

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 7, 2015 6:30 pm  
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium  
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:03pm.

1. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9. There were 27 stakeholders in attendance.

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 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; Land Use Chair	P
Cynthia Weichelt	RSR	P
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Carol Newman	BSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR	E
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 at 8:18pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Cindy Montanez	At-Large Appointed SR	A
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

2. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *James Brown brought a motion to adopt the agenda for the October 7, 2015 meeting, seconded by Arazi*

**14 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

3. **APPROVED Minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting:** *Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to approve the September 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes, seconded by James Brown*

**13 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

**1 ABSTENTION:** Schatz

**VOTE: (13-0-1) MOTION PASSES**

4. **RECEIVED Announcements and Reports by LAPD, Local, City, State and Federal Representatives, Board Members, Committees**
  - A. **LAPD Officer Dave Ham** – He stated he was Senior Lead Officer for Lake Balboa area.
  - B. **LAPD Officer Steve Olivares** – He took questions from stakeholders regarding street racing on Louise and how LAPD is giving out tickets to observers. Stakeholders should call Valley Traffic or 311 to report any problems. Call to report stolen Catalytic Converters to Catalytic Converter Task Force.
  - C. **Crystal Jimenez – Field Deputy, LA City Council Woman Nury Martinez, CD 6**  
Health Fair is November 7, 2015 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Children’s Community School on Sylvan. SB350 [Climate Change Bill] was discussed. The Violent Predator Bill was signed.
  - D. **Julio Anleu, Field Deputy, Monica Ratliff-LA School Board Member, District 6**  
He discussed the new campaign. The District is being more aggressive in reaching out to students that need to fill out the application forms. L.A. Education Board Asks for Public Engagement in selecting a new Superintendent by filling out a survey.
  - E. **Angie Aramayo, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian**  
Signed Bills by the Governor Brown: AB1191 (Quimby Funds - enables L.A. to utilize unaccounted Quimby Interests for parks throughout the city). AB1157 [Aircraft Assessment - insures aircraft is valued uniformly and taxed throughout the state]. AB1359 [Optometry Certification - sets criteria for pain certification for eyes]. *Funding For College* Event is November 19, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00pm at the Methodist Church in North Hills East at 15435 Rand Street. Pet Adoption Harvest Fair is Saturday, October 5, 2015 at the East Valley Shelter.
  - F. **Rosalba Gonzalez – State Senator Fran Pavley**  
San Fernando Community Briefing is Thursday, October 22, 2015 from 8:00am – 10:00am at Providence Tarzana Hospital in the Women’s Pavilion Auditorium. It is a joint event with Bob Hertzberg’s Office.
5. **Public Comment Non- Agenda Items**
  - A. **Brenda Villandeva – Prevention Specialist - National Council Alcoholism and Drug Dependence**  
Drug prevention classes are to be held at Magnolia Science Academy.
  - B. **Ed Burnham – Stakeholder** – He discussed the problem regarding the noise at the Van Nuys Airport.
  - C. **Elaine Newman – Stakeholder** – She discussed the flight schedule of the planes and the noise at the airport. The number to call to report the plane’s noise is (800) 560-0010.

**D. Tony Callas – Stakeholder – Friends of Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park**

The next meeting is October 20, 2015 at the One Generation Senior Center from 7:00-9:00pm. West Valley Animal Services Adoption and Costume Contest for Dogs and their Owners Event is October 31, 2015 at the Dog Park.

E. **Nani Shaked** - Police Advisory Board at LAPD West Valley. There is a Community Event December 9, 2015 to thank the officers for their service by serving them meals all day. Volunteers needed. Email: [Nani@westvalleypolice.org](mailto:Nani@westvalleypolice.org)

F. **Sharon Brewer** – One Generation is in need of funds for security at the building.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action: Bike Park – Video/Discussion**

*Tom Riley brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the Bike Park project and the concept presented with a letter, as a beginning step as to what the project should be, including parking and security, to Councilwoman Nury Martinez and the Department of Rec and Parks, seconded by Karen Schatz*

**14 AYES:** Albania, Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schwering, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**7. Announcements and Reports:**

**A. Ad Hoc Mural – Allen Nelson** – The Outreach Committee Meeting discussed ways to fund for the mural project by way of donations.

**B. Ad Hoc Dog Park** – Friends of the Sepulveda Basin meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2015. A speaker on recycled water will be present.

**C. Ad Hoc Van Nuys – Natalie Arazi** – Issues continue with the airport noise and ways to solve the problem continue to be explored and implemented.

**D. Economic Revitalization & Development Committee – Natalie Arazi** – Two dates in June will be chosen for Movie Madness 2016. Mapping of retail businesses and honoring new businesses and acknowledging anniversaries were discussed at the meeting.

**E. Emergency Preparedness – EP – Linda Pruett** – She thanked the board for attending the Disaster Preparedness Fair. 2000-2500 people attended the fair and 1000 emergency starter kits were handed out. There were 51 Child I.D.'s presented, 6 new hams passed the test and 138 new contacts were made with ham groups, 50 pints of blood were collected by Cedars Sinai Hospital, 1100 Dutch Oven samples were given out. The next EP meeting is Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 9am at the Fly Away.

- F. LA Budget Representative - Cynthia Weichelt** – No report was given.
  - G. Linda Pruett** – Board Members were reminded to take the online survey regarding city services.
  - H. Land Use - Tom Riley** –It is important to understand what planning, language, zoning and variance is about. Long range plans: Invite key officials from Planning Department to come to Lake Balboa and to tour and let them know what Lake Balboa wants for its community.
  - I. Outreach Committee - Allen Nelson** – Certificate for Community Service was shown to Board Members. Linda Gravani, James Brown and Allen Nelson met with School Board Member, Scott Schmerelson, to discuss starting Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) at the Birmingham Campus.
  - J. Safety & Neighborhood Watch – James Brown** –The theme of the September meeting was the importance of learning CPR. 15 stakeholders received CPR Certification Cards. A project to teach CPR to students at schools was discussed. The next meeting is October 17, 2015 at the Fly Away at 10:00am. The Neighborhood Prosecutor, Raffy Astvasadoorian, is to attend.
  - K. President's Update – Linda Gravani** - Board members will receive by email a packet by Empower LA via email outlining issues, important dates, existing vendors of neighborhood councils, etc. DONE would like a Board Member to be the liaison for Animal Services. Van Nuys Neighborhood Council's Education Summit is October 21, 2015 at 6:00pm to discuss how to navigate the LAUSD system, how to organize the community, learn how to advocate for opportunities and resources.
  - L. Allen Nelson** – Brian Tessier has a program on PBS Channel 50, which he produced.
  - M. Brian Tessier** – The program airs on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm and profiles the mural painting on Haskell.
- 8. Discussion and possible Action: 2015 Congress of Neighborhood - Funding/Grants seminar**  
Linda Gravani attended the Grants and Funding Class and learned that Lake Balboa can accept donations such as sandwiches, paint, popcorn, etc. Money donations can be accepted via Councilwoman Martinez's office via 501(C)3 who will hold the funds. Money is available for grants.
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action: 2015 Congress of Neighborhood – Business Listings**  
Businesses in the area can be mentioned in the newsletter but Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council can not promote them in a way that would promote their sales

**10. Poll Board regarding Ethics Training, Code of Conduct Training and Funding Training**

The Board was polled by Cynthia Weichelt. Karen Schatz and Mary Pennomon need to locate and re-submit certificates. Cindy Montanez needs to complete the training. All others are in compliance.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action Should LBNC have elections every 2 years or every 4 years**

*Tom Riley made a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council change its By-Laws to hold the election every four years commencing with the Board seated after the 2016 Election, seconded by Brian Tessier*

**6 AYES:** Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley

**6 NAYS:** Brown, Doxsee, Newman, Schatz, Schwering, Weichelt

**2 ABSTENTIONS:** Arazi, Tessier

**VOTE: (6-6-2) MOTION FAILS**

**12. Discussion and Possible Action: Election Stipulation Sheet and vote by mail option.**

*Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council **not** use Vote By Mail, seconded by Karen Schatz*

**14 AYES:** Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

*Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve Election Stipulation Sheet as amended, seconded by James Brown*

**14 AYES:** Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

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**13. Discussion and action: Existing approved Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council commitments and what action is needed to fund potential events/projects in 2015/16**

There was no vote.

**14. Discussion and Possible Action: Review and request for approval of the 2015/16 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Budget package required by Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) including the Strategic Plan, Outreach Survey, Self-Assessment 2014/15 and NC Budget**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion to accept package as amended, seconded by Carol Newman*

**14 AYES:** Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**15. Treasurer's Report: Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report for September 2015**

*Linda Schwering brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the September 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) as presented, seconded by Cynthia Weichelt*

**14 AYES:** Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**16. Discussion and possible action: Adoption of LA Fire Station 100 and provide \$100 to the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, Federal Tax ID27-2007326**

*Linda Gravani brought a motion to write a letter to Fire Station 100 and state how much they are appreciated, seconded by James Brown.*

**14 AYES:** Arazi, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schwering, Schatz, Tessier, Weichelt

**VOTE: (14-0-0) MOTION PASSES**

**17. Referral to Land Use Committee for discussion and recommendation: Council File 13-1493-S2 – Vending Permit Process/City Parks & Recreation Facilities**

**18. Referral to Land Use Committee for discussion and recommendation: Council File 13-1478-S3 – Small Lot Subdivision Ordinance and Guidelines/Potential Updates**

**19. Adjournment** – *James Brown brought a motion to adjourn, seconded by Natalie Azari.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

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