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**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2015 6:30 pm**  
**Gault Elementary School - Auditorium**  
**17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406**

1. Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:10pm.
2. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9.

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| Natalie Arazi    | Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR);<br>1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President | P                  |
| James C. Brown   | RSR; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President   | P                  |
| Sandy Joseph     | RSR   | P                  |
| Linda Pruet      | RSR; Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair  | P                  |
| Tom Riley        | RSR   | P                  |
| Cynthia Weichelt | RSR   | P                  |
| Justin T. Bonney | Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR);<br>Communications Officer            | P                  |
| Linda Gravani    | BSR; President  | P                  |
| Carol Newman     | BSR   | P                  |
| Ruth Doxsee      | Organizational SR; Secretary  | P                  |
| Allen Nelson     | OSR   | P                  |
| Linda Schwering  | OSR; Treasurer  | P, arrived 7:34 pm |
| Mary L Pennomon  | Senior Stakeholder Representative   | P                  |
|                  | Youth Stakeholder Representative  |                    |
| Brian Tessier    | At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair  | P                  |
| Tom Brennan      | At-Large Appointed SR   | P, arrived 7:27 pm |
|                  | At-Large Appointed SR   |                    |

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *Linda Gravani brought a motion to approve the agenda for the February 4, 2015 meeting, seconded by James Brown.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

Ineligible: Doxsee, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES** [Votes possible: Aye, Nay, Abstain, Recuse, Ineligible]

4. **APPROVED Minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting:** *Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to approve the December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Allen Nelson.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier,

ABSTENTION: Newman

Ineligible: Doxsee, Weichelt

**VOTE: (12-0-1-0-2) MOTION PASSES**

**5. APPROVED Minutes of the May 31, 2014 meeting:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve the May 31, 2014 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Sandra Joseph.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier,

ABSTENTIONS: Newman, Nelson

Ineligible: Doxsee, Weichert

**VOTE: (11-0-2-0-2) MOTION PASSES**

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

- A. **Raffy Astvasadoorian**, Neighborhood Prosecutor for West Valley area gave an update on the Neighborhood Justice Program.
- B. **LAPD Officer David Ham** gave an update on the crime in the area, he suggested putting locks on back gates, getting clubs for older cars. Catalytic converters are being stolen from Honda Elements; Neighborhood Watch programs are encouraged.
- C. **Lynda Levitan** – Area Director for City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, CD6  
An update was given on: homeless encampments; dog park enforcement regarding licenses; asphalt at airport; a special presentation was made to Linda Pruet.
- D. **Allen Nelson** for Steven Butcher from Adrin Nazarian’s office – Signs for the freeway have not been started due to lack of funding.

**7. Los Angeles City Budget Update**

No update was given.

**8. Public Comment**

- A. **Miriam Preissel** announced the first meeting of Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at Women’s Community Center in Encino at 6pm.
- B. **Margaret Diego and Veronica Alvarez** from Nikki ‘s Pizza introduced themselves. Their restaurant is located on NE corner of Victory & Balboa in the strip mall.
- C. **Cindy Montanez** – Introduced herself and announced she is a candidate for L.A. City Council for District 6, office is located at 7100 Hayvenhurst, phone 818-794-9466.
- D. **Ann Porter** – Member of Los Angeles Area Leadership Team for “Move To Amend” has created a video to raise awareness. The video can be watched on You Tube entitled “A Question of Personhood.”
- E. **Lorna Paisley** – She asked the stakeholders to vote against Fast Track and Free Trade.
- F. **Justin Bonney** – He read an email from L.A. City regarding the marijuana shops in the area.

**9. Announcements and Reports**

- A. **Linda Gravani** – Van Nuys Neighborhood Council is having a debate with the two candidates for City Council District 6, on February 11, 2015; Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is having a debate the week of February 16, 2015.
- B. **Linda Pruet** – Emergency Preparedness – Monthly Meeting is on February 14, 2015 at 9:00am at the Fly Away. Map Your Neighborhood Program orientation program presentation is at

SOS on February 21, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. A presentation will be given on Wednesday February 11, 2015 at 7pm at the CPAB meeting at West Valley Police Station.

- C. James Brown** – Public Safety Committee meeting was held on January 17, 2015 an update on the forming Neighborhood Watches was given, Block Captains are needed; Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department if having a meeting with regard to Five Steps To Neighborhood Preparedness, the next Public Safety Committee meeting is on March 17, 2015 at the Van Nuys Fly Away at 10:00am.
- D. Natalie Arazi** - Economic Revitalization and Development Committee – Movies by the Lake will start in June; Map of Businesses Program is on target to have all the retail spaces mapped by June; the next meeting is March 2, 2015 at 7pm at 7100 Hayvenhurst, lower Conference Room.
- E. Cynthia Weichelt** – She is a Commissioner on the Innovation and Productivity Commission appointed by Nury Martinez’s office – reported on the streamlining of city processes.
- F. Linda Gravani** – Preparations for 2016 Neighborhood Council Elections is beginning next week.

**10. Resignation of Board Member - Bonney**

Justin Bonney announced he has to resign from the Board due to moving out of the area  
A Recognition Award was given to him. His resignation takes effect the end of this meeting.

**11. Discussion and possible action: Changes to LBNC By-laws**

*Brian Tessier made the motion that Article 5 Section 1G and Article 5 Section 6C become a coin toss, seconded by Allen Nelson.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Tessier

ABSTENTION: Schwering

Ineligible: Doxsee, Weichelt

**VOTE: (12-0-1-0-2) MOTION PASSES**

**12. Discussion and Possible Appontment(s) to Open Board Seats**

Karen Schatz was appointed for At–Large Representative.

Kaila Albania was appointed for Youth Stakeholder Representative.

**13. Discussion and possible action: Communications Officer vacancy/selection**

Allen Nelson was appointed Communication Officer.

**14. Discussion and possible appointment(s): for Chair(s) Outreach Committee**

Tom Brennan and Allen Nelson were appointed Co-chairs for the Outreach Committee.

**15. Discussion and possible appointment(s): for Co-Chair Land Use Committee**

Tom Riley was appointed Land Use Chair.

**16. Discussion and possible action/appointment: of possible Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee- Appoint (Chair(s))**

Linda Gravani was appointed ad hoc chair .

**17. Discussion and possible action: Noise at Van Nuys Airport**

Natalie Arazi informed the board of increasing extreme noise issues affecting stakeholders. These issues include excessive ground noise, numerous loud jets taking off well over the 80dB limit, some up to 99dB in the middle of the night, and early turn issues affecting the community.

*Natalie Arazi made a motion for the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to notify elected and appointed officials of the extreme noise issues with the Van Nuys airport, seconded by James Brown.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

ABSTENTION: Gravani

Ineligible: Doxsee, Weichelt

**VOTE: (12-0-1-0-2) MOTION PASSES**

**Len Krugler** of LA World Airports addressed the council and indicated that all complaints should be directed to him and he would be responsive to the community. He also indicated to report the noise incidents on WebTrak or via the 800 number, as those complaints are examined each morning.

**David Rankell** of the Community Advisory Council for the Van Nuys Airport said the complaints should be sent to LA World Airports and they would deal with the issues.

**Community member** Craig Welzbacher addressed the council and told them of the noise issues they are experiencing with the Van Nuys Airport.

**Community member** Gary Aragon addressed the council and told them of the noise they are experiencing with the Van Nuys Airport. Gary said the issue is getting so bad, he offered to spend his vacation organizing the neighborhood to take action.

**18. Discussion and possible action: Protocol for LBNC meetings**

Item #18 was tabled.

**19. Discussion and possible action: Land Use Permit ZA1995-092 requesting additional antennas**

*Tom Riley made a motion to approve ZA1995-092-CUZ—PA6, seconded by Justin Bonney.*

AYE: Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

Ineligible: Albania, Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (12-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**20. Discussion and possible action: 17100 Victory Project-Subcommittee Creation**

No action was taken.

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

*Linda Schwering made a motion to adopt December 2014 Expenditure Report, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

Ineligible: Albania, Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**22. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the January 15 Expenditure Report**

*Item #22 was tabled*

**23. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$750 for Outreach materials for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair in September 2015**

*Brian Tessier made the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$750 for Outreach materials for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair in September 2015, seconded by Sandra Joseph.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

Recused: Pruet

Ineligible: Albania, Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (12-0-0-1-4) MOTION PASSES**

**24. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$2,000 for CERT Class Expenditures**

*Brian Tessier made a motion that the Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$2,000 for CERT Class Expenditures, seconded by James Brown.*

AYE: Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

ABSTENTION: Arazi

RECUSED: Pruet

INELIGIBLE: Doxsee, Weichelt, Schatz

**VOTE: (11-0-1-1-3) MOTION PASSES**

**25. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$2,500 for EP Bin Supplies Replacement**

*Item #25 was tabled.*

**26. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$400 for entertainment and LBNC Outreach Spring Egg Hunt**

*Linda Schwering made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the Spring Egg Hunt for entertainment in the amount of \$350 for a magician, seconded by James Brown.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

INELIGIBLE: Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**27. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$750 for 8<sup>th</sup> Senior Symposium and LBNC Outreach**

*Linda Schwering made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$750 for the 8th Annual Symposium being held Saturday, April 25, 2015, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.*

Tom Brennan revised the motion to read up to \$500 for the Senior Symposium

*Linda Schwering amended the motion to allocate up to \$500 in outreach support for the Eighth Annual Symposium, seconded by Ruth Doxsee.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

INELIGIBLE: Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**28. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$100 for Outreach brochure/literature holders from ABC Plastics**

**29. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$50 for printing for the Emergency Preparedness Committee monthly meetings as needed through the end of the fiscal year**

**30. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$150 for refreshments for the Emergency Preparedness Committee Monthly meetings as needed through the end of the fiscal year**

**31. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$125 for refreshments for Public Safety Committee meetings as needed through the end of the fiscal year**

**32. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$125 for refreshments for Economic Revitalization and Development Committee monthly meetings as needed through the end of the fiscal year**

**33. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$125 for refreshments for Outreach Committee Monthly meetings as needed through the end of the fiscal year**

*Linda Gravani made a motion that the funding items #28 through #33 be approved as stated, seconded by James Brown.*

AYE: Arazi, Bonney, Brennan, Brown, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Tessier

INELIGIBLE: Doxsee, Schatz, Weichelt

**VOTE: (13-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**34. Vote on Tuesday, March 3, 2015**

**35. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56pm

These minutes were transcribed by Maggie Shumaker from AppleOne, edited and submitted by Ruth Doxsee.