

FINAL

**Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 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, 12 board members present satisfied quorum of 9. Stakeholder attendance 25.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 <sup>ST</sup> Vice President	E
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; Land Use Chair	P
Cynthia Weichelt	RSR	E
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Carol Newman	BSR	P
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Ruth Doxsee	Organizational SR; Secretary	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P; left 9:05pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	E
Tom Brennan	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve the agenda for the March 4, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mary Pennomon.*  
**AYE:** Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Brennan, Newman  
**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruet, Schatz  
**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES** Votes possible: (Aye, Nay, Abstain, Recused, Ineligible)
4. **APPROVED Minutes of the February 4, 2015 meeting:** *Tom Brennan brought a motion to approve the February 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by James Brown.*  
**AYE:** Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Gravani, Doxsee, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Brennan, Newman  
**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruet, Schatz  
**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

First amendment is in Item # 19: the Land Use Permit number needs to be changed from “ZA19995-092” to “ZA1995-092.”

Second amendment is that the following needs to be inserted into Item # 17:

*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.*

*[motion stays the same]*

**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.

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

- A. LAPD Officer David Ham-** An update was given on: the crime in the area, mail theft; identity theft, misdemeanor versus felonies, protect homes with alarms and locks.
- B. LAPD officer Steve Olivares** stated that crime is down in the area, discussed the homicide in area, mail theft, identity theft; report any strange cars in neighborhood.
- C. Greg Bartz, Department of Water and Power** – Community solar program, emergency preparedness; vandalizing DWP equipment, emergency phone number for DWP; increase in rate, rebates for solar panels, cash for lawns was discussed.

**6. Discussion and possible action/or referral CF14-1738 Body-worn cameras for LAPD Officers**

**Motion** by James Brown that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve CF14-1738 Body worn cameras, seconded by Linda Pruett

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**7. Announcement from Julie Chiu: Special Olympics World Games**

Item #7 was tabled

**8. Announcement from Bob Dager: Santa Susana Mountain Park Assoc**

Bob Dager, Santa Susana Mountain Park Assoc gave a presentation

**9. Los Angeles City Budget Update**

Item #9 was tabled

**10. Public Comment**

- A. **Lorna - Stakeholder** – complained about the weeds in the area on city property
- B. **Miriam Preissel** – an update on Friends of Sepulveda Basin Off-lease Dog Park was given
- C. **Melisa Colby**, Regional Director of In Touch At Home, non medical care for seniors.

**11. Announcements and Reports**

***Linda Gravani stated that, “Out of an abundance of caution due to the expected attendance and participation of a majority of Board Members at the following Committee meeting, this agenda is noticed as a Joint Meeting of the Committee and the Board, in adherence with the State’s Brown Act,” should be put on all Agendas.***

- A. **Emergency Preparedness Committee** - Linda Pruett – An update was given on the police class; CPAP; Map Your Neighborhood; Next meeting is March 14, 2015 at 9:00am at the Flyaway.
- B. **Land Use** – Tom Riley, 187 unit apartment complex project presented was not accepted by the community.
- C. **Public Safety Committee**– James Brown – Neighborhood Watch was discussed; next meeting is March 21, 2015 at the Flyaway at 10:00am
- D. **Outreach Committee** – Tom Brennan - Meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Flyaway, second floor conference room, the newsletter to be discussed; he needs content emails from Board Members
- E. **Ad Hoc Dog Park Committee** – Linda Gravani – Met with Rec and Park regarding closing the park certain dates, recycled water and lights installed  
An update on Quimby Funds was given, VANC Mixer is March 12, 5:30-9:00pm at CBS Studios
- F. **Linda Schwering** – San Fernando Valley training for Neighborhood Councils covering funding and ethics is March 16, 2015 10:30am at CBS Studios find on the Empower LA.org website;

**12. Discussion and possible action: Communications Officer, how are messages sent to board@lbnc.org be handled?** Allen will handle or forward to the appropriate Committee Chair and copy the board

**13. Discussion and possible action: Neighborhood Council On-Line voting 2016**  
Neighborhood Council On-Line voting 2016 was discussed by Linda Gravani, BONC to vote next week

**14. Discussion and Possible to fill Open Board Seat: Possible vote to appoint vacant board seat for Business Representative.**  
Business Representative seat still needs to be filled

**15. Discussion and possible action: 6941 Jellico Ave – ZA2015-0314**

*Tom Brennan brought a motion to approve project at 6941 Jellico ZA2015-0314, seconded by Linda Pruett*

**AYE:** Brown, Joseph, Nelson, Pennomon, Newman

**NAY:** Brennan, Riley

**ABSTENTION:** Gravani, Schwering

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (5-2-2-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**16. Discussion and possible appointment(s): CF15-0067 NC Grievance Ordinance**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion to approve CF15-0067, seconded by James Brown*

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**17. Discussion and possible appointment(s): CF12-1681 Subdivision Policy for Neighborhood Councils**

*Linda Pruett brought a motion to approve CF12-1681 Subdivision Policy for Neighborhood Councils, seconded by James Brown*

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**18. Discussion and possible action/or referral: CF14-1622 Massage Therapy Establishments**

*Tom Brennan brought a motion to approve CF14-1622 Massage Therapy Establishments, seconded by Sandra Joseph*

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**19. Discussion and possible action/or referral: CF14-1062 Prohibitions/Penalties for Vending/Camping in Public Parks**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion to approve CF14-1062 Prohibitions/Penalties for Vending/Camping in Public Park, seconded by Linda Gravani*

Linda Schwering withdrew the motion

*Tom Brennan amended the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is opposed to this because it is two separate issues, seconded by Sandra Joseph*

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is opposed to CF14-1062 Prohibition/Penalties for Vending/Camping in Public Park because it should be two separate issues, seconded by Sandra Joseph*

**AYE:** Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Nelson, Pennomon, Brennan, Newman

**NAY:** Schwering

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (8-1-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**20. Discussion and possible action: CF14-1635 Short-Term room/home rental regulations**

Sent to Land Use Committee

**21. Discussion and possible action/or referral: CF12-0122 Fee for recurring false fire alarms**

*Tom Brennan brought a motion to approve CF12-0122 Fee for recurring false fire alarms, seconded by James Brown*

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

**Ineligible:** Albania, Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-4) MOTION PASSES**

**22. Discussion and possible action or referral: CF15-0103 Health & Wellness Element**

Sent to Land Use Committee

**23. Discussion and possible action: Ad hoc Mural Committee**

Allen Nelson was appointed Chair of Ad hoc Mural Committee, Kayla Albania on committee

**24. Discussion and possible action: for Budget revision fiscal year 2014/2015**

No action taken

**25. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the January 2015 Expenditure Report**

*Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adopt January 2015 Expenditure Report, seconded by Mary Pennomon*

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

**Ineligible:** Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**26. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of the February 2015 Expenditure Report**

*James Brown brought a motion to adopt February 2015 Expenditure Report, seconded by Tom Brennan*

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

**Ineligible:** Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**27. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$1000 for printing of LBNC Newsletter**

*Tom Brennan brought a motion to allocate up to \$1000 for printing of LBNC Newsletter as described, double standard size, double sided, 15,000 copies printing cost only, seconded by Carol Newman*

*Linda Gravani amended the motion to not show the number of copies, seconded by Carol Newman.*

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

**Ineligible:** Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**28. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$1,000 for Removal and Replacement of Banners at Daniel Pearl**

Item #28 was tabled

**29. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$1,000 for Worldfest**

No action taken as Worldfest was cancelled.

**30. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$300 for VANC 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixer**

*James Brown brought a motion to allocated up to \$300 for VANC 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mixers, seconded by Sandra Joseph*

**AYE:** Brown, Joseph, Riley, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Brennan, Newman

**Abstention:** Gravani

**Ineligible:** Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (8-0-1-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**31. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$1000 a month for this fiscal year for Nation Builder**

Item #31 was tabled

**32. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$1,000 for new webmaster**

Item #32 was tabled

**(Items 33 –36 were consensus vote)**

**33. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$150 for LBNC business cards**

**34. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$50 for LBNC I.D. Badge supplies**

**35. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$77 for PO Box rental**

**36. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$85 for LBNC PO Box Rental**

*James Brown brought a motion to accept the consensus vote on Items #33 through #36 as indicated, seconded by Tom Riley*

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

**Ineligible:** Doxsee, Pruett, Schatz

**VOTE: (9-0-0-0-3) MOTION PASSES**

**37. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:23pm

Maggie Shumaker from AppleOne transcribed these minutes, Ruth Doxsee edited and submitted them.