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Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 6:30 pm
Gault Elementary School - Auditorium
17000 Gault St., Lake Balboa, California 91406

Meeting called to order by Linda Gravani, President, at 7:01pm.

1. Roll Call, 15 board members satisfied quorum of 9. About 27 stakeholders were present at the beginning of the meeting.

Carla Bautista	At-Large Appointed SR	P
James Brown	Residential Stakeholder Representative (RSR); 1 st Vice President	P
Ruth Doxsee	Organizational Stakeholder Representative (OSR)	P
Kristen Fujitaki	At-Large Appointed, Second Vice President	P; Arrived at 7:07 pm
Linda Gravani	Business Stakeholder Representative (BSR); President	P
Byron Gutierrez	At-Large Elected CISR	P
James Hart	RSR; Treasurer	P
Sandy Joseph	RSR	P
Cindy Kurland	RSR	P
Madeleine McKay	Youth Stakeholder Representative	E
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. Adoption of the Agenda September 6, 2017

Ruth Doxsee brought a motion to adopt the Agenda for October 4, 2017, seconded by James Brown

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes for Sept. 6, 2017

Item #3 was tabled, to be postponed.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Lauren Padick – Field Deputy LA Councilwoman Martinez’s Office

Next Saturday, October 14, 2017, there will be a clean-up from 9:00am – 12:00pm around Cohasset Elementary School. Contact her for any city concerns.

B. Emma Taylor – Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian’s Office (818) 376-4246

Twice a year, they do a free women’s self defense workshop. The workshops are scheduled for October 21 in Studio City and Sherman Oaks, October 28 in North Hollywood and North Hills, and November 5 in Mission Hills.

C. Seme Park - DONE (818) 374-9898 seme.park@lacity.org

Barry Stone has left DONE and is now with Los Angeles World Airports. The new DONE representative for Lake Balboa is Jose Galdamez. Check out the Monthly Profile for great resources produced by the Mayor’s Great Streets Team.

Kristen Fujitaki arrived at 7:07 pm.

5. Guest Speaker Jason Stinette – George Chin LA DWP – Billing issues

Various representatives from LADWP, including Jason Stinette, Community Affairs Liaison to Neighborhood Councils, R.J. Jones, Customer Service Representative, and George Chin were present to give a presentation and meet with stakeholders. A presentation was given regarding, among other things, rates, usage, billing, and proactive replacement of the infrastructure. Cindy Kurland questioned the recent increase in DWP salaries.

6. Public Comment

Stakeholder Eduardo Monzon spoke about the West Nile Virus.

A 5-minute break was taken to speak with stakeholders.

7. Announcement and Reports

President’s Update – Linda Gravani stated the LBNC was not notified of Barry Stone’s departure as it should have been, and as a result an important e-mail went unanswered. Linda attended the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners meeting at the Balboa Complex but there was no quorum, so no discussion took place. An information session regarding the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor project is scheduled for October 10, 2017 from 5:00-8:30pm at the Van Nuys State Building, 6150 Van Nuys Blvd. Public comments will end on October 30th, www.metro.net/eastsfvtransit.com. The plan is to have a light rail or bus route down Van Nuys Boulevard.

Education Committee – Byron Gutierrez

The Committee is targeting the Lake Balboa elementary schools. A meeting took place with Superintendent Michelle King. Now we have access to the District to have outreach to specific schools. We are trying to get elementary school children interested in chess and helping teachers to teach chess. Elected officials can now engage with the children over chess. We deferred Go. We are going to Mulholland every Thursday. Mulholland has a very interesting monthly robotics program, and they invite elementary schools to compete every other month. We are engaged with Bassett and Lemay regarding chess. Lemay’s chess club starts in November. Gault is requesting chess sets.

Emergency Preparedness – Linda Pruett

The annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair will take place Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Northridge Fashion Center, northwest corner, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Registration is required, and online registration is available at www.valleydisasterfair.com. This is the biggest EP event in the City of Los Angeles. Everything is free. The monthly EP Meeting will take place on October 14, 2017 from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Flyaway. Brian Parent will be speaking about violent extremism.

Health and Public Safety – James Brown

The Committee is trying to train as many people as possible in life-saving techniques. More than 425 people have been certified in CPR this year. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Flyaway at 10:00am. The Committee is also involved in CPAB, every second Wednesday at the West Valley Police Station. The last meeting was Sept. 13, 2017, which had to do with the Emergency Management Department. The Emergency Management Department will be conducting a program on what to do in an emergency.

Land Use – Tom Riley

A free homebuyer seminar is being put on by the Southland Association of Realtors at their office on Balboa Blvd. on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 10:00am – 12:00pm.

Outreach – Allen Nelson

We are in favor of adding a Welcome Wagon statement to the website. We received 2 letters from the LADOT. Traffic speed surveys are needed in order to enforce speed limits.

Rec and Parks – Jim Stein

The next bimonthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7pm at the Balboa Sports Center Conference Room. On October 12, 2017 there will be another meeting at the same location from 9 to 11 a.m. to try to influence how parks money will be used.

Ad Hoc Newsletter – Kristen Fujitaki

Submit articles for the newsletter by Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017 at 12:00pm.

For stakeholders to sign up for the newsletter on line: www.lakebalboanc.org.

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

The SBWASC met at Balboa Sports Center on Sept. 26, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Second Saturday family birdwalks have been renamed “nature walks” and will take place from Oct. 14, 2017 to March 11, 2018 at 9 a.m. The California Native Plant Society plant sale will take place from 10 am to 3 pm on October 14 and 15, 2017 at the Garden Center on Magnolia and Hayvenhurst in Encino. A town hall will take place on October 5, 2017 from 2 to 3:30 pm at the ONE Generation Senior Enrichment Center at 18255 Victory Blvd., Reseda, hosted by 45th District Assemblymember Matt Dababneh. On November 2, 2017, Supervisor Sheila Kuehl will hold an open house at her Van Nuys office in the late afternoon. On November 4, 2017, Birdfest will take place at the King Gillette Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

The committee did a walking tour of Bull Creek Ecosystem Restoration area. A large homeless population is residing there. Trashcans are overflowing.

The LA City Open Space Element of the General Plan will be discussed at a meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10:00 am in Van Nuys, see OurLA2040.org.

Bel Air Internet (BAI) wants to hold a music event at Woodley One proposed for two days, on two stages, in October 2018.

Youth Affairs – Madeleine McKay

She was not present, so no report was given.

Liaisons

Animal Services – Jennifer Freel

No report was given.

Homeless – Karen Schatz and Cindy Kurland

No report was given.

Board Members

There were no board member reports.

8. Budget Advocate – Update, discussion and possible action – Carol Newman

Budget Day is held every June and covers how the city is run and operates. Budget Advocates are elected three from each region. They meet with the city departments to come up with recommendations and suggestions for the city budget as a whole that is put into the White Paper. The theme this year is Service Bankruptcy. The city has a structural deficit, and pension funds are one of the causes.

9. Budget – Discussion and possible action to update 2017/18 LBNC Budget

No action was taken.

10. Treasurer’s Report – review and request adoption of the Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for Sept. 2017

James Hart corrected the Agenda, in that he is requesting approval of the MER for August, not September. There is always going to be a delay in the approval of the MER now.

James Hart brought a motion to adopt the MER report for August 2017, seconded by Linda Gravani

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

1 ABSTENTION: Gutierrez

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

Byron Gutierrez left the meeting at 8:36 pm.

11. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action re: 501c3 NPG request for \$2000 to supply WVLPD with needed computer to enhance & improve community service reporting at West Valley Community Police Station

James Brown brought a motion to approve a 501c3 NPG request for \$2000 to supply WVLPD with needed computer to enhance & improve community service reporting at West Valley Community Police Station, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

4 AYES: Bautista, Brown, Doxsee, Gravani

11 NAYS: Fujitaki, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (4-11-0-0-0) MOTION FAILS

12. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action re: NPG request for \$2000 for Los Angeles LGBT Center's Model of Pride conference for LGBTQ youth and allies

James Hart brought a motion to approve a NPG request for \$2000 for Los Angeles LGBT Center's Model of Pride conference for LGBTQ youth and allies, seconded by Karen Schatz

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

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

13. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to approve \$100 to purchase plastic storage boxes/containers

Jim Stein brought a motion to approve \$100 to purchase plastic storage boxes/containers, seconded by James Hart

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

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

14. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to approve \$1200 to purchase Outreach Promo items – Mop Topper Stylus Pens (250), notebooks (100) and Glow in the Dark Wristbands (250)

Jim Stein brought a motion to approve \$1200 to purchase Outreach Promo items – Mop Topper Stylus Pens (250), notebooks (100) and Glow in the Dark Wristbands (250), seconded by James Brown

8 AYES: Bautista, Doxsee, Gravani, Nelson, Newman, Pennomon, Pruet, Riley

7 NAYS: Brown, Fujitaki, Hart, Joseph, Kurland, Schatz, Stein

VOTE: (8-7-0-0-0) MOTION PASSES

15. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action regarding difficulties with the City Clerk's Funding Dept.
No action was taken.

16. FUNDING: Discussion and possible action to approve \$100 for food for Cohasset [sic] Elementary area clean-up

Allen Nelson brought a motion to approve \$100 for food for Cohasset [sic] Elementary area clean-up, seconded by Ruth Doxsee

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

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

17. Street Cleaning - Discussion and possible action regarding the disparity of street sweeping in and between the communities

There was no vote on Item #17, but Linda Gravani said that she will write a letter to find out what we can do to get more street sweeping.

18. LAND USE: Update on RESEDA-WEST VAN NUYS COMMUNITY PLAN Ad Hoc committee

An update was given by Tom Riley. The master plan will be updated in the next 3 years. We are interested in having people in their 30's-50's on the committee because it will be their community going forward. We are a community of villages, with no main commercial center. We want someone from each village on the committee. There will be a meeting Oct. 30, 2017 at 10 am at the Flyaway for the community plan.

19. LAND USE – Update on Community Response from 9/26 meeting regarding proposed apartment construction at 16026-34 Sherman Way

An update was given by Tom Riley. A 54-unit, 5-story apartment complex is proposed for Sherman and Woodley. We needed input from the community. We had a meeting on Sept. 26, 2017 attended by 35-40 people. Parking is a major concern. Traffic is also a concern. There will only be 66 parking spaces. The Land Use Committee will vote. The developer wants to make a presentation to the Land Use Committee based on comments made at the meeting.

20. Discussion and possible Action regarding 2018 SELECTION vs. ELECTION – Stip Sheet required by DONE

NC elections are being moved to 2019, but some NC's want to hold elections in 2018. The option is being given to NC's to hold "selections," which are like caucuses with voting (instead of elections), in 2018. The issue was whether the LBNC wanted to use the "selection" process in 2018 or just wait until 2019 to have an election.

Linda Gravani brought a motion that Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council have an election in 2019, and no "selection" in 2018, seconded by Sandy Joseph

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

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

21. Update: use of Mailchimp for sending unlimited e-blasts

An update was given by James Hart. He will handle the matter.

22. Update: G-Suite and official board email addresses

An update was given by James Hart. All e-mail addresses have been set up, and everyone must sign up by November 1, 2017.

23. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:38pm.