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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:05pm.

1. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9. Stakeholders present: 38.

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	P
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Carol Newman	BSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational SR; Secretary	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	P; Arrived 7:17pm
Mary Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P; Left 8:22pm
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Cindy Montanez	At-Large Appointed SR	P
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

2. **ADOPTED Agenda by unanimous vote:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve the meeting agenda for February 3, 2016, seconded by Natalie Arazi*

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Albania, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz

VOTE: (16-0-0) MOTION PASSES

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

13 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Nelson, Pennomon, Albania, Tessier, Schatz

3 ABSTENTIONS: Doxsee, Stein, Montanez

VOTE: (13-0-3) MOTION PASSES

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

A. LAPD Officer Steve Olivares

It is a good idea to use a club to deter auto thefts, be careful of the potholes in the road.

B. Lynda Levitan – Area Director for City Councilwoman Nury Martinez, CD6

An update was given on: a human trafficking event at CSUN and Journey Out Project, which is a drive to collect toiletries for the victims.

C. Raffy Astvasadoorian - from the City Attorney 's office 818-374-6837

He spoke regarding medical marijuana and Porter Ranch gas leak.

D. Monica Ratliff – LAUSD School Board member of District 6 - Michelle King was appointed as Superintendent. Ruby Chavez is her Chief of Staff: 213- 241-8451 or ruby.chavez@lausd.net for any questions. She introduced Margaret Kim.

E. Margaret Kim – LAUSD Director Local District Northwest – School Experience Surveys need to be submitted. There will be a Town Hall on March 1, 2016, 7:30am -11am at Pacoima Middle School to introduce Michelle King, the new Superintendent.

F. Brian Gavidia – representative from Mayor Garcetti 's office

An update was given on Mayor Garcetti's office. Internships are available in the Mayor's office. He can be reached at brian.gavidia@lacity.org 818-778-4990

G. Lisa Cahan Davis – Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Elections

She spoke regarding neighborhood council elections. On-line voting is available. Contact www.empowerla.org/elections to register to vote. Phone 312-882-4246

H. Valerie Collins – She stated that Metro wants to put a double track from Chatsworth through Los Angeles to San Pedro to ship petrol in tankers which is very dangerous in case of an accident.

I. Angie Aramayo – Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian's Office (District 46)

Affordable Auto Insurance is available. A valid California Driver's License is needed and applicant must own a vehicle valued at \$25,000 or less and have to meet certain income eligibility requirements. Mass transit Forum is Thursday, February 4, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Los Angeles Valley College at Monarch Hall. Free vaccinations for all dogs is February 13, 2016 at the East Valley Animal Shelter 8:00-11:00am. Free Clinic for vaccinations for children is March 5, 2016 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Reseda High School.

J. Ruth Doxsee – Cleanup on Haskell Creek is Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 8:30am – 12:00pm at Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Preserve. They are supported by the San Fernando Valley Audubon in conjunction with the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Area Steering Committee. Contact Muriel at 310-457-5796

5. Public Comment

Margaret Kim –She stated she is excited to showcase schools and she highlighted schools in the neighborhood that have great programs. A Special Event Northwest Best 2016 is March 5, 2016 from 9:00am – 3:00pm at Reseda High School.

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

All board members are in compliance.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Angelfest, a musical festival in Woodley Park

Tom Riley brought a motion to approve and support Angelfest event in Woodley Park for the October weekend, seconded by Natalie Arazi

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

1 NAY: Cynthia Weichelt

VOTE: (16-1-0) MOTION PASSES

8. Treasurer’s Report – Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report for December 2015

Linda Schwering brought a motion to approve December 2015 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented, seconded by Natalie Arazi

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

1 INELIGIBLE: Albania

VOTE: (16-0-1) MOTION PASSES

9. Treasurer’s Report – Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report) for January 2016

Linda Schwering brought a motion to approve January 2016 Monthly Expenditure Report as presented, seconded by James Brown

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruet, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

1 INELIGIBLE: Albania

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10. Discussion and possible action regarding the upcoming election, expenditure requests and budgeted items

Linda Schwering is stepping down as Treasurer as of April 2016 elections; please get your funding requests in as soon as possible.

11. Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council – Budget: Review and possible consideration of amendment to realign budget funds to budget categories of current needs

A meeting of the Budget Committee Meeting was suggested. A mini budget outlining the money to be spent is to be submitted by Committee Chairs to Linda Gravani by email.

12. 2016 Election Update

Cynthia Weichelt - the Election Newsletter will be delivered to 15,000 resident's doors by Walking Man. E-Blast, Next Door, Facebook is to be used for campaigning. On-line voting is available. Candidate deadline is February 17, 2016. Ideas on finding new candidates was given.

13. 2016 Election Funding Request: Request to allocate up to \$300 for social media advertising targeted to Lake Balboa stakeholders to promote awareness to call for candidates and upcoming elections, vendor Facebook

Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to allocate up to \$300 for social media advertising targeted to Lake Balboa stakeholders to promote awareness to call for candidates for upcoming elections, vendor Facebook, seconded by Linda Pruett

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

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14. 2016 Election Funding Request: Request to allocate up to \$300 for Robo calls targeted to Lake Balboa stakeholders related to call for candidates and electronic voting, vendor Robocal.com or equivalent vendor

Cynthia Weichelt brought a motion to request to allocate up to \$300 for Robo calls targeted to Lake Balboa Stakeholders related to call for candidates and electronic voting, vendor Robocal.com or equivalent vendor, seconded by James Brown

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

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15. Discussion and possible action regarding AB319 which would require CPR training to graduate High School

James Brown brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council draft a letter to send to local assembly members and legislators asking them to support full passage of AB319, seconded by Linda Pruett

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

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16. Funding Request: Discussion and possible action regarding the allocation of \$850 for support of 9th Annual Disaster Preparedness Fair on Sat Oct 1, 2016

Linda Pruett recused herself, left the room during voting and returned after voting was completed.

Sandy Joseph brought a motion to allocate a neighborhood purposes grant to Southern California Preparedness Foundation for \$850 in support of the 9th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair on Saturday, October 1, 2016, seconded by Mary Pennomon

11 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz

4 NAYS: Schwering, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson

1 RECUSAL: Pruett

VOTE: (10-4-1) MOTION PASSES

17. Funding Request: Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed expenditures of the \$3,000 approved by Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council during the Aug 5, 2015 meeting for CERT TRAINING to be held at Lemay elementary School in Lake Balboa

Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$3,000 as approved at the August 5, 2015 board meeting which may include CERT bags for graduates and refreshments for classes for CERT training to be held at Lemay Elementary School, seconded by Karen Schatz

16 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Weichelt, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

VOTE: (16-0-0) MOTION PASSES

18. Funding Request: Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed expenditures of the \$5,000 approved by Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council during the Aug 5, 2015 for the replacement of expired items in Lake Balboa EP Bins

Linda Pruett brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council spend up to \$5,000 as approved at the August 5, 2015 board meeting for updating expired/expiring items in the Stagg Street Elementary and Woodley Lake Golf Course Emergency Preparedness bins, seconded by Linda Gravani

15 AYES: Arazi, Brown, Joseph, Pruett, Riley, Gravani, Newman, Stein, Doxsee, Nelson, Pennomon, Tessier, Montanez, Schatz, Schwering

1 NAY: Weichelt

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19. Discussion and possible action regarding distribution of Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council newsletters at Lake Balboa businesses

Item #19 was withdrawn.

20. Discussion and possible action regarding those vendors who paint house numbers on curbs

Item #20 was withdrawn.

21. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm

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