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**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2018 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406**

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:00pm.

- 1. Roll Call, 14 board members at the time of roll call satisfied quorum of 9. About 20 stakeholders were present at the beginning of the meeting.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call Quorum is 9**

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
Kristen Fujitaki	At-Large Appointed, Second Vice President	P
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Byron Gutierrez	At-Large Elected CISR	P
James Hart	RSR; Treasurer	P; Arrived 7:05 pm
Sandy Joseph	RSR	P
Cindy Kurland	RSR	P; Arrived 7:08pm
Madeleine McKay	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Carol Newman	BSR; Secretary	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Linda Pruettt	OSR	P
Tom Riley	RSR	P
Karen Schatz	RSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR; 2 nd signer	E

4. Adoption of the Agenda April 4, 2018

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adopt the Agenda for April 4, 2018, seconded by James Brown

14 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruettt, Riley, Schatz

Vote: (14-0-0-0-0] MOTION PASSES

James Hart arrived at 7:05 pm.

5. Approval of Minutes for February 7, 2018

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to approve the Minutes for February 7, 2018, seconded by Mary Pennomon

13 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruetz, Riley, Schatz

2 ABSTENTIONS: Hart, McKay

VOTE: (13-0-2-0-0] MOTION PASSES

6. Approval of the Minutes for March 7, 2018

Tabled until the Minutes are available.

Cindy Kurland arrived at 7:09 pm.

7. Announcements and Reports

A. LAPD Officer Olivares

There have been a lot of burglaries from motor vehicles. Officer Olivares discussed the importance of hiding articles away out of sight to prevent thefts. Additionally, the police have been dealing with a lot of people who are mentally ill. There is a program, CAMP, that helps people who are mentally ill who don't want to accept treatment or services. They can be evaluated and put on a hold. Officer Olivares stated he is retiring from the police force in two months, after which he will be a reserve officer.

B. Lauren Padick – Field Deputy, Councilwoman Martinez’s Office (CD6)

March is Women’s History Month, and an event was put on at City Hall called In Her Words. The Third Annual Spring LA Fire Department Girls Camp (for girls who train under firefighter learning skills) will take place at the Panorama City Fire Station on Saturday and Sunday, April 7th & 8th, 2018. The new Young Women’s Advisory Council out of Councilwoman Martinez’s City Hall office is looking for young women who are interested in politics. Contact Lauren for more information. Councilwoman Martinez made a motion asking the City Council to support Assembly Bill AB2343 (dealing with residential evictions) and to have the LAPD do a report on sexual harassment on Metro.

C. Brian Gavidia – Mayor Eric Garcetti’s Office (213) 713-0960 Brian.Gavidia@lacity.org

Homeless Connect Day had over 20 service providers and resources at Woodley Park. More than 100 people attended. In N Out Truck provided food. The mayor is doing homeless events on a monthly basis. The mayor announced that Los Angeles has the most installed solar power of any city in America. The Clippers have donated to renovate basketball courts in hundreds of parks across the City in preparation for the Olympics. The Mayor has appointed a new director, Christina Miller, as Senior Project Manager for homeless efforts. Brian stated he will be transitioning from the Mayor’s office as of April 20, 2018 to Northeast Valley Health Corporation as Government and Community Relations Manager.

D. Cara Onofre, Director for Advocacy for LAUSD Kelly Gonez (818) 389-9216

Her office met with Byron Gutierrez to talk about education, and looks forward to cooperating with LBNC. LAUSD is searching for a new superintendent. Stagg Elementary School is now a California Distinguished School Award winner. Stagg has the highest rating it can have. There

will be a picnic in the park to meet Kelly Gonez at the Rec Center in San Fernando on April 7, 2018 from 2:00-4:00pm.

E. Emma Taylor – Field Representative from Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian’s Office (District #46) (818) 376-4246

The third annual Chess Tournament is in May 2018. They are expanding it to Lake Balboa elementary schools. Every 6 months they do women’s self defense classes, and they are now having 6 classes, April 14-15 and 21-22. Her office has two seismic bills and will present on them to us next month.

F. Seme Park – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE)

Planning 101 is coming up with the Planning Department on April 9, 2018 at Palms, April 16 at Granada Hills Charter, and April 30 at the Noho Rec Center, all from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

8. Guest Speaker: Kris Freed – Chief Program Officer, Los Angeles Family Housing, 818-255-2743, kfreed@lafh.org

She is the coordinator for this region. LAFH collaborates with everyone and has been doing this since 1983. LAFH is responsible for everything from engaging people on the street to shelters, programs, and real estate development (permanent supportive housing). LAFH has 24 facilities now. LAFH wants to be our partner, and to end homelessness, but it can’t be done by government alone. Measure H was a huge help but the money has just started rolling out. There have been 50 years of poor planning and decisionmaking. LAFH is looking for employers and ways to connect people with housing. Families are being pushed out. The expectation needs to be managed. LBNC was invited to come and tour LAFH’s facility to see how Measure H is working. Fifty new units of permanent supportive housing have just been opened. Every day people are falling into homelessness. Seniors and families are affected. We have to say it is OK to house homeless people in our backyard. Please come and see our units.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jon Pelzer – He is a 35-year resident and a first-time candidate running for Congress in the 30th CD. His mission on the campaign is universal health care, affordable housing, climate change, special interest money.

B. Lorna Paisley – She discussed the problem of litter in the area and stated something needs to be done.

C. Rosie Avetisyan of PESA (Parents Educators Students In Action)

Their organization sponsors the teen court program, where the jurors are high school age and give out minor consequences as punishments. The LAPD is working with them and as of May 8, 2018, will refer their cases to PESA. She stated funding is needed.

D. Linda Schwering

We need to take emergency disaster preparedness to heart.

E. Sharon Brewer

The LBNC check for \$500 for the Senior Symposium hasn't been sent. Lake Balboa is on the flyer. There will be a special event and dog show on April 22, 2018 from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Dog Park.

F. Maggie Hernandez from the Center of Assault Treatment Services, Northridge Hospital

There will be a special event on April 21, 2018 for sexual assault/ domestic violence. Also, there will be a dog walk in Lake Balboa.

The Neighborhood Council took a break from 7:58-8:00PM

Cindy Kurland returned from the break at 8:08pm

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members

A. President's Update:

President Linda Gravani announced that at the VANC yearly event in March, Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council was awarded BEST OF for working collaboratively to invest in education for the future of our children. The award was received from the founder and chair Jill Banks Barad, and we received recognition from State Senators Henry Stern and Bob Hertzberg.

The deadline for event approval requests is May 20th. The last day for check payment requests is June 1st. The deadline for credit card payment transactions is June 20. We don't presently know the deadline for NPG's. It takes a great deal of time and effort to get LAUSD and the City Clerk to get together to allow us to rent this auditorium. We have to do it every quarter as if from scratch.

Linda attended the Bertrand Avenue Elementary LEADER IN ME.ORG program and it was phenomenal. She met with Council Member Ryu regarding city funding and the difficulty with LAUSD and DONE. Kelly Gonez's picnic is April 14th. Flyers for the community meeting are being passed out Saturday, April 7th from 2:00-4:00pm at Gault Elementary School. Ethics training must be completed before the next meeting for Jim Hart, James Brown and Sandy Joseph.

B. Education Committee – Byron Gutierrez

LAUSD is on spring break. There is a lull right now. Byron believes in public schools. Elected officials are engaged. Our meeting on the 14th is our big push to get the community involved. Our focus is chess and robots. Our award at VANC is great. We're hoping to expand chess and robotics. If we can get five schools this year and build on that, it will be a good year. We're looking to sponsor a robotics summit, and we want to get more schools involved.

C. Emergency Preparedness – Linda Pruett

The Emergency Preparedness Meeting is Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00am at the Flyaway. The speaker will be Captain Stacy Gerlach of LAFD, the mother of CERT.

D. Health and Public Safety – James Brown

James Brown is meeting with the West Valley LAPD Safety Captain and schools to improve ties with LAPD at all school levels. Every 90 seconds someone dies from cardiac arrest. Starting in August students in public high school must take CPR in order to graduate. On May 8 we'll be training

teachers and others. Training will also take place at Daniel Pearl. James encouraged everyone to take CPR training – he wants more than 1000 people successfully trained this year.

E. Land Use – Tom Riley

The Community Plan is in development in the city of Los Angeles. There is an updated master program that indicates what each community would like to see and what the future of its involvement with the city of Los Angeles is all about. During the Land Use meeting on June 18, a city representative will attend to discuss what has been done and to get input from the public.

F. Outreach – Allen Nelson

The 10K River Run for victims, Movies in the Park, planning for the community meeting on April 14th were discussed at the last Outreach Meeting.

G. Ad Hoc Rec and Parks – Jim Stein

No report.

H. Ad Hoc Newsletter – Kristen Fujitaki

If an event is attended, take a picture or send an article for the newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, website.

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

The California Native Plant Society show and sale is Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Sepulveda Garden Center on Magnolia at Hayvenhurst from 9 am to 4 pm. The Chatsworth Nature Preserve Open House is the same day, Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The clean up of Haskell Creek and the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area by the Auburn Society is Saturday April 14, 2018 from 8:30am – 12:00pm. The possible two-day music event has been pushed to November 10-11, 2018.

J. Youth Affairs – Madeleine McKay

The Talk Project took place at Daniel Pearl and was a huge success. The survey results surveyed students about their knowledge of sexual violence and how much they learned. PearlCon, a comic book and board game convention, will take place on May 12, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm at the school, put on by the students.

K. Ad Hoc-Election – Karen Schatz

The Department of Neighborhood Empowerment is having a meeting on April 30, 2018 to talk about the 2019 election. Website is empowerla.org for more information.

L. Liaisons

Animal Services – Jennifer Freel

No report was given, as she was not present.

Homeless – Cindy Kurland

There was no meeting this month. Mary Pennomon stated that she was invited to the Sepulveda Basin by Nury Martinez's office about 3 weeks ago. There were 20+ tents there for the homeless with services for job interviews, mental health, veterans' health, housing, women hygiene, showers, shampoos, clean clothes, blankets for dogs and cats, books for reading, shoes, etc. In N Out Burger provided food. She said that we need stakeholders to bond with us. Foster care youths are put out of the system at age 18 with no family support and ending up on the streets or in human trafficking. The City has a lot of unused properties that could be used for housing.

M. Resilient Los Angeles – Linda Pruett

She is the representative for Lake Balboa to the Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance, which meets once a month downtown at the Emergency Operations Center. This month the speaker was Captain Ignazi (sp?). The CERT Captain is trying to get caches (78x48x 38) available in all the Neighborhood Council districts for disasters. The supplies inside would be available to CERT members.

Board Members

No other reports.

11. Budget Advocate – Updates – Carol Newman

The White Paper has been distributed to all Neighborhood Council board members across the city of LA, all city council members and their staffs. A presentation to the City Council's budget and Finance Committee is being prepared to present the Budget Advocate proposals. A set of revenue suggestions on how to increase revenue in the city are being developed. The Budget Advocates met with the mayor last month for 1 hour. Another meeting is to be in the Fall. She will be continuing for another year of a two year term. More people are needed as Budget Advocates.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding: Council File 18-0600 Budget Advocates White Paper

Carol Newman brought a motion as follows: The Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council hereby supports the work of the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates and hereby supports their recommendations as outlined in their 2018 White Paper and approves the filing of a Community Impact Statement for CF18-0600," seconded by Linda Gravani

16 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz

Vote: (16-0-0-0-0] MOTION PASSES

13. Discussion and possible action regarding: Council File 16-0461 – Would allow the collection of fees vs planting a replacement tree.

Julie Jacobson wanted to be our sustainability representative, but she cannot do it because she lives in Northridge. Instead, our representative will be Shellie Billik, who is a member of the Encino Neighborhood Council and a Board member of the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance. Council File 16-0461 addresses what happens to trees that are removed in public areas. Under that

Council File, instead of planting replacement trees, a developer can just pay a fee. Los Angeles has the second smallest urban canopy in the United States. The Tree People feel very strongly that the fees are inadequate and that no plan is in place.

Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance review of Council File 16-0461 and forward a CIS, seconded by Linda Pruett

12 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz

4 ABSTENTIONS: Hart, Gutierrez, Fujitaki, Joseph

Vote: (12-0-4-0-0] MOTION PASSES

14. Discussion and possible action regarding: Council File 18-0002-S13 – Land Use Committee opposes SB827 which would allow the construction of housing developments near major transit stops without compliance with local land use regulations

Tom Riley brought a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the resolution of the City Council opposed to SB827, seconded by James Brown

15 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, McKay, Nelson, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz

1 ABSTENTION: Newman

Vote: (15-0-1-0-0] MOTION PASSES

15. Budget – Discussion and possible reallocation of funds - Hart

There was no discussion.

16. FUNDING: Linda Pruett MUST recuse herself – Requesting \$1000 NPG to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on Saturday September 29, 2018 from 9am-1:30pm

Linda Pruett recused herself and left the room.

More than 7,000 people last year attended the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair from 118 communities and all city council districts. More than 2500 meals were served. In 2017, the SCPF asked for \$850.00. Attendees now have more than doubled, and there is a new venue.

Sandy Joseph brought a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council fund the NPG in the amount of \$1000 to the Southern California Preparedness Foundation for the Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair to be held on Saturday September 29, 2018 (NEW DATE) from 9am-1:30pm, seconded by Karen Schatz

14 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Riley, Schatz

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

1 RECUSED: Pruett

Vote: (14-0-0-1-1] MOTION PASSES

Ruth Doxsee left at 9:10 pm.

17. FUNDING: Requesting \$1000 NPG to Northridge Hospital Foundation to support the 10K River Run on Saturday April 21, 2018 proceeds to go to their C.A.T.S. (Center for Assault Treatment Services) program

Allen Nelson brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the request of \$1000 NPG to Northridge Hospital Foundation to support the 10K River Run on Saturday April 21, 2018 proceeds to go to their C.A.T.S.(Center for Assault Treatment Services) program, seconded by James Brown

14 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

Vote: (14-0-0-1-0] MOTION PASSES

18. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.