

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 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 7:05pm.
2. Roll Call, 12 out of 14 present were eligible board members and so satisfied the 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 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	E
Allen Nelson	OSR; Communications Officer	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	P
Mary Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P; left at 9:17pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Tom Brennan	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P; left at 9:44pm

24 stakeholders were in attendance and 14 board members for a total of 38 attending.

3. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve the agenda as corrected for the April 2015 meeting, seconded by Natalie Arazi.*
12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan
2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz
VOTE: (11-0-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES Votes Possible (Aye, Nay, Abstain, Recused, Ineligible)
4. **APPROVED Minutes of the March 4, 2015 meeting:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve the March 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Tom Brennan.*
10 AYES: Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Brennan
2 ABSTENTIONS: Arazi, Tessier
2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz
VOTE: (9-0-2-0-2) MOTION PASSES

5. **Special Guest – California Senator Robert Herzberg District 18**
Senator Robert Herzberg of District 18 addressed the council and community.
6. **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, follow-up on criminals, car thefts, nextdoor.com, Neighborhood Watch.
 - B. **Dora Esparza** – Assm. Adrin Nazarian – An Update was given on: Car Seat Event, giving a Urber Presentation.
 - C. **Lynda Levitan:** Area Director for Councilwoman Martinez’s office – An update was given on the Van Nuys Airport, dog park, 311 App., Victory For Victims Event is April 19, 2015, Senior Symposium, DWP is servicing the community the second Saturday of the month from 9:00am-1:00pm.
7. **Public Comment:**
Lorna Paisley– Stakeholder stated her garbage is not being picked up on a regular basis.
8. **Announcements and Reports:**
Committee Chairs – All committee agendas must show Joint Meeting of LBNC and (your committee)
 - A. **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.**
 - B. **Emergency Preparedness – EP**
Linda Pruettt – An update was given on: Map Your Neighborhood; the next committee meeting is on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 9:00am at the Fly Away.
 - C. **Economic Revitalization & Development Committee**
Natalie Arazi – An update was given on Movies in the Park, Mapping Businesses. The Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7100 Hayvenhurst in the lower conference room
Email Natalie@lakebalboanc.org.
 - D. **Land Use Committee**
Tom Riley- An update was given on Pending CF14-1635 Short-term room/home rental regulations, Pending CF15-0103 Heath & Wellness Element; 187 Unit Apartment Complex on Victory Boulevard was taken off the table.
 - E. **Public Safety Committee**
James Brown – An update was given on the subject of terrorism, the next Committee Meeting is Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 10:00 at the Fly Away, Second Floor Conference Room.
 - F. **Outreach Committee**

Tom Brennan/Allen Nelson– An update was given on the mural project using Daniel Pearl’s likeness; purchasing tote bags, pens, etc. with Outreach money to be discussed at the next meeting and newsletter content, for the next committee meeting date check the website. Volunteers are needed for Spring Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 10am-12pm
Volunteers are needed for Senior Symposium is Saturday April 25, 2015 from 8am-2:30pm.

G. Ad Hoc Dog Park Committee – Linda Gravani

An update was given on seeding of the grass, Friends of Dog Park, Tarzana Animal Welfare Committee is working with Lake Balboa Ad Hoc Committee.

H. Linda Gravani – Raffy Astvasadoorian, Deputy Attorney asked Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council to support City Attorney Town Hall Meeting on May 12, 2015.

VANC Meeting is April 9, 2015 at 6pm at Sherman Oaks Hospital.

Aviation Careers Education (ACE) free week-long program for students.

i. Steve Leffert – Community Clean-up at Gault Elementary School is on Saturday, April 18, 2015, volunteers are needed.

9. Ethics Training Update – poll group – Linda Pruett, Ruth Doxsee, Cynthia Weichelt, Brian Tessier, Karen Schatz, Kayla Albania

Brian Tessier and Kayla Albania completed ethics training.

10. Discussion and Possible Appointment(s) to Open Board Seat(s)

Linda Gravani brought the motion to appoint Jim Stein to the Business Representative Seat, seconded by Tom Brennan.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

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

11. Select Officer of the Board and Appointment of second Signatory:

Bylaws – Article VI Officers, Section 3 Selection of Officers “officer positions shall be filled annually”

Linda Schwering nominated Linda Gravani as President, seconded by Mary Pennomon.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

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

Linda Gravani nominated Natalie Arazi as First Vice President, seconded by James Brown.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

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

Natalie Arazi nominated James Brown for Second Vice President, seconded by Mary Pennomon.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

James Brown nominated Ruth Doxsee as Secretary, seconded by Sandra Joseph.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

Allen Nelson nominated Linda Schwering as Treasurer, seconded by James Brown.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

Linda Gravani nominated Allen Nelson as Communications Officer, seconded by Sandra Joseph.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

Linda Pruet was appointed to continue as second Signer, seconded by James Brown.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

12. Discussion and possible action: Appoint up to 5 board members to forward Community Impact Statements.

James Brown nominated Linda Gravani to continue to forward Community Impact Statements, seconded by Natalie Arazi.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

13. Discussion and possible action: Select two reps 1 male/female for Mayor Garcetti's Civic University 2 gals interested – Natalie Arazi and Linda Gravani

James Brown made a motion to appoint Linda Gravani and Jim Stein as Lake Balboa's Representatives for Mayor Garcetti's Civic University, seconded by Tom Brennan.

12 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

14. Discussion and possible action Ad Hoc VNY Noise Committee

Natalie Arazi brought the motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council should create an Ad Hoc Committee to address the noise at the Van Nuys Airport, seconded by Allen Nelson.

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan, Albania

1 NAY: Linda Schwering

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

VOTE: (11-1-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

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

Item #15 was tabled.

16. Discussion and possible action: Bylaws Amendment

A. To Article X, Elections Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status through written self-affirmation.

Linda Schwering brought a motion to amend By-laws Article4, Elections Section 4: Method of Verifying Stakeholder Status through written self affirmation to read “voters will verify their stakeholder status by providing acceptable documentation”, seconded by Tom Brennan.

3 AYES: Riley, Gravani, Schwering

8 NAYS: Tessier, Nelson, Newman, Brown, Arazi, Brennan, Joseph, Pennomon

1 ABSTAIN: Albania

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

VOTE: (3-8-1-0-2) MOTION FAILS

B. Article IV, Stakeholder was withdrawn.

17. Discussion and possible action: Possible Ad Hoc Committee: Webmaster – LBNC to select 1 of the 10 vendors (waiting for Mayor’s signature and/or City Council approval) – LBNC will then need to have new webmaster in 30-45 days.

Item #17 was assigned to the Outreach Committee.

18. Discussion and possible action: St. Michaels 16653 Vanowen ZA 1987-570

Tom Riley brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approved this project as presented, seconded by Tom Brennan.

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz
VOTE: (11-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

19. Discussion and possible action: 17150 Roscoe Blvd APCS 2015-374 (ZC) (BL)

Tom Riley brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve this project as presented, seconded by Tom Brennan.

4 AYES: Arazi, Riley, Tessier, Brennan

3 NAYS: Nelson, Gravani, Schwering

4 ABSTENTIONS: Newman, Brown, Joseph, Pennomon

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

VOTE: (4-3-4-0-2) MOTION PASSES

20. Discussion and possible action: LAND USE – Zoning Change – Allocation of more parking for new developments

Linda Gravani suggested the Land Use Committee work on getting the zoning changed to provide for more parking.

21. Discussion and possible action: 54% of LBNC Public/Charter Schools are rated D or below. What can or should we do about it?

Item #21 was tabled.

22. Discussion and possible action: Revise Agenda posting locations

Allen Nelson brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council only post Agendas in the physical location of Ralphs Market, seconded by Natalie Arazi

10 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

1 ABSTENTION: Linda Schwering

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

VOTE: (10-0-1-2) MOTION PASSES

23. Discussion and possible action: for Budget amendment fiscal year 2014/2015

Move \$5,000 from Community Improvement Projects allocated for freeway signs to Outreach event category

Natalie Arazi brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council move \$5000 from Community Improvement Project category allocated for freeway signs to the Outreach Event category, seconded by Tom Brennan

7 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Pennomon

4 NAYS: Tessier, Nelson, Brennan, Schwering

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

VOTE: (7-4-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

24. RECEIVED Treasurer's Report - Review and request for adoption of Expenditure Report for March 2015

James Brown brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2015, seconded by Tom Brennan.

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

25. Kudos from Empower LA to Treasurer Linda Schwering

Kudos were given to Linda Schwering

26. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to amend item #27 March LBNC meeting. Motion stated to allocate up to \$1,000 for printing of LBNC Newsletter, Amended motion to allocate up to \$2,000 for printing and distribution of LBNC Newsletter

Tom Brennan brought a motion that Lake Balboa approve the motion as stated, seconded by James Brown

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruet, Schatz

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

27. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to amend item #23 Feb LBNC meeting. Motion stated "to allocate up to \$750 for outreach materials for the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair in September 2015

Amended motion to allocate a Neighborhood Purposes Grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for \$750 for the 8th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair Saturday, October 3, 2015.

Linda Pruet recused herself and left the room

Brian Tessier brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council amend the motion as stated, seconded by Gravani

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

1 RECUSED: Pruet

1 INELIGIBLE: Schatz

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

28. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$2,000 for promotional items

Allen Nelson brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$2,000 for promotional items, seconded by Tom Brennan

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Nelson, Schwering, Pennomon, Tessier, Brennan

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

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

29. Funding: Discussion and possible motion to allocate up to \$10,000 for Lake Balboa movie series

Natalie Arazi brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council allocate up to \$7500 for Lake Balboa movie series, seconded by Carol Newman

6 AYES: Arazi, Joseph, Gravani, Newman, Pennomon, Brennan

5 NAYS: Tessier, Nelson, Brown, Riley, Schwering

2 INELIGIBLE: Pruett, Schatz

VOTE: (6-5-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

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

Item #30 was tabled

31. Adjournment

Tom Brennan brought a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Allan Nelson

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm