

FINAL

Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:00pm. Thirteen stakeholders were in the audience at the inception of the meeting.

1. Roll Call, board members satisfied quorum of 9.

Carla Bautista	At-Large Appointed Stakeholder Representative (ALASR)	P
James Brown	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 st Vice President	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Stakeholder Representative (OSR)	P
Kristen Fujitaki	ALASR	P
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Byron Gutierrez	At-Large Elected CISR	P
James Hart	RSR; Treasurer	P; Arrived 7:45pm
Sandy Joseph	RSR, 2 nd Vice President	P
Cindy Kurland	RSR	E
Madeleine McKay	Youth Stakeholder Representative	P
Allen Nelson	OSR	P
Carol Newman	BSR; Secretary	P
Mary L Pennomon	Senior Stakeholder Representative	P
Linda Pruettt	OSR	P
Tom Riley	RSR	P
Karen Schatz	RSR	P
Jim Stein	BSR; 2 nd signer	P

2. **ADOPTED Agenda:** The Agenda was amended to allow a 5-minute break after public announcements, and also to allow #15 to be heard after Public Comment.
Carol Newman brought a motion to adopt the Agenda for April 5, 2017 as amended, seconded by James Brown

14 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruettt, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (14-0-0-1-0] MOTION PASSES

3. **Approval of Minutes for the February 1, 2017 meeting:** *James Brown brought a motion to approve*

the February 1, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded by Mary Pennomon

12 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruettt, Riley, Stein

2 ABSTAIN: Schatz, Doxsee

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (12-0-2-1-0) MOTION PASSES

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

A. LA City Attorney Raffy Astvasadoorian

He gave an update as to changes to the law. New Municipal Code Section 85.02 makes it illegal for people to live in their cars in some areas and allows it in other areas. Google lamc85.02/westvalley for a map as to where it is legal to live in vehicles. Generally no one can live in their vehicle within 500 feet of a park, school and certain other areas. Also, Municipal Code Section 42.00 decriminalized selling on the sidewalk. It's going to be regulated and permitted. A lot of work has been done on the Sepulveda Basin. People have been living in the flood channel. Now the City is making it available for water to flow through. Raffy was asked if there was a change to food trucks parking along the street (now they can park as long as they want) and how the City was able to take down live oak trees on Burbank Boulevard. He said that all laws were followed.

B. Dr. Margaret Kim – LAUSD Local District Northwest

LA Unified School District is divided into six geographic areas. Lake Balboa is in the Northwest. The LAUSD thanks the LBNC and President Gravani for their support. Bassett St. Elementary School and Mulholland Middle School are state champions for robotics, and they are moving on to the World Competition in Louisville. Steamfest took place on March 4. Linda Gravani stated that when we have Movies in the Park our plan is to have representatives of each of the schools present so that parents can meet them. Dr. Kim agreed with that plan.

5. Public Comment

A. Ed Waters

He stated great concern about the asphalt pile on Balboa causing everything to get covered with dust and causing health problems. The LBNC should do more to push the City to remove the asphalt pile.

B. Kelly Fitzpatrick-Gonez

She is running for the School Board (LAUSD District 6) and asked for stakeholders' vote.

There was a break for the councilmembers to speak with the stakeholders.

15. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding **Operation of Blankets of Love**. Outreach voted to appropriate \$500 to be used for students attending Lake Balboa Schools: 1 abstention, 9 yes.

Jim Stein brought a motion that the Neighborhood council support Operation Blankets of Love by approving \$500 to be used for students attending Lake Balboa Schools, seconded by Sandy Joseph

14 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (14-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS: Committee Chairs and Board Members

A. President – Linda Gravani

The City Council meeting will be meeting on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Van Nuys City Hall. Thanks to Jim Stein for going all the way downtown to pick up the new credit card. However, the credit card was not connected to Office Depot so he had to pay over \$400.00 to get his work done. There is going to be a roundtable on NC funding today or April 10 at 6 p.m. in Pacoima. The Health and Public Safety Committee won a “Best Of” award at the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils. Regarding the webmaster, we have heard nothing from the Mayor, Councilmember Wesson, or Councilmember Martinez.

B. Emergency Preparedness Committee – Linda Pruet and Sandy Joseph

The CERT Class started in March is going great. The next EP meeting will take place on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at the Flyaway at 9:00am. The speaker will be Mr. Tomlinson who will speak on what to do if faced with an active shooter .

C. Health and Public Safety Committee – James Brown

In February we did an active shooter event. On April 15 we will have a free community training class on CPR. Last year we certified more than 600 people, and this year we are shooting for 1000. Our Committee was awarded a “Best Of” award from the Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils.

D. Homeless – Karen Schatz

There was a “homeless” meeting in the Valley but coming up will be Civic U, to be held downtown for homeless issues. We will learn the Mayor’s plans and how Measures and H will be implemented. Karen plans to attend with Mary Pennomon and will report back to the Board.

James Hart arrived at about 7:45 p.m.

E. Land Use Committee – Tom Riley

In January a community member came to us regarding the asphalt pile. We had a meeting with the community in February. City representatives came in March and answered the questions of the community. The City/community relationship was bridged. Recently we received notice that Vanowen would be paved between White Oak and Andasol. We asked if it could be done during spring break so as not to interfere with the schools. Once again Land Use bridged the gap.

F. Outreach Committee – Allen Nelson

At the last Outreach meeting the new representative from Nazarian’s office attended. Blankets of Love, bus bench signs, and Healthy Kids were discussed. It was decided that Lake Balboa will not participate at Veg Fest this year. The Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8, 2017 from

10:00am to 1:00pm at the Balboa Sports Center Complex and the Encino Community Center. We are paying for the magician. Linda Schwering, Ruth Doxsee, and Carla Bautista will attend.

G. Ad Hoc Bylaws – Linda Pruett

No report.

H. Ad Hoc Database – Byron Gutierrez

No update given.

I. Ad Hoc Education – Byron Gutierrez

He will set up a monthly meeting with Ankur Patel of Schmerelson’s office for interested parents. No date has been set yet.

J. Ad Hoc Newsletter – Kristen Fujitaki

A new print newsletter will be out this month. Information for the newsletter should be submitted by the 15th of the month.

K. Ad Hoc Recreation & Parks– Jim Stein

A committee meeting will take place on April 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Balboa Sports Center. The details for Movies in the Park will be discussed. Movies in the Park is scheduled for June 3, 2017.

L. Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Areas Steering Committee (SBWASC) – Ruth Doxsee

- There will be a cleanup of Haskell Creek in the vicinity of the wildlife area on Saturday, April 8, 2017 beginning at 8:30am.
- On Saturday, April 15, 2017, FOLAR’s Great LA River Cleanup will take place from 9:00am to noon at the Sepulveda Basin at Balboa Boulevard.
- Army Corp of Engineers update: The rangers still have not been hired but it is still planned, hopefully before the start of their new fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.
- Fishing in wildlife lakes is still a big problem. Fishing is allowed at Beilenson Park and in the summer in certain sections of the LA River but **NOT** the wildlife area.
- A motion to reconsider allowing the LBNC and Encino NC representatives to vote was passed and will be on the May 30 agenda.
- The National Park Service via the Urban Wildlife Federal Partnership is installing cameras along the LA river to get photos of wildlife. They are asking for nonprofits or volunteers to “Adopt a Camera” by checking on them, changing batteries, removing the memory card and uploading photos to NPS. FOLAR is adopting three. Ruth would like a volunteer from the LBNC to take on this task with her.
- The Mayor’s office has asked the Mountain Recreation and Conservation District to do a river homeless survey.

M. Youth Affairs – McKay

She went to a couple of schools and spoke to representatives regarding issues they are having with homeless families, trying to get them placed. She contacted a teacher at Birmingham where students come up with what they think is important to their community. She informed the schools that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council is here and ready to help with issues.

N. Liaisons – Animal Services – Jennifer Freel

LA Animal Services Wildlife Division is doing workshops at shelters, April 6 at North Central, April 20 at West Valley, and May 25 at East Valley. The website for information is laanimalservices.com/wildlife workshops. There is also a handout regarding coyotes in the area and keeping pets safe. There will be a liaison meeting on April 17 in Highland Park and an Animal Services board meeting at East Valley on April 25.

O. Sustainability – Byron Gutierrez

The committee is running on e-mails. There is a big push for making energy self sustainable. If someone else wants to take this over, please do so, and Byron will monitor it.

7. Board Certification: Poll board regarding the status of Ethics Training.

Ethics Training Completed: Jim Stein, Linda Pruett, Mary Pennomon have done their training. Madeleine McKay is in the process of submitting hers. Karen Schatz and Ruth Doxsee will have to take their ethics training by the next meeting.

8. Budget Advocate update: Discussion and possible action on CF17-0600 LA City Budget recommendations by the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates – White Paper 88 pages
Carol Newman brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the Budget Advocates' White Paper and do a Community Impact Statement for CF17-0600 to register approval of the Budget Advocates' White Paper, seconded by Linda Gravani

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

1 ABSTENTION: Schatz

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (14-0-1-1-0) MOTION PASSES

9. Treasurer's Report – Review and request for adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for March 2017

James Hart brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve the MER for March, 2017, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

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

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

10. Assembly Bill 428 - Discussion and possible action. This is a State of California Earthquake Preparedness package introduced by Adrin Nazarian
Item #10 was tabled.

11. BUDGET – Discussion and possible action to update 2016/17 Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Budget

There was a discussion but no action taken on Item #11.

12. BYLAWS – Discussion and possible action to update/correct bylaws changes, which need to be forwarded to Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) for approval

A draft of the revised Bylaws was reviewed.

*Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to accept the revised Bylaws, with a change of the wording from “All outreach efforts **will** conform” to “All outreach efforts **should** conform” in Article Ten, Section 6B, seconded by James Brown*

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

13. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding payment of \$80/mo for web hosting

James Hart brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve \$80/mo for web hosting, seconded by James Brown

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

14. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding THE KIDS FITNESS CHALLENGE. Outreach Committee voted in favor, 7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention to fund up to \$1,700 for this joint project with Encino NC Outreach Chair Alex Garay

Jim Stein brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$1,700 to work with the Encino NC to put on this event on June 17, 2017, seconded by Karen Schatz

13 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Hart, Joseph, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

2 NAYS: Nelson, Gutierrez

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (13-2-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

16. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding the use of bus benches/kiosks for Outreach. Outreach committee voted in favor (10 in favor) of funding up to \$750

Allen Nelson brought a motion to spend up to \$750 for bus bench signs, seconded by Byron Gutierrez

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

17. FUNDING -Discussion and possible action regarding \$500 for the Senior Symposium May 20, 2017 8a-2:30p

Mary Pennomon brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council support the 9th Annual Senior Symposium in the amount of \$500, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

18. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding up to \$3,000 for June 3, 2017, 5:30pm, Movies in the Park/School project – for film rental, event promotion, RAP Permit, Dumpster, Andy Gump, Lighting, Popcorn, Refreshments, Misc.

Jim Stein brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$3,000 to cover expenses for Movies in the Park, seconded by Karen Schatz

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

19. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding funds of up to \$1,000 for Emergency Preparedness outreach items

Linda Pruet brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council approve up to \$1,000 for Emergency Preparedness outreach items, seconded by James Brown

15 AYES: Baustista, Brown, Doxsee, Fujitaki, Gravani, Gutierrez, Hart, Joseph, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

1 INELIGIBLE: McKay

VOTE: (15-0-0-1-0) MOTION PASSES

20: FUNDING Ideas to consider should we have funds available

- a) Mulholland Police Academy Magnet Program
- b) Bassett St. Elementary, Robotics table
- c) Friends of LA River – www.folar.org
- d) Making the Arts Real for Youth (M.A.R.Y.) mary-foundation.org
- e) San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council (VIC) www.vic-la.org
- f) EAA Young Eagles www.eaa.org Chapter 40's president is Lake Balboa stakeholder
- g) Condor Squadron www.condorsquadron.org

There was a discussion but no action was taken.

20. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.