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**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406**

Meeting called to order by James Brown, 1st Vice President, at 7:05pm.

- 1. Roll Call, 9 board members satisfied quorum of 9. About 20 stakeholders were present at the beginning of the meeting.**

Carla Bautista	At-Large Appointed SR	P
James Brown	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 st Vice President	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Stakeholder Representative (OSR)	P
Kristin Fujitaki	At-Large Appointed, Second Vice President	E
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	E
Byron Gutierrez	At-Large Elected CISR	P
James Hart	RSR; Treasurer	E
Sandy Joseph	RSR, 2 nd Vice President	E
Cindy Kurland	RSR	E
Madeleine McKay	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Carol Newman	BSR; Secretary	E
Mary L. Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Linda Pruett	OSR	E
Tom Riley	RSR	P
Karen Schatz	RSR	E
Jim Stein	BSR; 2 nd signer	P

- 2. Adoption of the Agenda for November 1, 2017**

Allen Nelson brought a motion to adopt the Agenda as amended for November 1, 2017, seconded by Mary Pennomon

9 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein

VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 3. Approval of Minutes for September 6, 2017**

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve Minutes for September 6, 2017, seconded by James Brown

9 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein

VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES

4. Approval of Minutes for October 4, 2017

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve Minutes for October 4, 2017, seconded by James Brown

9 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein

VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

A. LAPD Officer Sel Smith – Crime numbers are down in Lake Balboa

LAPD Officer Steve Olivares – There was a great turnout for the Haunted Open House in West Valley last Saturday.

He recommended joining the Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB). It meets every 2nd Wednesday at the West Valley Police Station in the Community Room.

B. Emma Taylor – Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian’s Office (818) 376-4246

5th Women’s Self Defense class is Sunday, November 5, 2017 in Mission Hills. Information is on the website: assemblymembereadrian46 State Assembly District

Open enrollment Day is today November 1, 2017. Diabetes workshop is November 7, 2017

Stress Workshop is Saturday, November 11, 2017.

C. Jasmine Elbarbary – EmpowerLA

Elections will be in 2019.

6. Guest Speaker – State Senator Bob Hertzberg District 18

62 years old, he represents 1 million citizens, 94% are in Los Angeles, the rest in Burbank and San Fernando. 70% of state tax is locally distributed by over 4,800 divisions of government.

Issues discussed: Homelessness, recycling water, capturing rain water, Immigration, housing for the homeless; new 12 cents/gallon gas tax starts today, he wants more of the revenue to come to us.

7. Discussion and possible Action Re: Health and Safety 2,500 feet Buffer (CF17-0447)

Leah Garland from Standing Together against Drilling said 828,000 residents live near active oil wells. People of color are most impacted. In 2014 it was shown that 44 toxic chemicals were used in extraction. Scientists have determined a half mile buffer (approx.. 2,500 ft.) is needed to protect residents from these toxins. She asked us to support Council File 17-0447.

Tom Riley brought a motion that the LBNC provide a letter of support regarding the Health and Safety 2,500 feet Buffer (CF17-0447), seconded by James Brown

9 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein

VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES

8. Discussion and possible Action Re: NC requesting “Final Say” on General and Community Plans

Tom Riley gave an update – no action was taken.

9. Discussion and possible Action Re: LA County Regional Park and Open Spaces

Jim Stein gave an update and made the motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council write a letter of support to Councilwoman Nury Martinez asking for a letter of support to help us better shape our neighborhood with Measure A funds, seconded by Tom Riley

9 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley, Stein

VOTE: (9-0-0) MOTION PASSES

10. Public Comment

A. **Salvador Moncada - San Fernando Valley Veteran's Employment Committee.**

9th Annual Operation Holiday 2017 Event is Tuesday, December 19, 2017 from 11:30am-2:30pm at the National Guard Armory in Van Nuys. They request a donation up to \$2000 for the event. Volunteers are also needed.

B. **Lindsey Black** - They encourage stakeholders to come to above event. Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is invited to have a table at the event for outreach.

C. **Krickett Jones Halpern – Founder of M.A.R.Y. (Making Arts Real for Youth) Foundation**

A thank you letter written by participants, of which there were 145, was presented for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council's financial support of the Fifth Annual Event held September 24, 2017. A summary of the event was also given.

11. Announcement and Reports

President – James Brown for LG VANC meeting November 9 from 6-9pm at CBS Studio, RSVP required. Planning is the theme.

Education Committee – Byron Gutierrez

Small turnout at meeting. Next meeting to be determined. This weekend at Mulholland MS there is a competition for Hydrodynamics and Lego. There is a monthly robotics elementary school challenge at Mulholland that we could support, he'll find out more information.

Emergency Preparedness – Linda Pruett

No report was given.

Health and Public Safety – James Brown

1) Nov. 7, 6:30pm at 14410 Sylvan Street, 2nd Floor, Van Nuys, LA Police Commission community meeting

2) Nov. 8, 6:30pm WVLAPD station, 19020 Vanowen Street, Reseda, community room, CPAB meeting, "How to Survive an Active Shooter Event" (4 or more people are killed or harmed)

3) LAPD is hiring for their Emergency Operations Division: Emergency Services Division Dispatch trainee, good rate of pay

4) Nov. 4, 10am, Reseda NC office, 18118 Sherman Way, FREE CPR & AED training. Parking behind Bank of America building

5) Nov. 18, 10am, Fly Away, 2nd Floor, FREE CPR & AED training at our Health & Public Safety Committee meeting

Land Use – Tom Riley

Facebook has leased 80,000 sq.ft. at Roscoe & Balboa Blvds. First tech company in our area is important because it will bring more people into area, home values will increase and business may improve for smaller businesses and restaurants and it will be involved with upcoming community planning

Outreach – Allen Nelson

Clean up held on Oct. 14 at Cohasset Street School, even though flyers went to all neighbors two days before, was poorly attended. Huge bin was filled with bulky items and debris.

Ad Hoc Rec and Parks – Jim Stein

Next committee meeting is 2nd Tuesday of the month, Dec. 12, Balboa Sports Center, 7pm
He attended Rec & Parks Commission meeting: Looking for ways to increase use of County’s golf courses as use has decreased significantly; possibilities include Zumba, yoga, concerts, movie nights, campouts and Frisbee games. Jim also learned that Pickleball (tennis modified for older athletes) may be brought to LA tennis courts, which have also seen decrease in use.

Ad Hoc Newsletter – Kristen Fujitaki

No report was given.

Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) – Ruth Doxsee

The committee did not meet in October, so there was nothing to report.

Youth Affairs – Madeleine McKay

The TALK project (educate and foster discussion about sexual assault and rape) presentation has to be rescheduled at Daniel Pearl HS for Jan/Feb. She is working with Birmingham HS’ Director of Safety to schedule a presentation there.

Liaisons

Animal Services – Jennifer Freel

No report was given.

Homeless – Karen Schatz and Cindy Kurland

No report was given.

Board Members

Ruth Doxsee expressed satisfaction at observing teachers’ excitement about using Robotics Tables which LBNC funding provided for Bassett Elementary.

12. Budget Advocate – Update, discussion and possible action – Carol Newman

No update given, no action taken.

13. Budget – Discussion and possible action to update 2017/18 LBNC Budget

No action was taken.

14. Treasurer’s Report – Review and Request adoption of the monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for September 2017

Jim Stein made the motion to approve September 2017 MER. Ruth Doxsee seconded.

Mary Pennomon objected to discussion due to her not reviewing the MER and James Hart not being present to answer questions. She brought a motion to table this item, seconded by Byron Gutierrez.

6 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Gutierrez, Nelson, Pennomon, Riley

2 NAYS: Doxsee, Stein ; 1 Ineligible: McKay

Motion to table item #14 passed: (6-2-1)

15. Discussion and possible Action Re: A library/Community Center in Lake Balboa

Item tabled.

16. FUNDING: Requesting up to \$500 for additional Lake Balboa T-shirts sizes large and 2XL

Item tabled.

17. FUNDING: Requesting up to \$75 for additional storage boxes

Item tabled.

18. LAND USE: Discussion and possible Action Re: City Planning is exploring ideas considering new land use and zoning regulations for the neighborhood around the Orange Line stations. Nov 2 6-8pm San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center 18312 Oxnard St Tarzana or Nov 16 6-8pm Van Nuys City Hall 14410 Sylvan St. Van Nuys-222.latnp.org

Tom Riley expressed need for younger citizens to join Land Use's subcommittee for the LA City Plan.

19. OUTREACH: Dog Park event on Nov 26, 2017 10am-4pm. Jim Stein urged us to attend. Santa will be there.

20. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.