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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2014 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

1. Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:03pm.
2. Roll Call, 12 board members satisfied quorum of 9.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder 'representative (RSR); 1 ST Vice President	P
James C. Brown	RSR; 2 nd Vice President	P
Sandy Joseph	RSR	P
Linda Pruett	RSR; Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair	P
Tom Riley	RSR	A
Cynthia Weichelt	RSR	P, arrived 7:18pm
Justin T. Bonney	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); Communications Officer	P
Gary Davis	BSR	P
Linda Gravani	BSR; President	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational SR; Secretary	P
Bethany Harris	OSR	A
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Vacant	Youth Stakeholder Representative	
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Tom Brennan	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Vacant	At-Large Appointed SR	

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *Linda Gravani brought a motion to approve the agenda for the October 1, 2014 meeting with corrections, seconded by Natalie Arazi*
AYE: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Davis, Gravani, Doxsee, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan
ABSTENTION: Bonney
VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES
4. **APPROVED Minutes of the September 3, 2014 meeting:** *Justin Bonney brought a motion to approve the September 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by Gary Davis*
AYE: Arazi, Bonny, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Davis, Gravani, Doxsee, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan
ABSTENTION: Schwering
VOTE: (11-0-1) MOTION PASSES

5. Stakeholder Concerns this month

Emails were read from Stakeholders: Thrifty Tree Services destroyed stakeholder's yard. Inquiry regarding neighborhood street cleaning. St. Mark's Church is abandoned and request for public information.

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

A. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Ham:

1. West Valley Newsletter listing all Senior Leads' phone numbers, emails was left at meeting.
2. There have been several burglaries north of Reseda and in Lake Balboa.
3. Stakeholders were reminded of the importance of locking doors and windows, put locks on back gates, put up security cameras and install beware of dog signs on gates. An update on the abandoned church and people living in their cars was given.
4. Call 311 for pickup of bulk items and graffiti problems.
5. Reported on the gang units working in the area.

B. Linda Pruettt reported in lieu of Lynda Levitan's absence: Heath Fair and Festival is on *October 25, 2014.*

7. Raffy Astvasadoorian – Deputy City Attorney, West Valley Division. Topics: Massage Parlors, Pot shops, RV Parking on Louise and vacant St. Mark's Church

- A. Haskell Street Locos gang is not an active gang. He explained the mechanics of getting a gang injunction.
- B. He reported on RV Parking on Louise Street, laws regarding parking on city streets.
- C. It is legal to live in your vehicle on any public street.
- D. If pot shops in the area are on a preliminary list of 135 they are allowed to operate.
- E. The city is shutting down any pot shops not on this list.
- F. Report any new pot shops opening to (213) 978-8100.
- G. Massage parlors update was given.

8. Public Comment: (10 minutes) Comments from the Public on Non-Agenda Items, issues, announcements and Complaints within the jurisdiction for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council

A. **Allen Nelson**, reported that the American Red Cross along with Daniel Pearl Magnet High School is having a blood drive on October 3, 2014 from 10am – 4:15pm. Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is looking for a replacement for Youth Rep. Daniel Pearl Newspaper, The Pearl Post, is a finalist in 2014 National Scholastic Press Association Newspaper Pacemaker's Contest, which is the highest recognition of a high school publication. Donations can be made directly to their cause to help pay for registration, air fare and hotel rooms for the 4 day convention in Washington, DC in November 2014. This year Daniel Pearl High School is in the one percent of schools in the entire nation with 100 percent of the seniors graduating. Cash for College 13th Annual College and Career Convention is Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and Thursday November 6, 2014 at 11243 Glenoaks Blvd in Pacoima.

Allen Nelson will meet with LAPD Officer David Ham in two weeks to discuss issues with the schools and students including vandalism, tagging and trash. Daniel Pearl Journalism students have offered to help with the Lake Balboa Newsletter.

Bill Parks, CEO of Birmingham School wants to increase involvement with Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council with live feeds of board meetings.

- B. **Councilman Dennis Zine**, reported on the history of Lake Balboa. He asked for the support of Bobby Shriver for County Supervisor on November 4, 2014 elections.
- C. **Athena Novak**, asked for support of Bobby Shriver who is running for County Supervisor on November 4, 2014 elections.
- D. **Miriam Prebsel**, reported on problems at the dog parks and asked for the Neighborhood Council's help. Gary Davis invited her to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on October 14, 2014.
- E. **Eldad Sharbit**, reported on the littering on Louise Street from the students on their way home from school. He would like the schools to address the littering problem in the classrooms.
- F. **Suzanna Snow, Teacher at Gault Elementary** stated she will address the problem of littering in the school bulletin to remind teachers to talk to their students about the problem of littering in the area.
- G. **Linda Schwering**, Funding Request Forms are filled out by the person who requests the funds. Ask her or Linda Pruett any questions regarding funding to make sure it will be approved by DONE.

9. **Los Angeles City Budget Update**

Cynthia Weichelt, reported the Regional Budget Day is October 11, 2014 at the Braudy Center, the Budget Survey is vastly enhanced

10. **Committee Updates**

A. **James Brown, Public Safety Committee**

Responsibility for public safety falls on the shoulders of residents. The Los Angeles Public Health Council has announced an increase in West Nile Virus cases. Residents are reminded to be careful with respect to standing water, broken and torn screens, wear the appropriate protection if outdoors. An aggressive mosquito is around biting people in the area. For the Enterovirus D68 type there is no cure or vaccine. Help to prevent the spread of the virus by washing hands frequently, and keep sick children home from school. A Neighborhood Watch meeting TBA in October for volunteers who want to be Block Captains. Public Safety signs are available letting the public know where the Neighborhood Council meetings are held. Committee meetings are on the First Wednesday of the month.

B. **Gary Davis, Chair, Recreational Parks Committee**

He reported the Recreational Parks Committee deals with all the neighborhood parks (Balboa Park, Louise Park, Dog Park, Skateboard Parks, Sporting Complexes); an event for the dog park is being planned for next Spring to bring in the spay and neutering clinic, groomers, rescue organizations. The next meeting is October 14, 2014 (second Tuesday of each month) at the Balboa Sports Complex at Burbank and Balboa. Volunteers are needed of people who have connections with some of the different sporting events (cricket, skateboarding).

C. Natalie Arazi, Chair, Economic Revitalization and Development Committee

Natalie stated that she attended the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and spoke with Mayor Garcitti. His office wants to support the Economic Revitalization and Development Committee. Movie series in the park is planned for next summer. Assembly member Nazarian's office has agreed to support the movie series. Gault Elementary partnered with UCLA for Volunteer Day. Busloads of 100 people participated at Gault Elementary School painting the playgrounds and helped in the community. Map Our Businesses is moving forward throughout the community to start building relationships with business owners and property owners. The next meeting is October 6, 2014 (first Monday of the month) at Millie's Restaurant, 16840 Vanowen at 7pm.

D. Justin Bonney – Communications Committee, reported on: Facebook (one does not have to be a user to get into a Facebook page); Neighborhood Watch. Stakeholder, Miriam Presbisl, is passionate about the off leash dog park and has created a group of 150 members and will work on the Ad Hoc Committee. There were three events in the area last month: Sepulveda Basin Clean-up, Community Clean-up, in which CD6 participated. Over three tons of bulky items were cleaned up.

E. Linda Pruett, Emergency Preparedness Committee:

Linda reported she attended the Congress of Neighborhood Councils and participated in a workshop representing Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness. Disaster Preparedness Fair had over 1,500 people attending, 700 emergency preparedness kits were put together by 50 teenagers, activities included the Shaky Quaky Schoolhouse, CPR demonstration, and booths were staffed by several Board members. The next meeting is on Saturday, October 11, 2014, 9:00 am at the Flyaway Bus Terminal. The best suggestions for emergency preparedness tips will be looked at and there will be prizes for the top three events. Map Your Neighborhood Program on Enadia Way was completed. Great California Shake Out is October 16, 2014 at 10:16 in the morning. Eight to nine million people have registered to drop, cover and hold on.

11. LBNC Representative needed for Wildlife Steering Committee

Linda Gravani appointed Gary Davis as representative for the Wildlife Steering Committee. Ruth Doxsee was appointed as an alternate.

12. Sara Mitchell of Valley Industry & Commerce Association, discussed their Valley On Track Coalition Association, discussed their Valley on Track Coalition - A motion was made and passed to support. Linda Schwering requested to change her vote

Linda Pruett made a motion to reconsider the vote, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.

Linda Gravani made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support a rail system for the East San Fernando Corridor and join the coalition which allows the use of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council's name in future materials including Valley On Track.org and social media, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.

AYE: Arazi, Pruett, Doxsee, Brennan, Weichelt

NAY: Bonney, Brown, Davis, Joseph, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier

ABSTENTION: Gravani

VOTE: (5-7-1) MOTION FAILED

- 13. Discussion and possible action regarding CF13-1364: Council President Wesson is holding a joint Rules Committee and Ethics Commission meeting at the Van Nuys City Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 6:30pm to discuss Municipal Elections Reform, including possible consolidation with the County and State Elections. What are LBNC's recommendations if any?**
No recommendations were given. An open forum is on October 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at the Van Nuys City Hall.

- 14. Funding: Discussion and possible action: Requesting \$300 to help support the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC)**

Linda Gravani made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council help support (VANC) Board of Supervisors debate by a contribution of \$300.00 towards the venue and light refreshments, seconded by Natalie Arazi.

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Joseph, Pruett, Gravani, Doxsee, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

NAY: Brennan, Brown, Davis

VOTE: (10-3-0) MOTION PASSES

- 15. Funding: Discussion and possible action: On December 11, 2014 Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (VANC) will hold a Planning Forum to educate Neighborhood Councils on the city's land-use process. Requesting \$300 to help support event.**

Motion made by Linda Gravani that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the VANC Planning Forum by contributing \$300 towards the venue and light refreshments, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt.

Amendment to motion by Brian Tessier that the amount be changed to up to \$300, seconded by Linda Pruett.

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Davis, Gravani, Joseph, Pruett, Doxsee, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 16. Discussion and possible action: CF13-1493 Street Vending.**

Cynthia Weichelt made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support CF13-1493 to investigate regulations for food and merchandise vending, seconded by Sandy Joseph.

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Davis, Joseph, Pruett, Doxsee, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

NAY: Gravani

VOTE: (12-1-0) MOTION PASSES

- 17. Discussion and possible action: Tabled from last month. Should the ad hoc outreach committee become a standing committee at this time**

Justin Bonney was appointed Chair of the Outreach Committee

- 18. Discussion and possible action: There is a need to update LBNC's database at outreach functions. Using the recently purchased NOTEBOOKS what method could be used if WIFI is not available to immediately update the database**

No action taken

- 19. Discussion and possible action: There is a need to have official email addresses when responding to stakeholders, city officials, etc. What is needed to get _____@lakebalboanc.org email address for each board member?**

No action taken

- 20. Discussion and possible action: Van Nuys NC's Third Summit and Workshop on Immigration will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 6:30-9:30pm at the Marvin Braude Constituent Services Center.**

No action taken

- 21. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the September 2014 Expenditure Report**

Linda Schwering made a motion to adopt the September 2014 Expenditure Report, seconded by Linda Gravani.

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Davis, Gravani, Joseph, Pruet, Doxsee, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 22. Funding: Discussion and possible action: Economic Revitalization and Development Committee (EraD) has not yet found a suitable meeting room and must use a local restaurant at which to hold their meetings. This requires the purchase of light refreshments. Request up to \$70.00 per month for October, November and December**

Natalie Arazi made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$70 per month for October, November and December 2014 for meeting costs and light refreshments for the monthly meetings of the Economic Revitalization Development Committee, seconded by James Brown.

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Davis, Gravani, Joseph, Pruet, Doxsee, Pennomon, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

VOTE: (13-0-0) MOTION PASSES

- 23. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.