gravani made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$50 for balloons for polling place identification on election day, seconded by Roxan Hartstein. **VOTE (12-0-1) MOTION PASSES**

16. Board Vote on Funding Request - Request to spend up to \$200 for microphone stands compatible with the PA system in Gault Elementary's auditorium.

Steve Leffert made a Motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$200 for microphone stands for use at neighborhood council meetings, seconded by Roxan Hartstein.

VOTE (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

17. Adjournment - Leela Woods brought a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm.