

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:02pm.

- 1. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9. This was the board as it was constituted at the beginning of the meeting when the meeting was called to order.**

Natalie Arazi	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 st Vice President	P
James C. Brown	RSR; 2 nd Vice President	P
Sandy Joseph	RSR	P
Cynthia Weichelt	RSR	P
Linda Pruett	RSR; Emergency Preparedness Co-Chair	P
Tom Riley	RSR; Land use Chair	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
Brian Tessier	At-Large Elected CISR; EP Co-Chair	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Linda Schwering	OSR; Treasurer	Arrived late
Kayla Albania	Youth Stakeholder Representative	A
Cindy Montanez	At-Large Appointed SR	A
Karen Schatz	At-Large Appointed SR	P

- 2. ADOPTED Agenda:** There was no motion. Due to DONE's requirement to have seating of the newly elected board as the first order of business, changes were made to the order of items on the agenda. These minutes are consistent with the revised agenda.
- 3. THANK YOU'S:** The board members who would not be returning were thanked by President Linda Gravani, Lauren Padick from Councilwoman Martinez's office, Rosalba Gonzalez from State Senator Pavley's office, Angie Aramayo from Assemblyman Nazarian's office, and Kathleen Quinn from DONE. Certificates of appreciation were given to the outgoing board members by Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Aramayo.
- 4. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS:** Kathleen Quinn from DONE took over running the meeting temporarily. Those present who relinquished their seats were Natalie Arazi, Cynthia Weichelt, Brian Tessier, and Linda Schwering. New board members Cindy Kurland (RSR), James Hart (RSR), Byron Gutierrez (At-Large Elected CISR), and Katie Griffith (Youth Stakeholder

Representative) were seated. Scott Abrams from Congressman Sherman's office presented certificates to the new board members. Ms. Quinn swore in the 2016-17 Neighborhood Council. A quorum was present (15).

5. PHOTO OF LBNC BOARD MEMBERS: A photo of the Neighborhood Council was taken.

6. SELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD – President, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, treasurer, secretary, Communications officer to serve one year term

Sandy Joseph nominated Linda Gravani for President

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Allen Nelson nominated James Brown for 1st Vice President,

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Mary Pennomon nominated Tom Riley for 2nd Vice President

Carol Newman nominated Sandy Joseph for 2nd Vice President

Tom Riley withdrew from consideration and a vote was taken on the nomination of Sandy Joseph.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Ruth Doxsee nominated Carol Newman for Secretary

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Linda Gravani nominated James Hart for Treasurer

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Linda Pruett nominated Allen Nelson for Communications Officer

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

7. SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS, BUDGET REPRESENTATIVES, BOARD MEMBER TO FORWARD COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENTS, ETC.:

Linda Pruitt and Sandy Joseph were appointed as co-chairs of the EP Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Linda Gravani and Karen Schatz were appointed co-chairs of the ERAD Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Tom Riley was appointed chair of the Land Use Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

James Brown was appointed Chair of the Health & Safety and Neighborhood Watch Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Allen Nelson and Cindy Kurland were appointed as co-chairs of the Outreach Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Linda Gravani and Byron Gutierrez were appointed as co-chairs of the Education Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Jim Stein and Tom Riley were appointed co-chairs of the Rec & Park Committee and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Ruth Doxsee was appointed to a seat on the Wildlife Steering Committee for Lake Balboa.

Carol Newman and Jim Hart were appointed as Budget Representatives and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Linda Gravani and Carol Newman were appointed as the board members to forward CIS's and a vote was taken to confirm.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Jim Stein was appointed as 2nd Signer to the Treasurer

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: Griffith

VOTE: (14-0-0) PASSES

8. ANNOUNCEMENT: LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HAS 2 APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR BOARD SEATS. (AT-LARGE APPOINTED STAKEHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES):

Linda Gravani moved to accept the application of Kristen Fujitaki for appointment to one of the At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative seats, seconded by Carol Newman.

15 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (15-0-0) PASSES

Kristen Fujitaki was sworn in as a member of the Neighborhood Council.

9. APPROVED Minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting: *Carol Newman brought a motion to approve the April 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended, seconded by James Brown.*

11 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein
5 ABSTENTIONS: Griffith, Gutierrez, Hart, Kurland, Fujitaki

VOTE: (11-0-5) MOTION PASSES

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

A. LAPD Officer Steve Olivares Email is 34728@lapd.lacity.org

An update on the crime in the area and the homeless problem was given: Crime is down in the area. Cars need to pull over when they hear a siren.

**B. Lauren Padick – Field Deputy – Councilwoman's Martinez's office (District #6)
818-778-4999**

An update was given on the LAPD Open House.

**C. Angie Aramayo from Assembly Member Adrin Nazarian's Office (District 46)
818-376-4246.**

Government Day will be in August at the Panorama City Mall. Their office will help with outreach for Movie Madness. Art Walk is June 4, 2016 from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

D. Rosalba Gonzalez from State Senator Fran Pavley's Office (District 27) 818-876-3352

An update was given on the gas leak and SB380 – Urgency Bill to require So Cal Gas to stop injecting as into that facility until all the wells have been inspected and repaired if necessary.

E. Jack Sripoona from U.S. Representative Tony Cardenas (District 29) 818-782-7407

An update on the 114 Bills that Rep. Cardenas has introduced.

F. Scott Abrams from U.S. Representative Brad Sherman (District 30) 818-502-9200

There will be a meeting on May 10 at the Balboa Sports Center regarding Angelfest. Also there is a draft expenditure plan for Metro, including benefits for the Valley.

G. Julio Anleu – Field Deputy – LAUSD Monica Ratliff’s office (District #6) 213-241-6388

There will be a job fair on May 13, 2016 from 10:30 to 1:30. An update was given on the Arts Fest at Van Nuys High School on May 14, 2016 starting at 10:00am. The African American Youth Summit will take place on May 21.

11. Treasurer’s Report: Review and request for adoption of the monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2016

Kathleen Quinn from DONE gave a tribute to Linda Schwering for her service to the Neighborhood Council.

James Hart moved to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for April 2016, seconded by Karen Schatz

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein.

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

12. FUNDING: Discussion and possible expenditures for:

• **ELECTION: 2016 Budget Revision Discussion and request for approval.**

Carol Newman brought a motion to approve the 2016 Budget Revision, seconded by James Brown

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

• **Operations: Up to \$483 for 17 sets of board members’ business cards**

Carol Newman brought a motion to approve up to \$483 for 17 sets of board members’ business cards, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

• **CIP: Mural Projects up to \$2,500**

Allen Nelson brought a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500 for the next mural project scheduled for May 21 and 22, 2016, seconded by Karen Schatz

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

- **Neighborhood Purposes Grant of \$250 for Dog Agility Course at Sepulveda Basin off Leash Dog Park**

Linda Gravani and Jim Stein recused themselves and left the room.

Mary Pennomon made a motion to approve a Neighborhood Purposes Grant for \$250 for a dog agility course at Sepulveda Basin Off Leash Dog Park, with the funds going to the Friends of the Sepulveda Basin Off-Leash Dog Park, seconded by Sandy Joseph

12 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

2 RECUSED: Gravani, Stein

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

- **Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council T-shirts for Outreach up to \$2,500**

Sandy Joseph moved that any available remaining funds up to \$2,500.00 be used for Outreach for T-shirts including I Heart Lake Balboa T-Shirts to be given out to stakeholders and board members, seconded by Karen Schatz

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) –MOTION PASSES

- **OUTREACH: Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils \$250**

This item was tabled.

13. FUNDING: Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Budget Revision discussion and possible action.

Linda Pruett brought a motion to approve the Budget Revision (to move \$2,500.00 out of Outreach and into Community Improvement), seconded by Mary Pennomon.

14 AYES: Brown, Doxsee, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruett, Riley, Schatz, Stein.

2 INELIGIBLE: Griffith, Fujitaki

VOTE: (14-0-0-2) MOTION PASSES

14. Update ERAD Committee

Movie Madness is June 25, 2016 showing Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Professional musicians will also perform.

15. Update AdHoc VNY Committee

Linda Pruett stated Flight Radar 24 App cost is \$2.99. When you hear a plane going over the app will tell you what airline it's with, how fast it's going, where it's going, where it's coming from, etc. It does not include police or fire generally speaking.

Natalie Arazi stated Free Web Tracker on-line can be used to report a problem. It takes 7 months for VN Airport to respond to complaints.

16. Update 2016 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Election

Cynthia Weichelt - On-line voting was a great idea but there were a lot of problems which need to be fixed before next time. 39% of people registered to vote on-line were not confirmed.

Glenn Bailey -VANC is doing a post-election wrap-up session later this month and input will be helpful. The City Clerk only put the first name of some candidates on the ballot. Strong input will be needed to improve the process.

17. Public Comment

A. George Kopf from Clear Result.

His company is working with So. Cal Gas to help promote residential energy efficiency programs. He introduced himself and said that he is available to share information about programs and to work with the Neighborhood Council to get information to the homeowners. Homeowners can call a toll free number and talk to an energy professional for free.

B. Angelica Meded from Health Ministry of St. Catherine of Sienna Church

She invited everyone to promote and attend the Health Fair of their church on June 26, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

C. David Cain from America's Healthy Kids – 501c3 Non-Profit

He introduced himself and stated an obstacle course event for kids to get exercise has been created.

Katie Griffith left the meeting at 9:47 p.m .

18. Empower LA Board Training: Kathleen Quinn spoke about training. Our representative for legal advice is Dania Minassian of the City Attorney's office. The training for this Board has been completed (except for Kristen Fujitaki).

19. Announcements and Reports: Committee Chairs and Board Members

- A. Ad Hoc Mural** – Report given above.
- B. Ad Hoc Dog Park** – No report.
- C. Emergency Preparedness** – EP – No report.
- D. Economic Revitalization & Development – ERAD** - Report given above.
- E. L.A. Budget Representatives** – No report.
- F. Land Use – Tom Riley** – No Report.

G. Outreach – Allen Nelson – No Report.

H. Safety & Neighborhood Watch – James Brown – No Report.

I. Board Members

Allen Nelson – Senior Symposium is May 14, 2016.

Linda Pruett – Stated she needs volunteers for the Senior Symposium on May 14, 2016.
Special EP meeting just for the new board is May 14, 2016 at 9:00a.m. at the Flyaway.

J. President’s Update – No update.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.